

# AXMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

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**A meeting of Axmouth Parish Council was held on Wednesday 15 January 2014, at 7pm at Axmouth Village Hall.**

## Minutes

### Those present:

Cllr Keith Lawes (Chair)	Cllr Carol Rapley	Cllr Emily McIvor	Cllr Ken Steven
Cllr Glenn Hyde	Cllr Irene Harrison	Cllr Alan Harrison	

**In attendance:** Becki Davey, Clerk; Cllr Jim Knight (DCC); Cllr Ian Thomas (EDDC); PCSO Mike Mcgauley; Richard Gush, Treasurer of Axmouth Village Hall

The Councillors were summoned to attend a meeting of the Axmouth Parish Council to discuss the following matters:

1. **Apologies:** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Cannan
2. **Declarations of Interests:** There were no interests declared.
3. **The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 18 December 2013:** were approved and signed as a true record.
4. **Items to be dealt with after the public, including the press have been excluded:** Councillors agreed that there were none.
5. **Police Report:** PCSO Mike Mcgauley reported that there had been one crime in December. A mobile phone which was left unattended on the bar area in the Harbour Inn was stolen. He advised that 5 Response Policeman (on a rota) will return to Seaton Police station soon. Cllr Knight confirmed DCC's support of this.
6. **Public Forum:** No matters were raised.
7. **To accept reports and agree actions on Highway matters:**
  - a) **Maintenance items**
    - The patching at the bottom of Squires Lane has broken up. **ACTION: CLLR KNIGHT**
  - b) **Traffic Mitigation Study**
    - Cllr Knight advised that due to the severity of the recent weather, all proposed Highways works have been delayed as those areas that have been flooded are taking precedence.
    - Cllr Rapley has produced a letter and press report to advise local residents of the intended works.
    - Cllr I Harrison remains concerned about the safety of the new road layout. **ACTION: CLERK**
8. **Planning.**
  - a) **To consider new planning applications:** None received.
  - b) **Planning Correspondence.** None received.
  - c) **Neighbourhood Plan.** This is to be carried forward to the next meeting's agenda. Council resolved to await the results of the Village Plan consultation but continue with the intention of producing a Neighbourhood Plan.

## 9. Financial Matters

- a) **The financial statement to 30 December 2013 was received.**

**The Council resolved to approve the financial statement to 30 December 2013.**

- b) **Cheques:**

563	R Davey	£180.84	Reimburse purchase of Grit Bin.
564	Axmouth Village Hall	£ 50.00	Christmas Tree and Lights contribution

The Clerk asked for an additional cheque for £42.00 to cover the Hall Hire from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013. The Council agreed.

565	Axmouth Village Hall	£ 42.00	Hall Hire
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**The Council resolved to approve the cheques as listed above.**

- c) **S106 funding.** No area suitable for a kick-about space has been found. Councillors agreed to re-visit the option of a footpath giving access from B3172 near the village gateway to the WW2 'pill-box' on the riverside.
- d) **Budget and Precepts 2014/15.** The Council resolved to set the precept figure at £8975 for 2014/15 to reflect increasing salary costs and expenses no longer covered by East Devon District Council or Devon County Council. Cllr A Harrison proposed and Cllr McIvor seconded.
- e) **Locality Budget.** There is a balance of £354.30 available to claim within this financial year. It was agreed that this should be claimed to assist in providing a noticeboard at Coronation Corner to house Tide Timetables and River Races programmes. **ACTION: CLERK**
- f) **To review the Village Hall financial statement.** Richard Gush, the treasurer of Axmouth Village Hall provided figures and answered questions on the current financial state of the village hall.

10. **Parishes Together Fund.** The Council is to work together with Uplyme Parish and other parishes to fund a joint Lengthsman, with Uplyme heading the project. **ACTION: CLERK**

11. **To review and agree actions on Village Projects:** None

12. **Bridge Cottage Blue Plaque.** Councillor Hyde provided an update. Council agreed that the plaque should involve artwork depicting Axmouth rather than the Seaton coat of arms. **ACTION: CLLR HYDE**

13. **Emergencies Planning.** Councillor Lawes gave a report.

14. **Notice Boards.** Council agreed to fill the holes on the side of the bus shelter with marine ply to prevent the notices on the board inside from spoiling. **ACTION: CLLR HYDE**

15. **To accept reports and agree actions from the following:**

- a) **County Councillor** Cllr Knight informed that there is going to be severe cut backs in 2014/15.
- b) **East Devon District Councillor** Cllr Thomas confirmed that EDDC will not be increasing their part of Council Tax for 2014/15. He also advised that EDDC's local plan will be discussed at the Knowle starting 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014. Trinity Ward will be on 11<sup>th</sup> February at 10:00.

- c) **Parish Councillors** Cllr I Harrison advised that temporary fixings on the old workshop in Chapel Street had come down in the recent high winds and there is concern for the local residents' safety.
- d) **Parish Clerk** Report received.

13. To accept any relevant correspondence - see Appendix A to the Agenda. All correspondence was accepted.

**Date of the next meeting of the Parish Council Wednesday 19 February 2014.**

The meeting ended at 9.05pm

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Chairman: .....