

# AXMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Becki Davey, 2 Wessiters, Seaton, EX12 2PJ  
Telephone – 01297 24009 E-mail - [clerk@axmouth.eastdevon.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@axmouth.eastdevon.gov.uk)  
[www.axmouthparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.axmouthparishcouncil.co.uk)

---

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

## Minutes

### Those present:

Cllr Keith Lawes (Chair) Cllr Crescy Cannan Cllr Emily Mclvor Cllr Ken Steven  
Cllr Irene Harrison Cllr Roger Stokes

**In attendance:** Becki Davey, Clerk; Con. Steve Speariett

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 Glenn Hyde , Cllr Carol Rapley, Cllr Alan Harrison, Cllr Jim Knight (DCC), Cllr Ian Thomas (EDDC)
2. **Declarations of Interests:** There were no interests declared.
3. **The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 17 September 2014:** 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:** Con. Steve Speariett gave a summary of the crime incidents in Axmouth this year so far 25 have been reported v 30 for last year in total. These include 6 'domestics' which are now all treated as crimes – a fairly recent change in policy. The car crime gang responsible for a number of crimes earlier this year have been successfully prosecuted and no further crimes have been noted. The Police continue to pursue the evidence needed to prosecute those they believe are involved in the theft of marine equipment from Axmouth Harbour. The 3 assaults which took place at the Harbour Inn are still being investigated. The Police have no powers to proceed against the travellers at Boshill Cross. (Devon County Council is taking action in accordance with their normal policy).
6. **Public Forum:** No matters were raised.
7. **To accept reports and agree actions on Highway matters:**
  - a) **Maintenance items**
    - The yellow village gateway sign coming from Boshill Cross has fallen down. **ACTION: CLERK** to report to Devon County Council.
  - b) **Road Safety**
    - Cllr Steven raised concern over the accessibility to the church for the grave digger following the introduction of the kerb.
    - There have been concerns over the condition of how the new pedestrian footway has been left. This is a temporary measure and will be corrected shortly.
8. **Planning.**
  - a) **To consider new planning applications:** 14/0784/OUT – Demolition of existing building and erection of 7 no. Residential units and 2 no. Commercial A2/B1 office use units with associated garaging and access (outline proposal with all matters reserved)  
Axmouth Parish Council continues to object to this application. They remain concerned over the effect on the local businesses, the height of the proposed building (this has still not been specified) and traffic issues. Concern is also raised over how it may affect the fragility of the listed building at the entrance of the site.  
The information provided leaves questions asked with regard to the impact on the river and drainage. It does not appear that these issues have been addressed.  
In addition, clarification needs to be sought over what impact the planned development will have on the water flow, especially through the western most arch of the nearby bridge.  
They also believe that the proposed plan contradicts the draft Local Plan - Strategy 44. **ACTION: CLERK** to report objection to EDDC.

- b) **Planning Correspondence.** Copies of letter of objection from H J Mears & Sons and Mrs White regarding the above application were received.

## 9. Financial Matters

- a) **The financial statement to 30 September 2014 was received.**

**The Council resolved to approve the financial statement to 30 September 2014.**

- b) **To review budget to date.**

The Council reviewed the position of the half yearly budget. Following the review, the Council resolved to approve the Clerk to register for CilCA as deferred from last meeting.

- c) **Cheques:**

592	Axmouth Village Hall	£42.00	Hall hire Jul – Sept 2014
593	DALC	£30.00	New Councillors course – Cllr R Stokes
594	R Davey	£89.24	Reimburse stationery & printer ink

The Clerk asked for an additional cheque for £15.00 to cover a Poppy Wreath for the Royal British Legion. The Council agreed.

595	Royal British Legion	£ 15.00	Poppy Wreath
-----	----------------------	---------	--------------

**The Council resolved to approve the cheques as listed above.**

10. **To adopt updated Standing Orders:** Deferred to next meeting.

11. **Neighbourhood Plan:** Following the Clerk attending a seminar at East Devon District Council, it was resolved that the Council continue with the Neighbourhood Plan but will await the completion of the Local Plan currently in progress before continuing.

12. **Axe Estuary:** This is to be renamed Riverside Project. The notes made at the working party meeting were discussed. See Appendix.

13. **Axmouth Parish Council Letter:** Following a slight change, the Council resolved to adopt the new letterhead for Axmouth Parish Council. The Clerk thanked Cllr Glenn Hyde for his help in this matter.

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

- a) **County Councillor** No report
- b) **East Devon District Councillor** No report
- c) **Parish Councillors** Cllr McIvor and Cllr Rapley are in the process of meeting companies for quotes for the resurfacing of the playground area. Cllr Rapley gave a report to the clerk to read. Report received.
- d) **Parish Clerk** Report received.

15. To accept any relevant correspondence - see Appendix A to the Agenda. All correspondence was accepted. The Council acknowledge the receipt of a letter regarding a neighbour dispute.

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

The meeting ended at 8:47pm

Date: .....

Chairman: .....