



# AXMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

---

CLERK:  
BECKI DAVEY  
2 WESSITERS  
SEATON  
EX12 2PJ  
TEL: 01297 24009

**A meeting of Axmouth Parish Council was held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2015, at 7:00pm at Axmouth Village Hall.**

## Minutes

### Those present:

Cllr Ken Steven      Cllr Morag Steven      Cllr Glenn Hyde      Cllr Ian Hunt  
Cllr Alan Harrison      Cllr Nigel Daniel

**In attendance:** Becki Davey (Clerk), Seaton Beat Manager Richard Jenkin and PCSO Mike McGauley.

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

- 1) **Apologies:** Were received and approved from Cllr Sarah Hill, Cllr Sam Miller, Cllr Jim Knight (DCC) and Cllr Ian Thomas (EDDC)
- 2) **Declarations of Interests:** None
- 3) **The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2015:** 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:** There has been no crimes reported. PCSO Mike McGauley advised that there has only been 2-3 people coming to the Have Your Say events at the police station so their sergeant has suggested it be held in the Library to see if more people come. Posters warning people to be vigilant over Christmas time are to be displayed on village notice boards.
- 6) **Public Forum:** No matters were raised.
- 7) **To accept reports and agree actions on Highway matters:** Cllr Ian Hunt has attended Chapter 8 training and is now qualified as a Traffic Management Operative. Discussed what signage will be required whilst works are undertaken. Cllr Hunt advised that anyone who puts traffic cones on the Highway are liable for any damages claimed should anything happen due to the cone being in position. **ACTION: CLERK** to contact Uplyme Clerk to see if they are still interested in purchasing signage using Parishes Together funding.
- 8) **Planning:** No new applications.
- 9) **Financial Matters**
  - a) **The financial statement to 18 November 2015 was received.** The Council resolved to approve the financial statement to 18 November 2015.

- b) **Consider grant application from Axmouth Playground Association.** Axmouth Playground Association requested a grant of £500.00 to assist with maintenance costs. Having read the application Cllr M Steven proposed the Council approve the application, Cllr Hyde seconded. All in favour.
- c) **Consider grant application from Axmouth Village Hall.** Axmouth Village Hall requested a grant of £50.00 to assist with the purchase of a Xmas Tree and a new string of lights. Having read the application Cllr M Steven proposed the Council approve the application, Cllr Hyde seconded. All in favour.
- d) **Consider donation to CAB.** A letter has been received from CAB describing the work they do. No specific figure was requested, but all donations gratefully received. Cllr K Steven proposed a donation of £75.00 be given (There is now a CAB in Seaton). Cllr Daniel seconded. All in favour.
- e) **To discuss proposed budget and precept setting for 2016/17.** All Councillors have had the opportunity to review the proposed budget before the meeting. Following discussions Cllr K Steven proposed the budget be approved. Cllr Hyde seconded. All in favour. **ACTION: CLERK** to request EDDC pay a precept payment to Axmouth Parish Council of £11361, a rise of 1.7% to cover increases in costs of works no longer completed by DCC, a 27% decrease in the Council Tax Discount Grant from EDDC, increases in Audit fees, an increase in Insurance Premium Tax and salary costs.
- f) **Cheques:**

755	G Hyde	£21.75	Reimburse maintenance expenses
756	R Davey	£6.48	Reimburse postage expenses

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

Following the approval of the payment of the grants and donations above, the Clerk requested three additional cheques.

757	Axmouth Playground Association	£500.00	Grant payment
758	Axmouth Village Hall	£ 50.00	Grant payment
759	East Devon CAB	£ 75.00	Donation

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

- 10) **To discuss the river wall at Coronation Corner:** Having deferred this for several months, and having contacted five builders for quotes, of which only one has been received, the Council resolved to accept the quote from Richard Satterley. **ACTION: CLLR K STEVEN** to contact Mr Satterley and request that he commence completing the necessary forms from the Environmental Agency with the assistance of Mr P Taylor so that works may be completed.
- 11) **Fixed Asset Review:** The Clerk thanked Cllr Hyde for completing and returning his asset review form. Clerk requested that all other Councillors complete their form and return before the next meeting so that the results may be collated and discussed during January's meeting.
- 12) **Riverside Project: ACTION: CLERK** to give Cllr Hyde the email used to contact the EA about Coronation Corner. To be deferred to February 2016.
- 13) **Flood prevention at Harbour:** Cllr Daniel advised that a ramp has been placed along the pathway at the harbour (situated between the houses and viewing area) presumably as a flood prevention item. Councillors were disappointed that they were not advised that this was happening. **ACTION: CLERK** to find out who has completed the works and request that should any further works be done that the Council be advised before. Cllr Harrison advised that Blue Marine Foundation are pleased with their facilities and may try to extend the hard standing.
- 14) **To accept reports and agree actions from the following:**
  - a) **County Councillor.** None
  - b) **East Devon District Councillor.** None

- c) **Parish Councillors. Cllr Harrison** requested that more be found out about the River Axe Restoration Plan to see what the exact proposals are and what effect they may have further down river. **ACTION: CLERK** to find out further details. **Cllr Hyde** noted that the hedges near Stepps Cross had not been cut this year despite the Clerk contacting Bindon. He also requested that should a defibrillator be placed in the phone box that it also be used as an information point. **ACTION: CLERK** to place this item on the 'big list' to review once/if a defibrillator is sited.
- d) **Parish Clerk.** Following a request from Councillors, the **Clerk** has produced a 'big list' of ongoing projects so that Councillors are able to see what the current situation is. Councillors thanked the Clerk for this information.

**15) To accept any relevant correspondence** - see Appendix A to the Agenda. All accepted. Clerk to add Queens Birthday to the 'Big List' and to contact K Frewin to advise that the Council has no objection to the possible temporary road closure during the British Cycle Event.

**Date of the next meeting Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

The meeting ended at 8:05

Date: .....

Chairman: .....