



# AXMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

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

## Minutes

### Those present:

Cllr Ken Steven      Cllr Nigel Daniel      Cllr Morag Steven      Cllr Glenn Hyde      Cllr Alan Harrison  
Cllr Ian Hunt (arrived 7:04)

**In attendance:** Becki Davey (Clerk), Cllr Jim Knight (DCC), Cllr Ian Thomas (EDDC), Mrs Janet Montgomery (Brimble, Lea & Partners)

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
- 2) **Declarations of Interests:** Cllr Hyde – Agenda item 9a – Neighbour.
- 3) **The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> July 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 were no members of the force present. The clerk reported that there had been two crimes in August. One case of making off without paying (payment has since been received) and one burglary where an amount of cash was taken. A new Neighbourhood Beat Manager for Seaton has been appointed. Richard Jenkins 14880.
- 6) **Public Forum:** No matters were raised.
- 7) **To discuss possible Housing Developments in Axmouth – a presentation by Janet Montgomery:** (Cllr Hunt arrived) Mrs Montgomery gave a presentation concerning a proposed small housing development within Axmouth. Cllrs had the opportunity to ask questions. The presentation was informative and the Councillors thanked Mrs Montgomery. **ACTION: CLERK** to place an item on next month's agenda to discuss a response. Mrs Montgomery left the meeting.
- 8) **To accept reports and agree actions on Highway matters:**  
Cllr Daniels has taken photos of the Old Harbour Bridge as he is concerned about the condition of the base. **ACTION: CLERK** to forward the photos to the Harbour Master to bring it to his attention. Cllr M Steven advised of a pothole by Westhayes Junction and also one of the 30 mph signs along the riverside is hidden by trees. Cllr K Steven is concerned about the amount of sludge at the bottom of Squires Lane. Cllr Harrison is still concerned about the overgrowth in Pound Hill. **ACTION: CLLR KNIGHT** to report the items to DCC. (Many items are already on the 'to do' list).

- 9) **Planning: a)** 15/1967/FUL: Blue Hayes, Stepps Lane, Axmouth – Construction of rooflights and first floor window in attached garage. (Cllr Hyde did not participate during this agenda item). **ACTION: CLERK** to advise EDDC planning 'Axmouth Parish Council have no objection, but need to be mindful of the materials being used on the window surrounds.
- 10) **Financial Matters**
- a) **The financial statement to 31 August 2015 was received.** The Council resolved to approve the financial statement to 31 August 2015.
- b) **Discuss Audit Report:** The Clerk explained the results of the external audit. The results have been recorded on the Councils website.
- c) **Cheques:**
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| 739 | Came & Company        | £506.73 | Annual Insurance Premium |
| 740 | Axmouth Village Hall  | £ 42.00 | Village Hall Hire        |
| 741 | Mr John Widger        | £250.00 | Strimming of Waterside   |
| 742 | Grant Thornton UK LLP | £120.00 | Annual Audit Fee         |
- The Council resolved to approve the cheques as listed above**
- 11) **To consider outside bodies representation:** The following outside bodies representation were decided;
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| a) Seaton Regeneration Board                     | Cllr Ken Steven    |
| b) Seaton Coastal Traffic Group                  | Cllr Morag Steven  |
| c) Jurassic Coast Champion                       | Cllr Ian Hunt      |
| d) Devon Association of Local Councils (DALC)    | Cllr Alan Harrison |
| e) National Association of Local Councils (NALC) | Cllr Alan Harrison |
| f) P3 representative                             | Cllr Nigel Daniel  |
- 12) **To consider projects for Parishes Together funding:** Following the contact to other Seaton Coastal Clerks, Uplyme suggested road signage be purchased for the Lengthsman services. Axmouth Parish Council felt that the contractor should have these items already. **ACTION: CLERK** to advise Uplyme that they do not wish to join them in this project. No other suggestions at present. To be deferred to next meeting.
- 13) **To discuss playground repairs:** Some quotes have been received but more information is required. Cllrs decided to defer to the next meeting following the clear-up day.
- 14) **Locality Budget: To discuss possible projects:** Letter received from Axmouth Parish Church explaining that the church clock has broken and requesting assistance in the funding of the repair. **ACTION: CLERK** to contact Axmouth PCC to advise that the Council are willing to support their request but will require more information prior to applying to the Locality Budget for funding.
- 15) **To consider Village Clear-up day:** The date has been changed to 10th October 2015. Meeting 10am at the village hall.
- 16) **To discuss the river wall at Coronation Corner:** Information has been received from the Harbour Master giving details of a quote from a consultant to assess the wall. Cllrs decided to decline the offer. **ACTION: CLERK** to contact builders for quotes for repairs to the wall and to contact the EA to advise them of the Councils intentions.
- 17) **Fixed Asset Review:** All assets have been reviewed and works required discussed.
- 18) **To accept reports and agree actions from the following:**
- a) **County Councillor. Cllr Knight** is visiting the area tomorrow with Brian Hoare of DCC highways. The black and yellow kerb will be replaced with a permanent low kerb. No actual date set. No road signs will be replaced unless they are mandatory. Signs advertising events on Boshill Cross.

Charities are allowed. If APC wants them moved, will need to contact Cllr Knight so he may advise DCC. DCC continuing to make hard decisions to find the £38 million cuts.

- b) **East Devon District Councillor.** See website [www.trinitymatters.co.uk](http://www.trinitymatters.co.uk)
- c) **Parish Councillors. Cllr Hyde** has almost finished painting the birds on the viewing platform. **Cllr Daniel** will be meeting Ros Davies from the P3 soon to walk the parishes footpaths. He also requested that the Clerk thank Bindon for clearing up the flytipping in Green Lane. **ACTION: CLERK** to contact Bindon.
- d) **Parish Clerk** Report received and accepted. Cllr M Steven agreed to attend the Highways conference with the Clerk on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

- 19) **To accept any relevant correspondence** - see Appendix A to the Agenda. All accepted. Cllr K Steven asked for clarification on the East Devon Village Plan. Cllr Thomas explained and has forwarded the Clerk some further information. **ACTION: CLERK** to forward information to all Cllrs. Urban Highway Grass Cutting. Cllrs asked for this to be deferred to next meeting.

**Date of the next meeting Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2015**

The meeting ended at 9:17

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Chairman: .....