

# AXMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

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**A meeting of Axmouth Parish Council was held on Wednesday 17 December 2014, at 7pm at Axmouth Village Hall.**

## Minutes

### Those present:

Cllr Keith Lawes (Chair) Cllr Crescy Cannan Cllr Ken Steven Cllr Alan Harrison Cllr Roger Stokes  
Cllr Glenn Hyde Cllr Carol Rapley Cllr Irene Harrison

**In attendance:** Becki Davey (Clerk)

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 Emily McIvor, Cllr Jim Knight (DCC) & Cllr Ian Thomas (EDDC)
2. **Declarations of Interests:** Cllr Carol Rapley & Cllr Ken Steven declared an interest in 10 d) as members of the Village Hall Committee.
3. **The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 19 November 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:** PC Steve Speariett and PCSO Mike McGauley were present. PC Steve Speariett confirmed there had been 2 crimes in November. 1 criminal damage and 1 theft of an outboard engine from Axmouth Yacht Club. PCSO Mike McGauley has advised the Yacht Club and Harbour to be extra vigilant. The Yacht Club are installing 12 cameras and car registration recognition cameras. These will hopefully be installed by February 2015. There is also going to be CCTV installed at the Harbour. Data from these cameras will be fed to the police. PC Steve Speariett handed the Council a poster for the 'Have Your Say' sessions. The nearest manned front office for the Police is now Exeter, although there is the blue box outside Seaton Police station that can be used to contact them direct.
6. **Public Forum:** No matters were raised.
7. **P3 Partnership – a presentation from Ros Davies, Public Rights of Way, Highways & Traffic Management.** Unfortunately Ros Davies was unable to attend. To be deferred to January.
8. **To accept reports and agree actions on Highway matters:**
  - a) **Maintenance items**
    - Cllr I Harrison mentioned the west side of Kemps Lane deteriorating. **ACTION: CLERK** to report to DCC.
    - Cllr Hyde asked whether the school sign at the entrance of the village is now relevant now that there is no longer a pre-school within the village – information overload.
    - Cllr A Harrison has concerns over the hedging in Pound Hill being overgrown. **ACTION: CLERK** to report to DCC with the possibility of an enforcement notice being issued.
  - b) **Road Safety**
    - Cllr Rapley advised she has spoken to Tom Vaughan from DCC who accepts the concerns and dissatisfaction of Axmouth Parish Council, but has no control. There remains a large backlog of works and some of the works are weather dependant. **ACTION: CLERK** to write to Portfolio Holder for Highways, Stuart Hughes and the officer for Highways East (David Whitton) to advise that APC are appalled at the lack of essential Health and Safety features that remain incomplete. CLLR KNIGHT fully supports this action.
9. **Planning.**
  - a) **To consider new planning applications:** 14/2667/FUL - 10 Hawkesdown Close Axmouth – Construction of retaining wall. The Council have no objection to the above providing the existing hedge and planting alongside Kemps Lane be retained and maintained. **ACTION: CLERK** to advise East Devon District Councils planning department.

- b) Planning Correspondence.** - Replacement Canoe Store at Axe Yacht Club (14/1795/FUL) – Approved  
 - Demolition of existing building and erection of 7 no. residential units and 2 no. commercial units with associated garaging and access (outline proposal with all matters reserved) - The Boat Yard 2 The Harbour Axmouth (14/0784/OUT) – Approved with conditions. Councillors were shocked to discover the S106 legal agreement was between Devon County Council and Axe Associates Limited rather than Axmouth Parish Council. **ACTION: CLERK** to contact Cllr Thomas (cc to Sulina Tallack, S106 officer, EDDC) to question this. How it is decided and why Axmouth were not advised and had to discover this on the EDDC planning website.

**10. Financial Matters**

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

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

- b) Cheques:**

599	Axmouth Village Hall	£ 500.00	Grant Award to aid Kitchen Improvements
600	R Davey	£ 21.62	Non-Consolidated Salary payment

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

- c) Budget/Precept 2015/2016** – The Clerk had previously issued a proposed budget. Councillors discussed the proposals adding ideas of their own. The Clerk updated the proposed budget. **ACTION: CLERK** to forward a copy of the amended proposed budget to all Cllrs and also to send details of all grants requested and awarded for the last two financial years for information.
- d) To consider grant request from Axmouth Village Hall for £50.00 towards the Christmas Tree and cost of lighting** - Cllr I Harrison proposed the Council approve the grant. Cllr Lawes seconded.

721	Axmouth Village Hall	£ 50.00	Grant Award as above
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- 11. Fixed Asset Review** – The Clerk issued Councillors with a form to complete. To be discussed at the January meeting.

- 12. Parishes Together Funding – 2013/14** – Cllr Lawes explained that to date no interest had been shown for the tender for the lengthman services. Uplyme are looking at the possibility of dividing the contract into two. **2014/15** No word has been received from Musbury. However, Seaton Town Council has expressed an interest in joining Axmouth for gateway signs.

Cllr Knight joined the meeting at 8:40pm

- 13. Neighbourhood Planning** – No update. To be deferred to February meeting.

- 14. Investing in Devon Grant Scheme** – Council approved to apply for a bid for £2,500 to resurface the new footpath with buff coloured surface so that the footpath is continuous. **ACTION: CLERK** to complete the application form and submit it to DCC.

- 15. To set the dates for meetings until May 2015** – Council approved the dates. **ACTION: CLERK** to display on noticeboard.

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

- a) County Councillor.** Riverside footpath to be cleared of the encroaching verge/bank so that the full width of the surface is visible. Hopefully this will be done in January/February 2015. He also stated that DCC will have to find £50 million savings. DCC are looking at subsidised bus passes. The Government gives £7 million but it costs £10.3 million. Considering whether to charge a contribution cost, although still heavily subsidised. Libraries are safe. There will be a loss of two County Councillors due to the boundary commission. This will not affect East Devon, but there may be boundary changes.
- b) East Devon District Councillor.** No report.
- c) Parish Councillors.**
- Cllr Rapley advised that she will be meeting with Mr Johnson in the New Year about the playground surface.
  - Cllr Stokes advised that he had been in touch with Keith Steel, EDDC about the possible scheme to install floodgate at Axmouth Harbour. Keith Steel has met a fabricator on site and is awaiting estimated costs. If all goes to plan, works will hopefully start early in the New Year.
- d) Parish Clerk Report received.** **ACTION: CLERK** to chase Keith Steel, EDDC about Coronation Corner retaining wall.

17. To accept any relevant correspondence - see Appendix A to the Agenda. All correspondence was accepted. DCC – Emergency Planning. Cllr Lawes suggested that a notice be put on the website with a link to this section of the DCC website.

**Date of the next meeting of the Parish Council Wednesday 21 January 2015.**

The meeting ended at 9:02pm

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Chairman: .....