

AXMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

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

Minutes

Those present:.

Cllr Keith Lawes (Chair)
Cllr Glenn Hyde

Cllr Carol Rapley
Cllr Emily McIvor

In attendance: Becki Davey, Clerk; Cllr Jim Knight (DCC); Cllr Ian Thomas (EDDC)

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 by Cllr Crescy Cannan, Cllr Alan Harrison, Cllr Irene Harrison, Cllr Ken Steven and Cllr Roger Stokes
2. **Declarations of Interests:** There were no interests declared.
3. **Minutes of the following meetings of the Parish Council** were approved and signed:
Parish Council Meeting 16 July 2014
Parish Council Planning Meeting 6 August 2014
Parish Council Planning Meeting 20 August 2014
Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting 20 August 2014
4. **Items to be discussed after the public, including the press have been excluded:** Councillors agreed that there were none.
5. **Police Report:** There were no representatives of Devon & Cornwall Constabulary in attendance at the meeting. The Clerk reported that there had been six crimes in July: three thefts and three assaults. There had also been one crime in August of criminal damage.
6. **Public Forum:** No matters were raised.
7. **To accept reports and agree actions on Highway matters**
 - a) **Maintenance items:** Cllr Knight advises that Highways have checked the 'road with no name' and it appears that it has been filled by someone, so it is no longer on their works list as it is no longer a priority. However, Councillors are concerned that the vegetation is so overgrown that the real problem was not visible. **ACTION: CLLR KNIGHT** to request the Highway department re-visit the road to re-evaluate the situation.
8. **Planning:**
 - a) **To consider new planning applications:**
14/1898/FUL Refurbishment of seating area to include "ship's bow", new area of decking at ground level and 2 no. Interpretive pillars – Land East of River Axe (Axmouth Harbour) Axmouth: The Council fully supports the pillars. They do however, have reservations about the design of the seating area as it appears to obstruct the view whilst seated which should remain uninterrupted and of open aspect.
14/0677/MFUL (Adjoining Parish) Construction of 2 storey 12 bedroom hotel; 38 units of holiday accommodation; central amenities building for restaurant/leisure club and associated parking and access - Seaton Heights Harepath Hill Seaton EX12 2TF: The Council fully supports the application but would expect EDDC to ensure that, if approved, a condition is placed to ensure that the results of the bat survey are fully complied with.

14/1795/FUL Replacement canoe store - Axe Vale Canoe Club Harbour Road Seaton EX12 4AA: The Council fully supports the application.

b) **Planning Correspondence:** None received.

9. Financial Matters

a) **The financial statement to 31 July and 31 August were received.**

The Council resolved to approve the financial statement to 31 July and 31 August 2014.

b)

586	Axminster DAPC	£ 10.00	Annual Subscription
587	R Davey	£284.80	Reimburse Postage & Village Leaflet
589	K Steven	£ 74.53	Reimburse Maintenance Items
590	G Hyde	£ 7.58	Reimburse Photocopying
591	C Rapley	£ 9.06	Reimburse Photocopying
588	Broker Network Ltd	£517.86	Annual Insurance Fee

The Council resolved to approve the cheques as listed above.

10. **To discuss X53 bus route:** Cllr Knight was not aware of any new changes planned on this route. It will cease on Sundays during the winter months. It is not a route which is subsidised by DCC. **ACTION: CLLR KNIGHT** to contact DCC for confirmation of the situation.
11. **Parishes Together – to discuss possible options:** Cllr Lawes discussed the meeting recently held by Cllr Knight with representatives from all of the Seaton Coastal Parishes. No ideas have arisen from this meeting. Cllr Rapley has met with a member of the AONB team about new village gateway signs. It is understood that Musbury Parish Council also wish for new gateway signs. **ACTION: CLERK** to contact Musbury Parish Council to see if they would consider this an option for Parishes Together funding. **CLLR RAPLEY** to find out if there is any other funding available.
12. **Neighbourhood Plan – to discuss update:** To be deferred to next meeting.
13. **Axmouth Riverside Project – to form a sub-committee/working group:** Councillors agreed to create a working group consisting of Cllrs Rapley, Stokes, Cannan and Hyde.
14. **To discuss Clerk registering for CiLCA:** The current registration fee is £250.00. Councillors agreed to defer this to the next meeting when the budget will be reviewed at the six month stage.
15. **Axe Estuary – riverside options and issues:** Councillors are concerned over the serious erosion along the riverside. **ACTION:** A meeting is being held on 6th October 2014 at the riverside near Squires Lane between Councillors, a Highway representative and a member of the Environment Agency to discuss.
16. **Internal Audit – to discuss rolling contract with current internal auditor:** Councillors approved to continue to use the services of South and West Internal Audit. **ACTION: CLERK** to confirm this with South and West Internal Audit.
17. **War memorial – Possible safety markings:** The product on offer was for memorials which contain metal. As the memorial in Axmouth Parish does not, Councillors rejected the offer.
18. **To accept reports and agree actions from the following:**
 - a) County Councillor (to include matters for the attention of the County Councillor): Cllr Knight believed that the damage to the kerb outside the Harbour Inn will be dealt with whilst the construction of the pedestrian footway takes place as there are health and safety issues involved. **ACTION: CLLR KNIGHT** to confirm this with DCC.

Cllr Knight explained that part of the £48 million cuts required by the County Council will include less works being done to Public Rights of Way, gates and stiles not being replaced. He also advised that drainage will continue to be maintained but the Highways department will be unable to visit areas for every time a gully is blocked. It will not be possible until a whole area is in need of repair.

b) District Councillor: Seaton Regeneration Programme Board met last week to discuss the start of the works for the Seaton Jurassic Centre. The cafe, shop and welcome area are due to open in July 2015 with the full centre opening during the Autumn. Cllr Thomas recommended members attend the Neighbourhood Plan seminar being held by EDDC on Monday 22nd September. **ACTION: CLERK** to attend seminar.

c) Parish Councillors: Councillors are concerned about the increase in the amount of fly tipping appearing in the village. Cllr Lawes reminded them about the 'report it' option on East Devon District Council's website. **ACTION: CLERK** to put details on the Parish Council's website about the 'report it' option.

Cllr Rapley gave an update on the Playground. Ian Hunt and Cllr Glenn Hyde have agreed to share the mowing duties. **ACTION: CLLR RAPLEY** to contact companies for resurfacing quotes.

d) Parish Clerk – Report received.

19. 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 15 October 2014.

The meeting ended at 9:07pm

Date:

Chairman: