

AXMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting of Axmouth Parish Council was held on Wednesday 18 June 2014, at 7pm at Axmouth Village Hall.

Minutes

Those present:

Cllr Keith Lawes (Chair) Cllr Crescy Cannan Cllr Carol Rapley Cllr Ken Steven
Cllr Glenn Hyde

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 from Cllr Alan Harrison, Cllr Irene Harrison & Cllr Emily McIvor.
2. **Declarations of Interests:** Cllr Ken Steven & Cllr Carol Rapley declared an interest in item 9d as members of the Axmouth Village Hall committee.
3. **The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 21 May 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:** There were no representatives of Devon & Cornwall Constabulary in attendance at the meeting. The Clerk reported that there had been one crime in May. The office at Axmouth camp site was broken into and money stolen.
6. **Public Forum:** No matters were raised.
7. **To accept reports and agree actions on Highway matters:**
 - a) **Maintenance items**
The kerb outside Tulip Tree Cottage has moved. **ACTION: CLLR KNIGHT**
 - b) **Pedestrian Footway update**
DCC Highways have met with Cllrs Knight, Lawes & Steven to provide an update. There have been changes to the design of the footway but it is still going ahead. Works will commence in September 2014.
8. **Planning.**
 - a) **To consider new planning applications: 14/1339/FUL – Interpretation Panel, Axmouth Harbour.**
The Council have no objection to this application, however as the interpretation panel is to be sited further down the harbour past the ice chiller, they would like to see something on the side of the ice chiller shed to explain that it is connected to Lyme Bay fisheries and to advise that there is an interpretation board further along the harbour for more information.
 - b) **Planning Correspondence.** None received.

9. Financial Matters

- a) **The financial statement to 31 May 2014 was received.**

The Council resolved to approve the financial statement to 31 May 2014.

- b) **To discuss the option of Axmouth Parish Council taking over the financial side of the playground and the payment of the grant request following the viewing and approval of the Playground Association accounts.** Councillors agreed to the grant request from the Playground Committee and approved the issue of a cheque in payment. This, plus other actions the Committee is taking, enables the members to continue to look after their own finances. Councillors felt it would be preferable to allow the Committee to manage its own affairs so that it could take advantage of other opportunities for funding such as external grants and fundraising events. Councillors noted the Committee's on-going quest to encourage more residents to assist in the maintenance of this important village asset.
- c) **To consider a grant request from Axmouth PCC for a contribution for production of the Parish Magazine.** It was resolved to approve the application for £150.00 towards production of the quarterly parish magazine. It was also resolved that a further £150.00 be awarded as a gesture of goodwill for the previous year (2013/14) with a reminder to the PCC of the grant awarding policy conditions. The Council refused the application for a further £150.00 for 2012/13.
- d) **To consider a grant request from Axmouth Village Hall to assist in the refurbishing of the kitchen.** (Cllrs Rapley & Steven did not vote on this item) It was resolved to approve the application for £1500.00 towards the refurbishing of the Village Hall kitchen. It was resolved to use the full £1000.00 from Cllr Knights Locality Budget for this, with the remaining £500.00 to come from this year's precept.
- e) **Cheques:**

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| 577 | South & West Internal Audit | £90.00 | Internal Audit Fee |
| 578 | C Cannan | £21.00 | Reimburse Photocopying |
| 579 | R Davey | £12.55 | Reimburse Stationery and Postage |

The Clerk asked for two additional cheques for £500.00 & £300.00 for the grants approved above b) & c). The Council agreed.

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| 580 | Axmouth Playground Association | £500.00 | Grant payment |
| 581 | Axmouth PCC | £300.00 | Grant payment |

The Council resolved to approve the cheques as listed above.

10. **Village Leaflet.** It was resolved that 1,000 up-to-date leaflets be printed. Funding for this will be applied for from Cllr Knight. **ACTION: CLLR LAWES** to provide Clerk with the amendments to the leaflet and **CLERK** to apply for funding and arrange for the re-prints.
11. **Parish Lengthsman.** There has been works undertaken already this year, but the Council is still expecting funds from DCC to go with the Parishes Together funding to pay for an independent contractor. Uplyme Parish Council is fronting this scheme. **ACTION: CLERK** to contact Uplyme Clerk to discuss.
12. **To review progress and consider other actions in the attempt to attract new Parish Councillors.** A flier has been placed inside the latest Parish Magazine and there is a notice on the Council noticeboard. **ACTION: ALL CLLRS** to think of possible candidates and other ways to promote the Councillor vacancy.
13. **Parishes Together Funding.** Colyton Parish Council have approached Axmouth to suggest a scheme however, the Council did not feel it was a suitable venture to be involved in for the residents of Axmouth. **ACTION: CLERK** to advise Colyton Parish Council of the decision.

14. **Playground Annual Inspection.** The Clerk confirmed that an inspection has been booked to take place during June 2014.

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

- a) **County Councillor:** Cllr Knight urged everyone to complete the consultation concerning Devon libraries, especially Seaton Library. <http://new.devon.gov.uk/libraryreview/> **ACTION: CLERK** to create a poster to put on the website to promote the consultation.
Cllr Knight confirmed that both sides of 'the road with no name' will be repaired.
Cllr Knight advised that the Airport Funding will become available from July and advised that the Council had until Christmas 2014 to put in a claim for funding towards a capital project.
- b) **East Devon District Councillor:** Please visit Cllr Thomas' website for further information.
www.trinitymatters.co.uk
- c) **Parish Councillors:** Cllr Hyde confirmed that he had finished the repairs on the old road sign on the corner of Church and Chapel Streets and that it is back in position.
Cllr Lawes confirmed that following on from a visit by Keith Steel, Senior Technical Engineer, EDDC, the Harbour Wall at Coronation Corner will be repaired next week. The underpinning of the wall, however, is still being discussed.
- d) **Parish Clerk:** Report received.

13. 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 16 July 2014.

The meeting ended at 9.00pm

Date:

Chairman: