



# AXMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

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**A meeting of Axmouth Parish Council was held on Wednesday 18 March 2015, at 7pm at Axmouth Village Hall.**

## Minutes

### Those present:

Cllr Keith Lawes (Chair)      Cllr Glenn Hyde      Cllr Carol Rapley      Cllr Roger Stokes  
Cllr Crescy Cannan.      Cllr Alan Harrison      Cllr Irene Harrison      Cllr Ken Steven  
Cllr Emily McIvor (arrived 7:03)

**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:** None received
2. **Declarations of Interests:** None received
3. **The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 18 February 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 advised that there had been no reported crimes during February 2015. Cllr Emily McIvor arrived 7:03.
6. **Public Forum:** No matters were raised.
7. **To accept reports and agree actions on Highway matters:**
  - a) **Maintenance items:** Works on the Springhead Cross to Bushes Lane are now complete.
  - b) **New Footway:** Following a visit with DCC officials and a demonstration of the siting of a caravan, DCC officials are happy with the layout of the footway. A bollard will be placed at the start near the entrance of the village hall to prevent drivers from straddling the kerb and driving on the footway. This will have a reflective strip on it. The buff surfacing should be done shortly.
8. **Planning.**
  - a) **To consider new planning applications:** 15/0392/FUL Old Boshill Farm, Axmouth – Proposed single storey rear extension – Unfortunately, EDDC planning failed to notice the request for an extension for comments and a decision had been made prior to the meeting. No comments were therefore made.  
15/0596/LBC Southcombe Barn, Chapel Street, Axmouth – Internal and external alterations – No objections. However they do have concerns that as it has been presented, it may be possible in future to become a separate dwelling and if approved would like a condition attached which would prevent division without a further full planning application.  
15/0628/FUL Land adjacent to Stepps House, Stepps Lane, Axmouth – Construction of detached dwelling and alteration to access – No objections. **ACTION: CLERK** to advise EDDC of comments.
  - b) **Planning Correspondence:** Objection letter – 15/0392/FUL. **ACTION: CLERK** to contact EDDC planning to request they contact the objector direct.
9. **Financial Matters**

- a) **The financial statement to 28 February 2015 was received.**

**The Council resolved to approve the financial statement to 28 February 2015.**

- b) **Cheques:**

There were no payments requested.

10. **To identify and consider priorities for potential S106 funding:** A letter has been received from EDDC requesting information on more specific possible sites for S106 monies to be spent upon. Deferred to the next meeting. **ACTION: ALL CLLRS** to consider options and bring suggestions to the next meeting.
11. **Parishes Together Funding – an update: 2013/14 –** Still no further with this although EDDC have agreed to carry forward the funds so they are still available to claim during the next financial year. **2014/15** This is to be considered at EDDC's cabinet meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015.
12. **Riverside Project:** Cllr Hyde has contacted the Environmental Agency again. No contact has been made to date.
13. **To approve and adopt the revised Grant Policy:** It was suggested that the grants be awarded three times per year rather than the proposed two (to include September). Following this change, Councillors resolved to adopt the new Grant Award Policy. **ACTION: CLERK** to amend the policy and place the revised version on the website. A paper copy will be issued to anyone who has been awarded a grant this year so they are aware of the changes.
14. **Axmouth Community Volunteers Scheme:** Councillors have contacted most of the people on the list who are happy to be involved – some even already doing the work! **ACTION: ALL CLLRS** to contact Cllr Lawes with any updates to the list.
15. **To accept reports and agree actions from the following:**
- a) **County Councillor.** £38m needs to be saved in 16/17 and £26m in 17/18. Government funding has been reduced by £220m. Services will be affected. Locality Budget remains available. Lengthsman services. Grips will continue to be maintained. One neighbourhood officer will be going (7 down to 6). Do not know who yet.
- b) **East Devon District Councillor.** Cllr Thomas also reported that due to sickness in the Engineering section, there has been no progress on the survey and funding research for repairs to the Coronation Corner retaining wall. Please visit Cllr Thomas' website for further information. [www.trinitymatters.co.uk](http://www.trinitymatters.co.uk)
- c) **Parish Councillors.** Cllr Stokes asked Cllr Thomas if he had heard about the plan for a flood gate at Axmouth Harbour. Cllr Thomas has contacted EDDC but has not received a reply as yet. Cllr Cannan questioned the garage at The Ship Inn as no planning application had been seen. Clerk to check with EDDC Planning Enforcement Officer.
- d) **Parish Clerk** Report received and accepted.
16. To accept any relevant correspondence - see Appendix A to the Agenda. In addition to the correspondence listed, a copy of a letter being sent to Tom Vaughan, DCC Highways and Cllr Jim Knight from Mr W Gribble praising the new Church Street Footway. The letter is finished with 'Thank you for improving our village'.

**Date of the next meeting of the Parish Council Wednesday 15 April 2015.**

The meeting ended at 8:40

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Chairman: .....