

AXMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting of Axmouth Parish Council (Planning) was held on Monday 19 August 2013, at 5.45pm at Axmouth Village Hall.

Minutes

Those present:

Cllr Crescy Cannan
Cllr Glenn Hyde

Cllr Alan Harrison
Cllr Keith Lawes

Cllr Irene Harrison
Cllr Carol Rapley

In attendance: Annie Dallaway, Clerk

The Councillors were summoned to attend a meeting of the Axmouth Parish Council to discuss the following matters.

1. **Apologies** were received and acknowledged from Cllr Emily McIvor, Cllr Ken Steven
2. **Declarations of Interests** – None made.
3. **Planning.**
To consider new planning applications:

Land North of Rowan Drive, Seaton (adjoining parish)

13/1091/MOUT – Erection of up to 48 dwellings with associated access and parking (outline application with all matters reserved)

The Parish Council objects to this application for the following reasons:

- Priority should be given to more central brownfield sites for development thereby preserving green spaces.
- Affordable housing should be located nearer to town centre services.
- The development would have a detrimental impact on the landscape and would increase light pollution.

Land East of Harepath Road, Seaton (adjoining parish)

13/1641/MOUT – Outline planning application for a mixed use development providing for Class B1(a) offices (up to 3,100sqm GIA), Class B1(c) and B2 Industrial Units (up to 3,139sqm GIA), play space/open space, sports field, including two football pitches and erection of up to 170 dwellings (34 affordable) and associated roads and infrastructure including a main spine road (all matters reserved)

The Parish Council objects to this application in line with the objections raised for the previous application for the same site - as below (previous submission for 12/1185/MOUT):

The application site is outside the Built Up Area Boundary of the town and represents an additional 172 dwellings in excess of the 150 allocated in the East Devon Local Plan for Seaton up to 2026. There is also already planning permission for 350 homes at the Seaton Regeneration Site. The

Parish Council notes that the provision for affordable homes is only 20% whereas it should be at least 40% for a departure site.

The development infringes upon the green wedge between Seaton and Colyford and would significantly alter the natural and historic landscape character of the area. The outline development represents significant urbanisation of the area and would effectively contribute to the coalescence of the unique communities of Seaton and Colyford.

The development would have a significant visual impact on the area, transforming one of the main access routes into the town from one of green open spaces to one of considerable urbanisation. This would have a detrimental impact on local tourism and would effectively discourage visitors to the town.

The site is adjacent the Axe Estuary Wetlands and the Coastal Preservation Area and the development would have a significant detrimental effect on the views over the East Devon AONB and on habitat and feeding grounds at the Wetlands. The development would also result in considerable light pollution to this sensitive natural environment.

The Parish Council is keen to stress that it favours more central brownfield sites for development thereby preserving green spaces.

The meeting ended at 6.30pm

Date of next meeting Wednesday 18 September 2013.

Date:

Chairman: