

AXMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting of Axmouth Parish Council was held on Wednesday 19 December 2012, at 7pm at Axmouth Village Hall.

Minutes

Those present:

Cllr Carol Rapley (Chair)
Cllr Irene Harrison

Cllr Crescy Cannan
Cllr Keith Lawes

Cllr Alan Harrison
Cllr Morag Steven

In attendance: Annie Dallaway, Clerk; Cllr Jim Knight (DCC), PC Speariett, Lottie Young, LED Outreach Worker

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

- Apologies** were received and acknowledged from Cllr Paul Britton, Cllr Emily McIvor, Cllr Ken Steven, Cllr Ian Thomas (EDDC)
- Declarations of Interests:** Agenda item 11e) All members present declared a pecuniary interest as council tax payers in the parish
- The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 21 November 2012** were approved and signed as a true record.
21 November 2012/8a Warning signs are still required at the T Junction near Dowlands to advise motorists of the change in priority. A Highways order has been issued to restore the priority to its original status.
21 November 2012/11f The appropriate quotes have been obtained and Locality Budget applications are in hand for the bird silhouettes at the Viewing Platform and the framing of the Tithe map. Councillors agreed to request additional funding from the Locality Budget to apply a non-slip coating to the footbridge at Coronation Corner. The upgrade to the footbridge has been funded from the Locality Budget and this additional funding will just ensure the safety of users.
- Items to be dealt with after the public, including the press have been excluded:** None
- Police Report:** PC Speariett was in attendance at the meeting and reported that there had been one crime in November of theft from the boat yard. This compares to 8 crimes last month and no crimes for November 2011. To date this year there has been 16 crimes.
- Public Forum:** There were no members of the public present.

7.15pm Cllr M Stevens arrived.

ACTIVE VILLAGES PRESENTATION – Lottie Young, Outreach Worker (sports and physical activity in rural communities). Lottie Young attended the meeting to update the Council regarding the Active Villages project which is funded by Sport England and aims to promote sports and physical activity in rural communities for people aged 5 to 95. LED representatives are keen to

consult and engage with local people to plan suitable taster sessions and activities to be delivered in the New Year. Funding is available to invest in equipment or to train members of the community to help facilitate on-going sporting opportunities. Posters will be displayed and consultation forms will be distributed around the village and uploaded to the website.

7. To accept reports and agree actions on Highway matters

a) Maintenance items

- Overgrown bushes on the left of Higher Lane are restricting visibility for motorists. **ACTION: CLLR KNIGHT**
- The gully in Brook Terrace still needs clearing. **ACTION: CLLR KNIGHT**
- Road surfacing is poor but Councillors acknowledged the challenges facing the Highways Department as a result of recent extreme weather conditions.

b) Traffic Mitigation Study

Cllrs Rapley and M Steven had a site visit with Cllr Knight and DCC Officers on 30 November to discuss the outstanding design issues. The Safety Audit team has yet to resolve the issue of the footway outside the church as the road is very narrow here and concern has been raised regarding the length of the proposed priority one-way system. Councillors agreed that the Clerk should request a site visit with the Head of Safety Audit. **ACTION: CLERK.** Councillors noted that the funding for the Traffic Mitigation scheme will be carried over into the next financial year.

Cllr Rapley reported that a request to Highways had also been made for a 'Slow' sign to be painted on the road and a 'No footway for 100yards' sign to be installed at the junction of Church Street and Chapel Street. The appropriate warning signs would also need to be displayed.

Cllr Rapley reported that Highways would also be clearing the vegetation and the over-hanging tree on Pound Hill and adjusting the centre white line in order to enhance the road space. This work will be funded separately out of the Highways maintenance budget and DCC Officers will continue to monitor and assess the traffic situation at this location.

8. Planning.

a) To consider new planning applications.

12/1185/MOUT 6 Land East of Harepath Road Mixed use development

The Council objects to this application for the following reasons:

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.

b) Planning Correspondence etc. None received.

c) EDDC Village Boundary Review. The Clerk reported that all documents were submitted to EDDC by the deadline of 30 November. The Clerk will liaise with the Planning Officer to clarify that the role of the Parish Council within this process is to identify the preferred development site in consultation with the village but not to be proscriptive about the location of any housing on the preferred site.

9. To accept reports and agree actions from the following:

a) County Councillor Cllr Knight reported on the following:

- Additional pot hole noted eastern end of Bushes Lane, near the junction of Green Lane.
ACTION: CLLR KNIGHT
- DCC Call Centre should be notified if grit bins need to be refilled (take note of grit bin number). This information will be displayed on the parish council notice board and on the website. **ACTION: CLERK**

b) East Devon District Councillor Cllr Thomas was not in attendance at the meeting.

c) Parish Councillors Cllrs Rapley and Cannan attended the Jurassic Coast Communities Forum. Cllr Rapley attended the Seaton Regeneration Meeting and will circulate a report.

d) Parish Clerk

- Mike Green will be attending the January meeting of the Parish Council to give a presentation about the role of the Jurassic Coast Ambassador.
- Tony Leney, Rapid Response Catchment Community Engagement Officer from the Environment Agency will be attending the February meeting to give a presentation about Community Flood plans.
- The Clerk will produce a schedule of meeting dates for 2013 and book the Village Hall accordingly. **ACTION: CLERK**

10. Financial Matters

a) The financial statement to 30 November 2012 was received.

b) Cheques required

696 Arien Signs Ltd £48.00 Sign for Viewing Platform

The Council resolved to approve the financial statement to 30 November 2012.

The Clerk requested a further cheque 697 for £48 for Cllr M Steven to reimburse the costs of framing the tithe map (approved expenditure to be funded by DCC Locality Budget). This was approved by Council.

c) To adopt the Grants policy

The Council resolved to adopt the draft policy circulated, subject to amendments proposed by Cllr Cannan.

d) Playground committee donation The playground inspection report has now been published and only low risk maintenance items are indicated. The committee is due a £500 donation from the 2011/12 budget which the Clerk will organise. Councillors agreed that the £400 earmarked in the 2012/13 budget should be carried over to 2013/14. The Clerk will write to Judith Simpson to update her. **ACTION: CLERK**

e) To review Precept 2013/14 DALC has advised that no precept should be formally approved until after the publication of the Local Government Finance Report. Councils need to ensure that they do not exceed any limits set by the Secretary of State. The Clerk's formal salary review will take place at the January meeting and the final precept figure will also be approved at this meeting.

f) EDDC/DCC Parishes Together Fund. No progress has been made regarding the development of a shared Lengthsman's service for the Trinity parishes. Representatives from the Jurassic Town and Parish Councils met recently to explore the possibility of some joint tourism marketing as a

potential project for the Parishes Together Fund. Early proposals include the development of a leaflet which will feature all of the towns and villages on the Jurassic Coast. Councillors decided that this was an attractive proposition for Axmouth and a good use of the funds. **The Council resolved to work with the other Jurassic Coastal towns and parishes on the Joint Tourism Marketing project.**

g) S106 funding – to review status. The Clerk advised that there was approximately £7000 in S106 funding to be spent on play and recreational facilities in the parish. This will be an agenda item for January.

11. To review and agree actions on the following village projects:

a) The purchase of a plaque for the Jubilee trees Cllr Cannan reported that the wording had been agreed and arrangements were in hand to purchase the plaque.

b) Jubilee Walk project Discussion took place regarding the proposed footpath project. Cllr Rapley wished it to be minuted that she would not support the proposal if it was for a footpath only option. Councillors voted on the following options:

A. Foot path only option – two for; three against; one abstention

B. Footpath with permissive rights for cyclists – three for; two against; one abstention.

Councillors agreed to pursue the option of a footpath with permissive rights for cyclists. Cllr Lawes will liaise with Steve Gardner, DCC PROW Officer who will now compile proposals to each landowner, via the land agent.

c) Telephone kiosk No report available.

12. To review and agree actions on the following village amenities:

a) Picnic benches Cllr M Steven reported that these were scorched from BBQs and would benefit from a metal plate at each end. This will be an agenda item for January.

14. To accept any relevant correspondence - see Appendix A to the Agenda. Items received since the agenda circulated:

- DCC Highways Travelling in Winter leaflet

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Date of the next Parish Council meeting Wednesday 16 January 2013.

The meeting ended at 9.15pm

Date:

Chairman: