

AXMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting of Axmouth Parish Council was held on Wednesday 19 February 2014, at 7pm at Axmouth Village Hall.

Minutes

Those present:

Cllr Keith Lawes (Chair) Cllr Ken Steven Cllr Crescy Cannan 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 A Harrison, Cllr I Harrison, Cllr Rapley & Cllr Mclvor
2. **Declarations of Interests:** There were no interests declared.
3. **The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 15 January 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 January - a quantity of heating oil was stolen from an outside tank in Hawkesdown Close.
6. **Public Forum:** No matters were raised.
7. **To accept reports and agree actions on Highway matters:**
 - a) **Maintenance items**
 - A large pot hole at the base of Squires Lane – already reported
 - Safety post at the corner of Church Street and Chapel Street has still not been repaired – already reported.
 - Pothole 200m, N of the Gateway B3172 southbound – already reported
 - Pothole Higher Lane outside Brigenza – already reported
 - Debris in Stepps Lane following Mon 17th downpour – sweeping requested **ACTION:CLLR KNIGHT to report**
 - Further deterioration of the roadway (no name) running from Springhead Cross to Bushes Lane – **ACTION: CLLR KNIGHT will arrange for Highways to inspect but warned that there were very many ‘priorities’ for Highways’ attention within the district.**
 - b) **Church Street New Pedestrian Footway**
 - Church Street new footway. Highways have been in discussion with Sue Adams regarding access to the Caravan site. A site meeting has been held. Clarification is being sought over the start date. **ACTION: CLLR LAWES**

8. Planning.

- a) **To consider new planning applications: 13/2288/FUL Construction of greenhouse Land South West of Brookside, Axmouth.** The Council have no objection to this application but have requested that landscaping using native trees be created around the greenhouse to reduce visibility from the road.
- b) **Planning Correspondence.** None received.
- c) **Neighbourhood Plan.** This is to be carried forward to the next meeting's agenda.
- d) **Village Plan consultation.** Councillors debated a response to the Draft Villages Plan consultation and agreed to accept the proposed wording with a minor adjustment to one detail. **ACTION: CLLR LAWES** will finalise a reply for the Clerk to submit

9. Financial Matters

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

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

- b) **Cheques:**

566	R Davey	£ 7.10	stamps & envelopes
567	G Hyde	£24.80	reimburse items for Noticeboard

The Council resolved to approve the cheques as listed above.

- c) **Online banking.**

The Council resolved to approve the use of online banking with view only access.

- 10. **Bridge Cottage Blue Plaque.** Cllr Hyde presented a design to depict Axmouth Parish Council on the Blue Plaque. The Council agreed to change the design slightly before submission to the Seaton & District Rotary Club. **ACTION: CLLR HYDE**

- 11. **Emergencies Planning.** Cllr Lawes has created a first draft of an Emergencies Plan and gave a report.

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

- a) **County Councillor**

- DCC, the Fire Service and the Police are all raising their Council Tax precept by 1.99%
- The Undercliff footpath has suffered more landslips and has been closed from 17th February 2014 to 9th March 2014 to allow extensive remedial work to take place. **ACTION: CLLR LAWES to update website.**
- DCC is looking at their day care centre facilities, including Marshlands in Seaton. Cllr Knight has met with Neil Parish and proposed a possible shared facility use for Marshlands to prevent possible closure.

- b) **East Devon District Councillor**

- EDDC's Local Plan has now been submitted for Examination.
- EDDC's preferred new office location is SkyPark, nr Exeter Airport, with possible access points for rural areas.

- c) **Parish Councillors**

- Cllr Lawes reported concerns over the wall at Coronation Corner and the damage it had sustained from the recent storms. **ACTION: CLLR LAWES to contact EDDC and CLERK to advise Insurance Company of current situation.**
- Cllr Stevens confirmed that repairs to the fence on Coronation Corner were complete.

- Councillor Steven reported that the damage to the viewing platform walkway may have been caused because some support posts were inadequately secured. **ACTION: CLLR LAWES to contact the contractor; CLERK to advise the Insurance Company**
- Cllr Hyde confirmed that the panels for the side of the bus shelter were currently being stained and will be fitted shortly.
- Cllr Cannan advised that she had been approached about the possibility of creating a trial special verge to be managed for conservation in the village. Cllr Knight confirmed details of a DCC contact. **ACTION: CLERK and CLLR CANNON to liaise and contact Brian Hoare, DCC.**

d) **Parish Clerk** Report received.

13. To accept any relevant correspondence - see Appendix A to the Agenda. All correspondence was accepted and no further actions were identified.

Date of the next meeting of the Parish Council Wednesday 19 March 2014.

The meeting ended at 9.33pm

Date:

Chairman: