

AXMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

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

Minutes

Those present:

Cllr Keith Lawes (Chair) Cllr Ken Steven Cllr Crescy Cannan Cllr Alan Harrison
Cllr Irene Harrison Cllr Carol Rapley (left at 8:16pm)

In attendance: Becki Davey, Clerk

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 Glenn Hyde, Cllr Emily McIvor & Cllr Ian Thomas (EDDC)
2. **Declarations of Interests:** There were no interests declared.
3. **The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 15 February 2014 and 5 March 2014 (Planning):** 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 three crimes in February – a theft from a motor vehicle, a common assault & a theft of a motor vehicle.
6. **Public Forum:** No matters were raised.
7. **To accept reports and agree actions on Highway matters:**
 - a) **Maintenance items**
 - Safety post at the corner of Church Street and Chapel Street has still not been repaired – already reported.
 - Church Street new footway. Tom Vaughan, DCC was due to meet with the Safety Team this week.
ACTION: CLLR LAWES to contact Tom Vaughan for an update.
8. **Planning.**
 - a) **14/0312/FUL Harbour Inn, Axmouth - Change of use of part of beer garden to create extension to car park area to provide additional 13 spaces.**
Axmouth Parish Council object to this application for the following reasons:

The garden area is an important village amenity and its loss will be detrimental to the community. The removal of native trees is inappropriate in a rural environment within the East Devon AONB. The applicants have not provided a full 'arbo' report.
The land area is within a flood zone, covering it with an impermeable surface will increase the flooding risk.

The increase in parking spaces would increase the traffic flow on a section of road felt to be unsuitable to handle current volumes.

The applicants justification for the number of parking spaces relative to the floor area of the pub quotes EDDC guidance relevant to new-builds only.

14/0517/LBC Southcombe Barn, Chapel Street, Axmouth - Internal alterations to form new kitchen in existing garage with first floor accommodation over and external alterations including new window/door openings and insertion of rooflights.

Axmouth Parish Council agreed by majority to support this application.

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.

14/0648/FUL 8 Higher Axmouth, Axmouth - Construction of 2 storey side and single storey rear extensions.

Axmouth Parish Council agreed to support this application.

The sections of the front and side elevations proposed to be rendered should be stone faced in keeping with the existing house and terrace. In addition, rights of access for neighbouring properties believed to exist across the rear of the property should not be adversely affected by the new rear extension

- b) **Planning Correspondence.** Councillor Cannan has received notice from EDDC's Principal Conservation Officer advising that due to heavy workloads, there is currently no time for the consideration of the buildings at Axmouth Harbour becoming a non-designated heritage area. The Axmouth Parish Council has received this news with regret. Councillor Lawes questioned where the CEMP information was for the planned homes near Tesco in Seaton. **ACTION: CLERK** to find out about the CEMP and advise EDDC Cllr Ian Thomas of our concern over the under-resourced conservation officer service.
- c) **Neighbourhood Plan.** This is to be carried forward to the next meeting's agenda whilst awaiting the latest information from the Village Plan.
- d) **To create a Planning Sub-Committee.** Council decided not to create a Planning Sub-Committee.

9. Financial Matters

- a) **The financial statement to 28 February 2014 was received.**

The Council resolved to approve the financial statement to 28 February 2014.

- b) **Cheques:**

568	G Hyde	£ 10.00	reimburse items for Bus Shelter
569	R Davey	£ 11.09	reimburse stationery items

The Council resolved to approve the cheques as listed above.

- c) The Council resolved to approve the grant application from Axmouth Playground Association subject to the viewing and approval of the Playground Association accounts.

- 10. **Best Kept Village 2014.** The Council resolved to enter the CPRE Best Kept Village 2014 competition. Councillors also approved in principal the Natural Axmouth proposal of a trial Natural Verge (see attached report) as these will help with the Best Kept Village criteria. **ACTION: CLERK** to forward Best Kept Village judging criteria to **CLLRS A & I HARRISON** for consideration. **CLLR CANNAN** to report back to Natural Axmouth.

11. **Fixed Asset Review.** Councillors advised the Clerk of the condition of some of the fixed assets. Once all the fixed assets have been checked, the Clerk will update the register with the current condition and discuss possible works required to improve them. **ACTION: CLERK** to remind Councillors that all assets should be checked quarterly and their condition reported to the clerk.
12. **Emergencies Planning.** The creation of the Emergencies Plan is ongoing.
13. **Making it Local.** Cllr Rapley gave a report on information received during the latest Making it Local meeting. **ACTION: CLLR RAPLEY** to distribute a questionnaire received at the meeting to all Councillors and the Village Hall Committee for completion and return.
14. **To accept reports and agree actions from the following:**
- a) **County Councillor**
 - No report.
 - b) **East Devon District Councillor**
 - No news on the repair work required on the wall at Coronation Corner although it has been checked by EDDC's Engineers and has been included in EDDC's Belwin Grant request, there is no guarantee that this bid for funding will be successful, and if not, Axmouth Parish Council will have to look at alternative options.
 - c) **Parish Councillors**
 - Councillors reported concerns over some of the parking in Chapel Street becoming a hazard particularly close to or opposite junctions. Although it is not illegal to park near a junction, the Highway Code states "DO NOT Stop or Park opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction except in an authorised parking space."
 - d) **Parish Clerk** Report received. The Clerk also confirmed that the information for the annual audit had been received and that once again, Axmouth Parish Council has been chosen as part of the 5% sample of councils that requires an intermediate audit.
15. 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 16 April 2014.

The meeting ended at 9.15pm

Date:

Chairman: