

AXMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

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

Minutes

Those present:

Cllr Keith Lawes (Chair) Cllr Crescy Cannan Cllr Ken Steven Cllr Alan Harrison Cllr Roger Stokes
Cllr Glenn Hyde

In attendance: 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 Carol Rapley & Cllr Irene Harrison. Cllr Emily McIvor was absent without apology and Becki Davey (Clerk) was absent due to illness. Minutes were taken by Cllr Lawes.
2. **Declarations of Interests:** There were no interests declared.
3. **The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 15 October 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. Cllr Lawes reported there had been one reported crime, a domestic related incident, during October.
6. **Public Forum:** No matters were raised.
7. **To accept reports and agree actions on Highway matters:**
 - a) **Maintenance items**
 - A pothole outside the Stables, Green Lane **ACTION: CLLR LAWES** to report to Devon County Council.
 - b) **Road Safety**
 - Cllr Lawes gave a report of the meeting with County Highways on Thursday 15th. Highways confirmed that they would complete all the safety features included in their plans as soon as possible. An email has been sent listing the details. Additionally, Councillors expressed their disappointment and annoyance that the contractor had repeatedly left the site during the work, in an unsafe condition with inadequate warning signage.
 - c) **Road Warden Scheme**
 - It was agreed that the Council should respond to the proposals with an indication of their interest in joining the scheme once it is finalised. **ACTION: CLERK** to contact DCC.
 - d) **Parish Paths Partnership**
 - Ros Davies of the County Highways Public Rights of Way team will be invited to give a presentation at a Council Meeting. **ACTION: CLERK** to contact Ros Davies
8. **Planning.**
 - a) **To consider new planning applications:** None received.
 - b) **Planning Correspondence.** None received.

9. Financial Matters

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

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

- b) **Cheques:**

596	Getmapping PLC	£ 33.60	Annual subscription to Parish Online
597	CPRE	£ 36.00	Annual Membership
598	SLCC	£250.00	Clerks registration to CiLCA

The Council resolved to approve the cheques as listed above.

10. **To adopt updated Standing Orders:** Councillors agreed to adopt the proposed Standing Orders. Proposed by Cllr A Harrison, seconded Cllr Hyde.
11. **To consider a proposal to set up a 'Community Volunteer Network' and plan a launch programme:** Councillors agreed to launch a scheme to attract and co-ordinate community volunteers to assist with general maintenance and improvement tasks around the village. The particular tasks will be identified in consultation with the contractor being appointed to undertake some of the duties previously handled by the Parish Lengthsman. Additionally volunteers will be sought to assist with the Emergencies response plan being completed. A meeting of those residents who have already indicated a willingness to help will be called in mid January with a further session to attract additional interest in March.
12. **Riverside Project:** Cllr Stokes presented two photographs illustrating the degree to which the verge/bank alongside Axmouth Road (the estuary) has encroached upon the footway surface. This has reduced the effective width, and threatens the safety of pedestrians. Councillor Knight offered to bring the matter to the attention of County Highways and request that they treat this as an urgent maintenance task. **ACTION: CLLR KNIGHT**
13. **Investing in Devon – Local Projects Fund:** It was agreed to submit a bid for funds from this project to cover the cost of applying a coloured surface to the whole length of the new Church Street footway. Costs are awaited from County Highways. **ACTION: CLERK** to submit bid to DCC once costs are known.
14. **S106 – to ratify the proposed funding of the goal posts and floodlights for Axmouth Football Club following their successful bid for the S106 monies:** Councillors ratified the proposal. **ACTION: CLERK** to advise EDDC of the decision.
15. **Parishes Together Funding:** Discussions continue with Musbury PC regarding new AONB signage.
16. **To accept reports and agree actions from the following:**
- a) **County Councillor.** Councillor Knight reported that proposals to enlarge the range of items that will incur a charge if taken to a Recycling Centre have are being adopted. Details will be available shortly. He also advised that Brian Hoare our contact at County Highways is injured and will be away from work until the new year. Councillor Knight will act as contact point until the new year.
 - b) **East Devon District Councillor** Please see website www.trinitymatters.co.uk
 - c) **Parish Councillors** Councillor Stevens expressed his concern that the damage to the retaining wall at Coronation Corner has still not been fixed. It was confirmed that the East Devon DC engineer has been reminded that the work is urgent. Councillor Stokes informed Council that he was aware of a possible scheme to install floodgate at Axmouth Harbour and will write to the Environment Agency to ask for further details.
 - d) **Parish Clerk** Report received.
17. To accept any relevant correspondence - see Appendix A to the Agenda. All correspondence was accepted.

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

The meeting ended at 9:10pm

Date:

Chairman: