

AXMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting of Axmouth Parish Council was held on Wednesday 20 February 2013, at 7pm at Axmouth Village Hall.

Minutes

Those present:

Cllr Carol Rapley (Chair)
Cllr Keith Lawes

Cllr Crescy Cannan
Cllr Emily Mclvor

Cllr Irene Harrison

In attendance: Annie Dallaway, Clerk; Cllr Jim Knight (DCC), Kate Taylor, Environment Agency

Cllr Rapley paid tribute to David Trezise, a well respected local resident who sadly passed away this week. David Trezise was Chairman of the Parish Council from 1999 – 2002 and was very involved in many community groups and activities within the village. Councillors expressed sympathy and were keen to send their condolences to the family.

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 Paul Britton, Cllr Alan Harrison, Cllr Ken Steven, Cllr Morag Steven, Cllr Ian Thomas (EDDC)
- 2. Declarations of Interests:** There were no declarations of interest.
- 3. The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 16 January 2013** 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 no crimes in January 2013 in Axmouth.
- 6. Public Forum: There were no members of the public present.**
- 7. PRESENTATION by Kate Taylor, Community Engagement Officer, Flood Resilience, Environment Agency.** Kate provided an overview of the role of the EA in helping communities to develop flood plans. Kate highlighted the particular challenges for those communities at risk of flash flooding. Discussion took place regarding the specific risks in Axmouth and how resilient the community currently was to the risk. Councillors expressed concern regarding the supply of sand for the sand bags and the lack of a coordinated approach for the management and distribution of sand bags. Councillors also noted that the empty properties in Church Street were at considerable risk in the event of flooding. More public information is also necessary on the website and the parish noticeboards. Kate provided some useful EA templates for developing a community flood plan. Cllr Lawes agreed to draft some preliminary proposals and to provide an update at the March meeting.
ACTION: CLLR LAWES
- 8. To accept reports and agree actions on Highway matters**
 - a) Maintenance items**

- Potholes in Stedcombe have been reported to Highways. There are also potholes in Green Lane, either side of Leggets Lane. **ACTION: CLLR KNIGHT**
- 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 but work is outstanding to restore the priority to its original status. **ACTION: CLLR KNIGHT**
- The vegetation and over hanging tree have still to be cut back on Pound Hill. **ACTION: CLLR KNIGHT**

b) Traffic Mitigation Study

Cllr Rapley reported that no update had been received from Tom Vaughan, DCC Highways Officer regarding the Traffic Mitigation Study. Councillors expressed on-going concern regarding the lack of action regarding this matter. Cllr Knight will make enquiries and feedback to the Council. **ACTION: CLLR KNIGHT.**

There has also been no action from Highways regarding the request 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. **ACTION: CLLR KNIGHT**

c) Review of signage in village

Cllrs Rapley and M Steven will undertake this review and provide an update at a future meeting.

9. Planning.

a) To consider new planning applications.

13/0207/FUL Harbour Inn Raising of chimney height

The Parish Council has no objection to make to this application.

13/0208/LBC Harbour Inn Internal & external alterations (amendments to previous application 12/1174/LBC)

The Parish Council has no objection to make to this application.

13/0256/FUL Ship Inn Single storey extension to bar area

The Parish Council has no objection to make to this application but would request that timber is used for windows rather than UPVC.

12/2164/FUL 6 Coombe Orchard Construction of conservatory and retrospective works to form steps and terrace

The Parish Council has no objection to make to this application.

13/0304/MOUT Seaton Quay Development To replace an extant planning permission in order to extend the time limit for implementation

The Parish Council objects to this application for an extension to the time limit for implementation. The Parish Council stands by its original objections to the application and continues to be very concerned regarding the visual impact of the proposed development in an environmentally sensitive area.

b) Planning Correspondence etc. The Clerk highlighted the Community Infrastructure Levy consultation document. The deadline is 22 March. This will be an agenda item for March.

c) EDDC Village Boundary Review. The Clerk reported that EDDC was currently assessing all the SHLAA sites in terms of landscape sensitivity. The next formal stage will be a report to the DMC with recommendations for site allocations for consultation.

10. Financial Matters

a) The financial statement to 31 January 2013 was received.

b) Cheques required

700 Annie Dallaway	£100	Overtime (BUAB)
701 Muddy Waters Metal Art	£190	Bird designs
702 Axmouth Village Hall	£42	Hire of hall
703 Project Cosmic	£150	Website hosting

The Council resolved to approve the financial statement to 31 January 2013.

c) EDDC/DCC Parishes Together Fund.

The Parish Council is working in partnership with the coastal town and parish councils of Seaton, Exmouth, Sidmouth, Budleigh Salterton, Beer and Branscombe on a Jurassic Coast Marketing project. Exmouth Town Council is taking the lead on the project which aims to produce a leaflet featuring all the Jurassic towns and villages and promoting the World Heritage Site. Councillors noted that the project will only use a proportion of the funding allocated for Axmouth. Discussion took place regarding a further joint project with Beer focusing on brook clearance. The communities of Axmouth and Beer both have on-going issues with brook clearance and maintenance. Councillors expressed support for this proposal but highlighted that a contractor would only be required to clear the concrete section of the brook (and ancillary drainage channels). Councillors agreed that the Clerk would obtain a quote from a local contractor and submit an application on behalf of both Councils. **ACTION: CLERK**

d) S106 funding – to review status.

Cllr Cannan had previously circulated a report from the working group which met recently to consider suitable play and sports projects for the S106 funding.

PLAY Jamie Buckley has advised that there may be flexibility with the 600m rule regarding the play element. Councillors agreed to approach local landowners to see whether they were willing to sell or lease some land for a small kick-about space and shelter for older children. **ACTION: CLLRS CANNAN/RAPLEY**

SPORT Cllr Lawes provided a report from a meeting held earlier today with Sue Adams and DCC ROW Officer Steve Gardner. A permissive path is being proposed to run across land owned by Sue Adams from the B3172 providing access to a pill box in a field adjacent the estuary edge. Ultimately the path would form a section of the proposed Jubilee Walk. Councillors expressed support for the idea and noted that there would be a short fall of funding of approximately £1200. A further report will be provided at the March meeting.

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

a) Jubilee Walk project

No further update was available.

b) Telephone kiosk

Cllr K Steven has the painting and repairs to the kiosk in hand.

c) Best Kept Village

The Council agreed to submit an application for 2013. **ACTION: CLERK**

d) Active Villages

Cllr Rapley reported that the Village Hall Committee had expressed support for the acquisition of table tennis tables and accessories which could be stored at the Village Hall. The Clerk will liaise with the Active Villages Outreach Manager. **ACTION: CLERK**

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

a) County Councillor Cllr Knight reported on the following:

- DCC and EDDC have recommended a zero rate increase for the next financial year.
- From 24 March 2013, the X54 bus service will no longer be providing a service to Colyton and Axmouth.
- Cllr Knight presented the Council with an *Investing in Devon* plaque to be installed at the Viewing Platform. A photo opportunity will be scheduled with Cllr Knight. **ACTION: CLLR LAWES**

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

c) Parish Councillors

Axminster DALC Cllr A Harrison had previously circulated a report from the Axminster DALC meeting in January. Discussion took place regarding affordable housing and councillors noted that a number of small affordable housing developments have recently been completed in local parishes. Councillors agreed to invite one of the social housing developers to a future meeting to provide a short presentation. **ACTION: CLERK**

Jurassic Coast Ambassador Cllr Cannan confirmed her availability as the Jurassic Coast Champion/Lead member for Axmouth Parish Council. Cllr Rapley agreed to be a Jurassic Coast Ambassador. The opportunity will also be advertised locally.

d) Parish Clerk

There are currently two requests for **memorial benches** along the estuary path. The Clerk will continue to liaise with DCC regarding the preferred sites and the approved procedures for installation. **ACTION: CLERK**

13. To accept any relevant correspondence - see Appendix A to the Agenda.

14. **Date of the next Parish Council meeting Wednesday 20 March 2013.**

The meeting ended at 9.30pm

Date:

Chairman: