

AXMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting of Axmouth Parish Council was held on Wednesday 14th
December, 2011 at 7.00pm in Axmouth Village Hall.

Minutes

Present

Cllr Carol Rapley (Chairman)

Cllr Crescy Cannan

Cllr Irene Harrison

Cllr Keith Lawes

Cllr Ken Steven

Cllr Morag Steven

Carol Miltenburg (Clerk & Secretary)

1. Apologies were received and acknowledged from Cllrs Paul Britton, Alan Harrison, Emily McIvor and Cllrs Ian Thomas (EDDC) and Jim Knight (DCC).
2. The minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on November 23rd were approved and signed. The minutes for November 16th had two amendments (in italics) in Section 7 – Councillors Reports. Under Cllr Cannans report "The present S106 payments will become a community *infrastructure* levy and *may* be pooled". The amendments were made and the minutes signed.
3. Ward Officers Report.
PC Speariett was unable to attend.
4. Highways
The Clerk circulated the DCC "Travelling in Winter" leaflet. Cllr Morag Steven reported that a resident had tripped over a broken grating cover on the western side of Pound Hill and injured her face. It had been reported to DCC but it has not yet been repaired and has a traffic cone over it at present. Clerk to contact DCC Highways urgently.
Cllr Rapley circulated her notes on the meeting with DCC Highways on November 28th to discuss the footway project and the proposed survey. It was again unanimously agreed by the Council to use the Locality Grant to fund this study.
There was also a report on the Seaton Coastal Traffic meeting of December 2nd. This mainly dealt with the changes to the parking restrictions in Seaton. Any changes to the Estuary Road could not be funded until 2013/14.
Cllr Rapley reported that she had been advised that DCC would not be funding the clearance of the brook in the coming financial year. Clerk to contact the Environment Agency to ascertain if they will take responsibility.
It was reported that the stile on the Steps Lane to Barnclose Lane footpath is in need of repair. Clerk to contact Bindon.
The Council had been contacted by a resident advising that the grass verge near Coombe Farm is being damaged by vehicles being parked on it. This is also damaging the bank of the brook. It was noted that the pavement by RPM Motors is being blocked by their vehicles.

5. Public Forum – non present.
6. Planning.
 - a) To consider new planning applications (none received).
 - b) Planning Correspondence etc.

The East Devon Local Plan will be considered at the January meeting. A link will be placed on the website. The Clerk advised about the “Shaping our Future” consultation by EDDC.
7. Councillors Reports

Cllr Lawes reported on the Footpath Group meeting with the Public Rights of Way Team at DCC. The Groups proposals met with a very positive reaction. There may be possibilities for funding in conjunction with various county and national organisations. It was decided that this project should be linked in to the local plan and any changes to the Estuary Road. It was agreed to discuss ideas for changes to the Estuary Road at the February meeting. Clerk to chase EDDC response for S106 information.
8. Financial Matters
 - a) The financial statement was received and signed.
 - b) The following cheques were signed

Digley Associates	£54.00	Playground inspection
C Miltenburg	£611.43	Salary & expenses
HMRC	£134.40	Clerks PAYE/NI
 - c) Fixed Assets

The Clerk advised that the VAT refund request amounting to £256.56 had been sent to HMRC and that this should be received shortly. It was unanimously agreed that this should be used to fund the repairs to the benches and picnic tables etc.
 - d) Precept 2012-2013

The Clerk presented the proposed precept. The Council agreed to contribute £50 to help fund the village Christmas tree and nativity lighting. In view of the indication that DCC will no longer fund the brook clearance it was felt that this should also be included in case other organisations will not take over the responsibility. The Clerk advised that the approximate cost to clear the brook would be £800. In view of this the Council unanimously (but very reluctantly) felt they had no choice but to increase the precept for 2012-13 to £6700. This was proposed by Cllr M Steven and seconded by Cllr Lawes.
9. Seaton Redevelopment

Cllr Rapley reported to the Council on the latest meeting. She advised on the further development of Sheep Marsh as part of the wetlands with new grant funding. The Council will look at how this could benefit Axmouth. Clerk to investigate the Coastal Regeneration Fund and circulate details. Clerk to invite Mr Willis Flemming of Axe Riverside to discuss uses of the S106 monies due.

10. a) Village Hall
The Clerk reported she is still investigating the status of the Council with the Charity Commission and will report later.
 - b) Viewing Platform
The design has now been agreed. It was proposed that the Council pay the legal fees of £500 in advance of any grant by Cllr Cannan, Cllr Rapley seconded – the decision was unanimous. The money will be refunded to the Council when the grant has been received. It was agreed to apply for a grant of £10,000 from the DCC Local Project Grant.
 - c) Burial Ground
It was agreed to discuss this matter at the January meeting.
 - d) Footway Project
DCC Highways are now dealing with this.
 - e) Playground
It was agreed that it was needed to contact those interested in the Playground to form a new committee of volunteers. A series of notices etc will be put up.
 - f) Coronation Corner Planter
A suitable dingy has now been located.
 - g) Dog Warden
The Clerk showed some posters obtained from the Keep Britain Tidy campaign. It was agreed to distribute posters around the parish.
 - h) War Memorial
The Clerk contacted a local stone mason Mr Karl Dixon and the cost of inserting the name of Charles Bole on the war memorial will be approximately £150. The Council agreed this should be done. Clerk to contact Royal British Legion and Commonwealth War Graves Commission to see if any grants are available.
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11. Correspondence.
The Correspondence received was circulated.
 12. Date of next meeting Wednesday, 18th January 2012.

The meeting concluded at 9.15pm