

AXMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting of Axmouth Parish Council was held on Wednesday 21st March 2012, at 7.00pm in Axmouth Village Hall.

Those present

Cllr Carol Rapley (chairman)

Cllr Keith Lawes

Cllr Ken Steven

Cllr Alan Harrison

Cllr Emily McIvor

Cllr Ian Thomas (EDDC)

Cllr Irene Harrison

Cllr Morag Steven

Minutes

The Councillors were summoned to attend the meeting of the Axmouth Parish Council and discussed the following matters.

1. To receive and acknowledge apologies – All APC councillors present.
2. The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on February 15th 2012 and February 27th 2012 were approved and signed.
3. Declarations of Interests – none made
4. Police Report.
PCSO McGrealy apologised for being unable to attend. The Clerk circulated the crime report for March taken from the D&CC Seaton Rural website. There have been no reported crimes in Axmouth over the past month. The Police Ringmail system was discussed.
5. To accept reports and agree actions on Highway matters
 - a) Maintenance.
It would be helpful if DCC could notify the Council of work being undertaken in the Parish and if possible have the 2012/3 programme. The lack of quality of the pothole patching at the Steps/Chapel St junction was discussed.
Action:- Clerk to contact Brian Hoare of DCC Highways.
 - b) Traffic Mitigation Study
DCC have been notified that the design presented is acceptable but the safety audit is still awaited. It was noted that the agenda does not seem to be on the DCC website and no copy has been received. Cllr Rapley will attend HATOC meeting.
Action:- Clerk to chase for HATOC agenda and notify of our wish to speak.
 - c) Traffic Group reports
Seaton Coastal Group – Little discussed affected Axmouth a report from DCC has been circulated.
6. Public Forum – None present
7. Planning.
 - a) To consider new planning applications.
An application too late for inclusion has been received - 12/0634/FUL Mr White, re Borolands Farm. Meeting to be held on 27th April at Blue Hayes. 4.30pm.
 - b) Planning Correspondence etc.
EDDC letter - Axe Farm re Shop building. Noted

Sovereign Cars & Coaches. 11/2197/CPE. Cert. Of Lawful use granted. Noted.
Action:- Clerk to chase EDDC enforcement re Southcombe Farm.

8. To accept reports and agree actions from the following
- a) County Councillor – no report this month as Cllr Knight was unable to attend.
 - b) District Councillor
Cllr Thomas reported on the proposed broadband upgrade in the area and the impact it will have. He also encouraged everyone to express their interest for improved broadband on the Connecting Devon and Cornwall website.
 - c) Parish Councillors
Cllr Rapley reported on the recent Seaton Regeneration meeting and advised that the recession is delaying the development of housing and leisure facilities and that there may be a public consultation on the future of the site soon.
The Coastal Communities Fund is probably not appropriate for Axmouth being focused on large projects, but it may be possible to enter a joint bid with other local communities
The Visitor Centre is progressing with preferred bidders being identified. The Wetlands development of Sheeps Marsh will have new hides with funds from the Environment Agency, Natural England and Lottery amongst others. A problem is the lack of suitable accommodation in the Seaton area for students studying the marshes.
Cllr Rapley also reported on the meeting with Mr Willis-Flemming of ARC. Due to the recession little is going to happen at the old Racal site in the near future. The Councils put forward their ideas for the estuary and parish.
 - d) Village committees
The Flower Show committee have held a meeting and are unlikely to be able to pay for the brook clearance in future. They would support a village "Tidy-up Day" to do it – date to be decided. Disposal options for green waste collected were discussed.
Action:- Clerk to contact DCC Highways to enquire if they can provide collection bags and collect waste.
Leaflet Group:- The leaflets have been printed and holders ordered.
Action:- Clerk to write to Mr Dennis Hall to express thanks for his work on the design and printing of the leaflet.
9. Financial Matters
- a) The financial statement was accepted and signed.
 - b) Cheques required
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| Steves Print | £399.56 | Leaflet printing |
| D Hall | £41.99 | Leaflet expenses |
| J J Oates | £175.00 | re viewing platform |
| SK Drawings | £75.00 | re viewing platform |
| C Miltenburg | £676.11 | Clerks salary and expenses |
| HMRC | £159.20 | Clerks Tax and NI |
| DALC | £112.61 | Annual Subscription |
| C Miltenburg | £51.60 | Leaflet holders |
| C Cannan | £14.00 | Photocopying re Traffic Mitigation Study |
- d) Internal auditor - Mrs M Thomas was accepted as the internal auditor of the 2011/12 accounts.
Action Clerk to write confirming details.
10. To review and agree actions on the following Village Projects
- a) Viewing Platform
Cllr Cannan has circulated her report of the position so far. It was agreed to form a sub-committee to assess the quotations, decide on most suitable and report the decision to the Council. The sub-committee will comprise Cllr Rapley, Cannan and Lawes. Still awaiting information from Zurich re insurance clauses requested by SWW.

Actions:- Cllrs Rapley, Canan & Lawes to meet shortly.

b) Burial Ground

A letter from the PCC was circulated which advised that the suggestions for access to a possible extension would not be appropriate.

Actions:- Cllr Britton to investigate.

c) Jubilee celebrations and commemoration ie trees

A village meeting will be held of the Village Hall Committee and others to discuss activities ie sponsored walk. The Council would consider making a donation to suitable ideas.

Action:- Item to be added to agenda for meeting on 27th April.

It was felt a line of trees along the showground field would be a good commemoration of the jubilee, possibly of "Royal Oaks", with one planted near the day and the rest in the coming planting season.

Action:- Clerk to contact Bindon Estate to arrange meeting with Lady Loveridge and Cllrs Cannan and Mclvor.

d) Best Kept Village Competition

The judges comments from the 2012 competition are to be circulated. It was noted that rubbish seems to be left by the drayman after deliveries at the Harbour Inn concern was still being expressed about the uneven concrete there. It was noted that the tape on the sign by the village gateway was coming off.

Action – Clerk to contact.

e) War Memorial

Nothing has been heard from the War Memorials Trust yet. The Clerk updated the Council on the attempts to locate members of the Bole family.

f) Telephone Kiosk

It was agreed that the kiosk could be painted on the village day.

11. To review and agree actions on the following village Village Amenities

a) Village Hall

It was agreed that the Council should have 3 reports per year from the committee in future with copy accounts and confirmation of adequate insurance. Cllr Ken Steven will represent the Council at the Village Hall committee AGM.

Action:- Clerk to write to committee.

b) Playground

It was noted that Judith Simpson has started maintaining the playground. The mower is currently stored with David Tresize. Mrs Simpson will be formally appointed as Chair at the committees AGM.

Action:- Clerk to enquire who is responsible for the bridge into the playground.

c) Benches & picnic tables

The Clerk reported that repairs are ongoing and the benches should be back shortly.

12. To accept any relevant correspondence.

Noted.

13. Date of next meeting Wednesday, 18th April 2012.

Date of the Annual Assembly of the Parish meeting Wednesday, 25th April 2012

The meeting ended at 9.45pm