

AXMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting of Axmouth Parish Council was held on Wednesday 16th
November, 2011 at 7.00pm in Axmouth Village Hall.

Those Present

Cllr Carol Rapley

Cllr Alan Harrison

Cllr Emily McIvor

Cllr Jim Knight (DCC)

Carol Miltenburg (Clerk and Secretary)

Cllr Paul Britton

Cllr Irene Harrison

Cllr Ken Steven

Cllr Ian Thomas (EDDC)

Cllr Crescy Cannan

Cllr Keith Lawes

Cllr Morag Steven

Minutes

1. Apologies - All members of the Council were present.
2. The Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on October 19th and November 7th were approved and signed.
3. Ward Officers Report
No representatives were present.
4. Highways
It was noted that the scalping have now gone from the lay-by near Squires Lane and have been used to fill potholes along the Estuary.
Potholes were reported between Coronation Corner and Squires Lane and near the Bus Shelter. Clerk to notify DCC Highways. It was noted that the concrete paving slabs near the Harbour Inn are breaking up and could cause a trip hazard. Clerk to notify DCC and the Hall and Woodhouse to ascertain ownership.
Cllr Rapley reported on the meeting of HATOC on October 31st. The original plan for the footway failed the safety audit but the PC were not notified. DCC Highways agreed to consider and develop a package for the whole of the route through Axmouth with a view to a report being made to HATOC in March 2012. It was felt that the Estuary Road should be included in this. Cllr Knight reported that the cost for the survey and plan would be about £3,000. DCC Highways are unable to fund this from their budget but would undertake the study if the Parish Council paid for it. The Parish Council could use Cllr Knight Locality Grant (the PC have £2,500 from 2010/11 and 2011/12) towards the cost Cllr Knight also advised the shortfall could be made up. There will be a meeting to discuss this in Axmouth on November 29th with Cllrs Rapley and Knight and Brian Hoare and Meg Booth from DCC Highways. The Council agreed that without the study any project would be unlikely to be accepted.
Concern was expressed about any increase in traffic from the recent opening of the store in Seaton. The Clerk advised that she had not heard from the Clerk of Corfe Parish Council. The Council was notified that Mr Julian Parsons of Haven Farm has been appointed the Snow Warden for Axmouth and will be holding and distributing the stock (4,900kg) of salt

which has been supplied by DCC. This is a voluntary post and the Council are very grateful. Clerk to contact Mr Parsons.

5. Public Forum

No members of the public were present.

6. Planning.

a) New planning applications. New application were received after the date of the agenda. It was agreed to meet again on November 23rd or 24th 2011 to discuss them. Final date and time to be agreed shortly.

b) Planning Correspondence etc.

In view that the Parish Council were not notified of the recent Tesco planning applications the Clerk is to contact EDDC to ask to be notified as a matter of course as an adjoining parish.

Clerk to chase the meeting with the Conservation Officer.

7. Councillors Reports

Cllr Jim Knight, DCC. Further to his previous report on the footway, Cllr Knight noted that several schools in the area are federating to share resources. Shute and Kilmington Primary Schools are planning to do this with Seaton Primary School supplying the school meals. A recent seminar on Locality Funding advised that DCC and EDDC will donate a small amount per head to each PC at some point in the future.

Cllr Ian Thomas, EDDC. The Development Management Committee Meeting will be discussing the draft LDF. There has been a lot of participation from the Parishes. Half the houses required in East Devon will be built in Cranbrook. Cllr Mclvor advised she would be attending in a personal capacity. Cllr Thomas advised that the Axe Wetlands classroom and Field Studies Centre will be opening shortly.

Cllr Alan Harrison reported on the recent Axminster DALC meeting. He advised that Hawkchurch and Thornicombe have been running their own Lengthsman service. Clerk to contact DCC again to ascertain the position. He also reported the success of various produce markets. It was agreed to refer this to the gardening group and W.I..

Cllr Cannan reported on the recent meeting at EDDC on the new Neighbourhood Plans. These plans are much tighter than Parish Plans with the requirement to be more specific on wants and not wants. She referred to the Localism in Action document. The present S106 payments will become a community levy and will be pooled for a general area rather than being linked to the development as at present. The Council will need to develop plans for projects prior to the scheme coming into use. The Neighbourhood Plans will be more expensive to produce and EDDC has few resources to help, it may be possible to group with other Parishes to produce a joint plan. Cllr Cannan reported that she and Cllr Mclvor have met with Pat Farrell (ED AONB) and looked at the village. The report has been circulated. Further discussion will take place at the December meeting

8. Financial Matters

a) The financial statement was received and signed.

b) Cheques required

Royal British Legion	£20.00	Poppy Wreath (£15) & donation (£5)
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c) Fixed Assets

The Clerk advised that Mr Upperdine had been asked to undertake the repairs to the benches etc and that the Kiosk had been added to the insurance and mower removed.

d) Precept 2012-2013

The Clerk presented the initial precept forecast for discussion.

9. Seaton Redevelopment
Cllr Thomas reported on the recent Seton Redevelopment meeting and advised about the plans for the Visitors Centre, developments with the Jurassic Coast Field Study Centre. These will affect Axmouth through increases in tourism etc. The level of housing around the redevelopment site was discussed. Clarification of the S106 monies due from the Axe Riverside / Racial site is being sought from EDDC.
10. a) Village Hall.
The Clerk has circulated information from the Charities Commission regarding the Councils position as Trustee. This will be investigated further.
- b) Viewing Platform.
This is gradually progressing and awaiting clarification of legal issues with SWW. Cllr Rapley has drawn up the diagrams. The payment of legal fees may be required in the future to process the licence/lease.
- c) Burial Ground
Cllrs Britton reported that it may be possible to after all to make a hole in the burial ground wall to access an extension into Mr Underwoods land. He will ask the PCC for their permission in principle to demolish part of the wall. Mr Underwood will also be contacted over access for machinery.
Cllr Ken Steven reported on the case of a Charles Bole who was born in Axmouth and died in the war but is not on any war memorial. It was agreed that as his name should be added to the village war memorial, if at all possible. Clerk to contact local stonemason to get the cost.
- d) Playground
The playground inspection is being done and this and the funding of the playground will be discussed at the December meeting.
- e) Telephone Kiosk
This has been put in the Parish Magazine and on the website to encourage ideas for its use, and help restoring it.
- f) Coronation Corner Planter
The Council are happy with the proposed position on the South east corner. It was felt that seaside plants would be most suitable. The Flower Show Committee will supply a planting list, plant and maintain at their cost. The Council will also want a mast with fixings for a flag. A watching brief will be maintained. Clerk to write to Flower Show Committee.
11. To accept any relevant correspondence.
Making it Local –meeting – noted.
NHS foundation trust meeting in Ottery St Mary, December 7th.
Localism meeting at EDDC. December 2nd.
Open Space consultation. EDDC. Discuss at next meeting.
Victim Support – request for funding.
12. Date of next meeting Wednesday 14th December, 2011

The meeting ended at 9.40pm