

# Axmouth Parish Council

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A Meeting of Axmouth Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday  
17<sup>th</sup> November 2010 starting at 7.30pm

## Minutes

Those present

Cllr Carol Rapley (Chairman)	Cllr Paul Britton	Cllr Crescy Cannan
Cllr Bernard Dunford	Cllr Dennis Hall	Cllr Alan Harrison
Cllr Irene Harrison	Cllr Ken Steven	
Cllr Ian Thomas (EDDC)	Cllr Jim Knight (DCC)	
Carol Miltenburg (Clerk & Secretary)		1 member of the public

The Councillors are summoned to discuss the following business.

1. Apologies were received and acknowledged from Cllr Morag Steven and PC Speariett.
2. The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2010 were approved and signed.
3. Ward Officers Report.  
PC Speariett was unable to attend but advised by telephone that there had been no reported crimes since the last meeting.
4. East Devon AONB
  - a) Mr Kimmo Evans of the East Devon AONB made a presentation of a copy of 1840 Tithe map Axmouth Parish. Cllr Rapley thanked him on behalf of the Council. It is hoped to display it in the Village Hall for all to see. Mr Evans thanked all those volunteers who have worked on the project by doing transcriptions. He also outlined the funding that the organisation has secured for use in the area such as for monitoring Bats, parish plans, preserving local films etc. They have also got funding of £2.4m from the Rural Development Agency for the Making It Local grant scheme.
  - b) Bio Diversity Audit findings  
Mr Evans presented the Council with a copy of the final report. Only 7 parishes in were lucky enough to benefit from the funds available to do this. A copy of the findings will be put on the website. Cllr Cannan was nominated and agreed to act as the Councils liaison with the AONB to secure follow up funding for project stemming from its conclusions. Cllrs Cannan and Dunford agreed to attend the next "Making It Local" advice meeting.  
Cllr Rapley again thanked Mr Evans for his help with this project.

5. Public Forum

Mrs Parker wished to make a presentation on a potential construction project at Axmouth Harbour. The Clerk advised that any opinions that the Councillors may give were purely personal and not those of the Parish Council. The meeting was adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 8.12pm.

Meeting resumed at 8.20pm.

6. Highways

- a) The imposition of a 7.5t weight limit on the B3172 from Boshill Cross to Axmouth Bridge was discussed at a recent HATOC meeting at Devon County Council. The Parish Council and District Councillor had not been notified of the meeting in time so were not permitted to make a formal presentation. After representations from Cllrs Thomas and Rapley and Knight this item has been deferred to the next HATOC meeting in March 2011. The Parish Council have produced a report rebutting many of the findings of the DCC report on the routing HGV's through Axmouth. This will now be considered. Cllr Rapley pointed out that the HATOC Committee minutes displayed on the DCC website do not note that they are minded to approve the weight restriction which they had in discussion. Cllr Thomas and Knight will ask for them to be corrected. Cllr Knight advised that there will now be a consultation process with Seaton and Colyford concerning the routing of HGV's. It was agreed that the Parish Council should continue their campaign for the weight limit.
- b) It was noted that the wooden post by the Bus Stop has been broken and need replacing and that one of the streetlights on Old Axmouth Bridge was not working. Clerk to contact DCC. It seems someone fell down to steps in the pavement at the front door of the Harbour Inn. Clerk to check who owns this section of footpath and contact Hall & Woodhouse. Clerk to chase progress on the dimming of streetlights in Axmouth.

7. Planning.

- a) To consider new planning applications.

Mr A Norcombe – Land to SW of Stedcombe Cottage. 10/0846/FUL. Construction of agricultural building. The Council supported this application.

- b) Any correspondence from EDDC.planning .

Notification has been received that plans will be received shortly and a meeting will have to be held before the next scheduled meeting. Date to be arranged.

- c) Local Development Plan

The Council approved the draft plan submitted by Cllr Cannan. Cllr Hall proposed and Cllr Dunford seconded. The Clerk will submit this to EDDC.

8. Financial Matters

- a) To receive the financial statement. No report was presented but will be circulated shortly by e mail. The bank statement was available for viewing.

- b) Cheques required

Audit Commission	£141.00	External Audit fee
Cllr Cannan	£19.98	Bulbs

- c) The items on the Fixed Asset register have been allocated to the Councillors and will be inspected shortly results to be advised to the Clerk.

9. Seaton Redevelopment  
Cllr Dunford advised the project is progressing and work on the pipeline will commence in February 2011.
10. S106 project
  - a) The Chairman reported that the terms of the lease for the playground in Chapel St may state it is only for children aged under 7. More research will be done into this.
  - b) Proposed viewing platform at Squires Lane. There will be a meeting with Savills on November 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss the proposed viewing platform at Squires Lane.
  - c) Proposed viewing platform at Coronation Corner. Cllr Irene Harrison agreed to take photos of Coronation Corner from the Estuary. Cllr Dunford is obtaining quotes for a platform and Cllr Cannan is contacting SWW.
11. Parish Plan  
A pdf version has been circulated to interested parties for review. It is hoped to produce a booklet in January 2011. Further discussion was deferred to the December meeting.
12. Axmouth Relief map  
The Clerk reported that the Curator of Seaton Museum has agreed to display the relief map and it is likely to be displayed initially at an exhibition in the Town Hall in December. The album of photos of architectural features of St Michaels may be in the Vestry. Clerk to liaise between the PCC and Museum Curator.
13. Councillors Reports
  - a) EDDC Councillor. Cllr Thomas advised that the spending review has resulted in a 28% real term cut in funding over the next 4 years and that there may be a Council Tax freeze. EDDC will be eligible for a housing bonus for the building of affordable housing in its area. He will be sending an article to the Parish Magazine shortly. He also advised about the free IT sessions at Rousden Village Hall on November 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - b) DCC Councillor. Cllr Knight advised that DCC needed to make budget cuts of £50m.
  - c) Parish Councillor. Cllr Dunford reported that the new bus timetable have been distributed. Cllr Hall reported on the Parish Magazine. Cllr Ken Steven reported that the Millennium Book has now had its display box completed by Mr Malcolm Harrison. Cllr Alan Harrison have very generously offered to cover the cost of this. Clerk to write to Mr Harrison to thank him and to the PCC to see if it can be displayed at the Church.
14. To accept any relevant correspondence.  
DALC newsletter  
Affordable Rural Housing – guide  
Clerks & Councils Direct - newsletter
15. Date of next meeting Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> December 2010

The meeting ended at 10.00pm