



# AXMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

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A virtual meeting of Axmouth Parish Council was held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021, at 7:00pm

## Those present:

Cllr Ken Steven      Cllr Morag Steven      Cllr Ron Badger (arrived 7:02)      Cllr Chris Garrett  
Cllr Graham Mather      Cllr Nigel Daniel (arrived 7:01)

**In attendance:** Becki Davey (Clerk), Cllr Ian Thomas (EDDC) and Cllr Ian Hall (DCC)

The Councillors were summoned to attend a meeting of the Axmouth Parish Council to discuss the following matters;

- 1) **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllr Paul Britton. Approved. (Nigel Daniel arrived 7:01)

Clerk confirmed that the meeting was quorate.

- 2) **Declarations of Interests:** Cllr Garrett declared an interest in item 6D as a member of the Axmouth Playground Committee.

- 3) **The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 18th November 2020:** The minutes were **approved**. *These will be signed as a true record at the next face to face meeting.* (Ron Badger arrived 7.02)

- 4) **Highway Matters including VAS (Vehicle Activated Signs) proposal and costs:** Axmouth Village Sign at the gateway for Axmouth is dirty. Cleaning this will be added to the duties for the next clean-up day.

VAS Signs: There has been communication between DCC Highways and the clerk regarding locations for the proposed VAS signs. It has been agreed by the Council that it is imperative that a sign be placed along Church Street. It seems that the only possible position for this is on the lamppost outside Marandellas but this could not use a solar unit and the Council would need to separately purchase a mains powered unit which then cannot be moved. The 2 warning signs (road narrowing & school) would need to be removed from the lamp column and erected on a new post. The Council would also need to pay for this and this would cost in the region of £3k. Cllr Hall advised the Council that he has allocated £3.5k towards the VAS scheme which will be divided between those Councils involved. The clerk advised that the balance for the CIL money could also be used to help with this project (currently around £2.4k). The Council agreed that if this scheme is to go ahead, then they would purchase the electric option on Marandellas and go for the joint

scheme for Chapel Street, with the sign being placed near the playground. Clerk to advise DCC of this.

Cllr Hall also advised the Council of another strand that he is hoping to put together of a 20mph trial scheme and confirmed that should the scheme go ahead, Axmouth will be considered to be included in the scheme. Councillors hoped that the VAS scheme will be up and running by as soon as possible, hopefully by early summer.

- 5) **Police Report:** No member of the police force was present. A newsletter had been circulated prior to the meeting.
- 6) **Financial Matters:** *(Unless stated otherwise, any items requiring signatures will be signed at the next face to face meeting)*
- a) **To approve the financial statements to the end December 2020:** Councillors **approved** the financial statement.
  - b) **To review third quarter budget:** Councillors reviewed and **approved** the third quarter budget.
  - c) **To discuss and approve budget and precept for 2021/2022:** Councillors discussed the proposed budget and precept. Following the discussion, Councillors agreed that the budget remain the same as 2020/2021 (£13660.00) and approved the precept to also remain the same as 2020/2021 (£12582.00) with the difference coming from reserves. This will mean a very slight increase to each household as the taxbase has reduced from 253 to 250. Councillors approved the purchase of a new laptop for the Council. The Clerk will provide the Councillors with details of the earmarked reserves.
  - d) **To consider grant request from Axmouth Playground Association for £500.00 towards maintenance and upkeep of the playground:** Cllr Garrett was not involved in this part of the meeting due to interests as a member of the Axmouth Playground Committee. Councillors discussed the application and **approved** the application. **ACTION: CLERK** to arrange payment.
  - e) **To approve the following payments**

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Blaze Concepts Ltd	Balance of New Website	BACS	1305.00

Councillors **approved** the above payments.

- 7) **Planning Applications: 20/2773/FUL - Crabhayne House, Axmouth, Seaton, EX12 4BW - Erect two domestic ground mounted solar arrays with a combined output of 18kW:** Councillors discussed the application and have no objections to the application. **ACTION: CLERK** to advise EDDC.
- 8) **To accept reports and agree actions from the following:**
- a) **County Councillor: Cllr Hall** attended the meeting. He had circulated a report prior to the meeting. Councillors thanked Cllr Hall for his report. Covid is still a high topic at DCC, more grant funding has been made available. It is a large challenge and hopefully more people will be vaccinated as soon as possible. The Axe Valley Health Forum has had to be put on the backburner again, but this is understandable.
  - b) **District Councillor: Cllr Thomas** attended the meeting. He had circulated a report prior to the meeting. See [www.trinitymatters.co.uk](http://www.trinitymatters.co.uk) for further information. Councillors thanked Cllr Thomas for the report. Covid is dominating. Cllr Thomas has been regularly adding updates to the Axmouth Together Facebook page. He believes officers are doing a fantastic job. EDDC

website includes a section specifically about covid-19 and resources available <https://eastdevon.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19>. The EDDC budget is very tight.

- c) **Parish Councillors:** Cllr N Daniel advised that a parishioner has raised concern about how slippery the viewing platform is. Cllrs agreed that chicken wire would be placed over the surface. They will carry out this task themselves.
- d) **Parish Clerk:** The clerk advised Councillors that the new website was up and running and she will be attending training shortly. The clerk also advised that the cork board on the noticeboard is in very poor condition. Cllr K Steven will ask Cllr P Britton to review.

9) **To accept any relevant correspondence:** All correspondence accepted.

**Next Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 7:00pm**

The meeting ended at 7:50

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Chairman: .....