



AXMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

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A virtual meeting of Axmouth Parish Council was held on Wednesday 18th November 2020, at 7:00pm

Those present:

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

In attendance: Becki Davey (Clerk), Cllr Ian Thomas (EDDC), Cllr Ian Hall (DCC) (arrived 7:02)

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

1) **Apologies:** No apologies were received from Cllr Nigel Daniel.

Clerk confirmed that the meeting was quorate.

2) **Declarations of Interests:** None declared (Cllr Mather arrived 7:01)

3) **The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 21st October 2020 and 28th October 2020 (planning):** The minutes were **approved**. *These will be signed as a true record at the next face to face meeting.* (Cllr Hall and Cllr Garrett arrived 7:02)

4) **Highway Matters including VAS (Vehicle Activated Signs) proposal and costs:** Cllr Hall had provided Councillors with possible costs of posts for the VAS. Cllr Hall explained about the VAS signs. Each Parish Council would have two posts, positioning coordinated by DCC Highways officer Dave Ashford. The aim is for the signs to be moved around the Axminster division to keep the motorist aware and not cause sign blindness. They are solar panelled. The signs cost around £3k each and the posts are about £350 each. Cllr Hall would hopefully contribute about £3k towards the costs using his Locality Budget and the Parish Councils would need to fund the rest. **ACTION: CLERK** to email Cllr Hall, Dave Ashford (DCC Highways) and Amanda Pitchford (DCC Highways) to confirm the Council's interest in principle.

Cllr K Steven asked about the 20mph in Chapel Street. Cllr Hall confirmed that there are no tests being used at the moment but he is watching the trial in Newton Abbot with interest. Councillors believed that with there being a play area and no pavement along the street that it automatically qualifies for a 20mph limit. Cllr Hall will keep the parish council updated with the trial.

ACTION: CLERK to forward the email about the pavement in front of the RPM forecourt to the Seaton DCC Highways officer.

The Clerk had contacted DCC Highways about the verge along Chapel Street encroaching on to the road and damaging the road surface, requesting that DCC arrange to have this cleared. DCC has advised that there are unfortunately not enough funds to cover works such as this during the remainder of this financial year. Councillors considered whether it would be possible for them to arrange for someone to carry out the works this year (without prejudice and precedent). **ACTION: CLERK** to contact DCC to see if this would be acceptable and how they would recommend the works be completed. Clerk to also chase the owners of Sunnyside and Southcombe Farm about their hedges along Chapel Street.

5) **Police Report:** No member of the police force was present. A report had been circulated prior to the meeting advising there had been one crime reported in October.

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 October 2020:** Councillors **approved** the financial statement.

b) **To discuss budget items for 2021/2022:** Councillors discussed budget items in readiness for the budget and precept to be discussed during the next Council meeting in January 2021.

c) **To approve the following payments**

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Axmouth Village Hall	Hall Hire (Jan & Feb 2020)	BACS	28.00
Parish Online	Annual Subscription	BACS	36.00

Councillors **approved** the above payments.

7) **Co-option vacancy:** The Clerk advised Councillors that a poster is on the noticeboard and website but no-one has been in contact to date. Councillors are also speaking to local residents to ascertain interest.

8) **Planning Applications:** 20/2451/TRE: The Granary Axmouth Seaton EX12 4BL: T1 - Oak - Reduction in height and crown spread by 3m, due to overhanging shed and dropping branches. T2 - Ash - Removal of limb on Southern side of canopy growing towards T1 due to defect: Councillors considered the above application. They have no objection. **ACTION: CLERK** to advise EDDC. Councillors are disappointed to hear of the response from EDDC planning about the summer house within the curtilage of Bridge Cottage. **ACTION: CLERK** to forward information to Cllr Thomas to discuss with EDDC.

9) **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. No questions were raised by Councillors. Councillors thanked Cllr Hall for the report. Axe Valley Health Forum have a meeting on 26.11.2020 which Cllr Hall will provide an update from at the next Parish Council meeting.

b) **District Councillor: Cllr Thomas** attended the meeting. He had circulated a report prior to the meeting. See www.trinitymatters.co.uk for further information. No questions were raised by Councillors. Councillors thanked Cllr Thomas for the report.

c) **Parish Councillors:** Cllr M Steven has undammed the brook at Coronation Corner due to the recent weather. This will need monitoring and clearing properly soon.

d) **Parish Clerk:** A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Accepted.

10) To accept any relevant correspondence: All correspondence accepted.

Next Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 20th January 2021 at 7:00pm

The meeting ended at 7:48

Date:

Chairman: