



AXMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

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A virtual meeting of Axmouth Parish Council was held on Wednesday 21st October 2020, at 7:00pm

Those present:

Cllr Ken Steven Cllr Morag Steven Cllr Ron Badger Cllr Chris Garrett Cllr Paul Britton
Cllr Nigel Daniel Cllr Graham Mather

In attendance: Becki Davey (Clerk)

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 Ian Hall (DCC) and Cllr Ian Thomas (EDDC). Approved.

Clerk confirmed that the meeting was quorate.

- 2) **Declarations of Interests:** Cllrs K Steven and G Mather declared an interest in 6d as they are both members of the village hall committee.
- 3) **The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 16th September 2020:** The minutes were **approved**. They will be signed as a true record at the next face to face meeting.

- 4) **Highway Matters:** Councillors have received concern about the parking at RPM motors as they use the whole area right up to the double yellow lines on the road. **ACTION: CLERK** to find out who owns the area.

Cllr Badger has carried out a survey on the posts along Church Street. Cllr K Steven advised that the one outside no 38 are hopefully being dealt with by Highways and the one outside no 42 has been repaired.

Cllr M Steven raised the issue of the overgrowth along the whole of Chapel Street. The Clerk advised that she has contacted Bindon to ask them to clear their hedges, however, Cllr M Steven also confirmed that it is also the verges which are narrowing the highway. **ACTION: CLERK** to contact DCC Highways to get them to look into this.

Cllr Britton is concerned about the traffic on Chapel Street, both the increased quantity and speed. He requested that the Council consider requesting a 20MPH speed limit along Chapel Street. There is a playground in Chapel Street and no pavement so the requirements for a speed limit are met.

ACTION: CLERK to contact Cllr I Hall.

Cllr Ian Hall had sent an email prior to the meeting proposing an initiative where Parish Councils within the district purchase some VAS signs (Vehicle Activated Signs). Councillors considered the

proposal. **ACTION: CLERK** to contact Cllr Hall and advise that the Parish Council are interested in being part of the initiative and would like to understand more about the costings when they are available.

Cllr K Steven advised that there are two broken posts by the brook in Chapel Street. Cllrs will investigate to see if they can be repaired or replaced (DCC Highways do not consider them a safety feature and therefore not under their remit) and also to consider proposing a kerb be placed alongside the brook.

5) **Police Report:** No member of the police force was present. A report had been circulated prior to the meeting advising there had been no crimes reported in September. **ACTION: CLERK** to email PC Spears to see if the reports can continue or if not, could he advise the Clerk as to where the information can be accessed in the future.

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

b) **To review the first half year budget:** Councillors reviewed the budget and were pleased with the current situation. Cllr Mather will chase the invoice for the Village Hall hire for January & February.

c) **To confirm new bank signatories:** Clerk confirmed that now Glenn Hyde was no longer a Councillor a new bank signatory was required. Cllr Paul Britton had agreed to become one and has signed and posted the necessary forms to Lloyds.

d) **To consider a grant request from Axmouth Village Hall Committee for £75.00 towards the Christmas tree, ornaments and electricity costs:** *Cllrs K Steven and G Mather were not involved during this section of the meeting.* Cllr N Daniel chaired the meeting at this point. Cllrs **approved** the application. **ACTION: CLERK** to make the payment via BACS. Cllr K Steven continued to chair the meeting.

e) **To consider a donation to the RBL Poppy Appeal:** Councillors wished to purchase a wreath for £17.00. Councillors **agreed** to purchase the wreath. **ACTION: CLERK** to arrange payment.

f) **To approve the following payments**

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Malcolm Gill Machinery	Lawnmower repairs	BACS	98.00
Bradforths Building Supplies	Footpath Maintenance	BACS	11.27
Blaze Concepts Ltd	Deposit for new website	BACS	1305.00

Councillors **approved** the above payments.

The Clerk asked that the additional payments of the grant (6d) and donation (6e) also be approved. The Clerk also advised Councillors that the annual Insurance Premium had been paid on 4th September 2020 for £621.09.

Councillors **approved** the additional payments.

7) **Co-option vacancy:** The Clerk advised that EDDC have advised that as no petition has been received regarding either vacancy (Ian Hunt or Glenn Hyde) then Axmouth Parish Council may now look to co-opt Councillors. **ACTION: CLERK** to advertise the vacancy on the noticeboard and website.

8) **Outcome of clean-up day:** Cllr K Steven was disappointed that there wasn't many volunteers at the last clean-up day but they were able to complete one or two jobs. It has been suggested that a

green bin be purchased and placed outside the village hall for waste between clean-up days. The Clerk has contacted EDDC and is awaiting their response. Councillors **approved** the purchase of a green bin.

- 9) **Planning Applications:** 20/2236/FUL - Cringleford Cottage Stepps Lane Axmouth Seaton - Construction of a replacement dwelling and detached single storey double garage. Councillors considered the application. Councillors felt that there was not enough information provided on the materials or location within the plan and asked for further information. **ACTION: CLERK** to ask for more information and to advise EDDC that Councillors object to this planning application for the following reasons: Councillors felt that the property was overbearing within the area as the majority within close proximity are single storey dwellings. There will be a loss of sunlight for neighbouring properties and a loss of trees. Layout and density of building design; the design of the building is not sympathetic to the neighbouring properties including the roof design and lack of rendering.
- 10) **Future of Axmouth Playground:** Cllr Britton confirmed that there were now enough volunteers for the Playground Association to continue. They had a meeting immediately before the Parish Council meeting. Cllr Britton requested that the Council consider becoming responsible for the Playground. This would mean that the Playground Association was dissolved and instead become a working group for the Council. Members of the working group would not need to be Councillors. After a long discussion, Councillors put this matter to a vote. The majority of Councillors voted for the playground to come into the Councils control. The Clerk will contact the Playground Association explaining what needs to be done, including them obtaining permission from the landowners that they are happy that a new lease be prepared between themselves and the Parish Council.
- 11) **To accept reports and agree actions from the following:**
- a) **County Councillor: Cllr Hall** was unable to attend the meeting. A report had been circulated prior to the meeting.
 - b) **District Councillor: Cllr Thomas** was unable to attend the meeting. A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. See www.trinitymatters.co.uk for information.
 - c) **Parish Councillors:** Cllr N Daniel advised that larger 'tombstoning' signs are now on the harbour. **ACTION: CLERK** to write to the Harbour Master thanking them for installing the larger signs.
 - b) **Parish Clerk:** The Clerk advised Councillors that work to the new website was underway and that the owner of Atlasta has been in touch and they will remove the tree that is blocking the footpath as soon as possible. Clerk advised them of this. Councillors believe that it has already been removed.
- 12) **To accept any relevant correspondence:** All correspondence accepted.

Next Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 18th November 2020 at 7:00pm

The meeting ended at

Date:

Chairman: