



# AXMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

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A virtual meeting of Axmouth Parish Council was held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021, at 7:00pm

## Those present:

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

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

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

- 1) **Apologies:** None received – all present (Cllr Badger arrived 7:01)

Clerk confirmed that the meeting was quorate.

- 2) **Declarations of Interests:** None declared

- 3) **The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021:** The minutes were **approved**. *These will be signed as a true record at the next face to face meeting.*

- 4) **Highway Matters including VAS (Vehicle Activated Signs) proposal and costs:** Councillors discussed the issues with the traffic problems within the village. Cllr Hall advised that he is hoping to include Axmouth as part of a 20mph trial scheme. He advised that there are funds ring-fenced for the VAS scheme and Councillors must agree with the placement of the sign. The clerk also brought correspondence from Mr Winder who has had his property damaged by another high vehicle to the Council's attention. Councillors discussed options, such as rumble strips along Pound Hill, (although there was concern over the noise these would emit) or a platform at the entrance to Chapel Street. Councillors wondered if it was possible for a warning sign to be placed at Pound Hill to advise drivers that there is a VAS sign ahead. Councillors agreed that they want the VAS sign to be placed at Marandellas as a permanent site and for a mobile VAS sign to be placed in the Car Park of the Ship Inn, subject to the approval of the landowner. The Clerk is also to check on the positioning of the VAS sign along Chapel Street.

The road at Higher Axmouth can freeze all across the road as there is water coming from the Spring up above causing traffic issues and hazards. Councillors asked for Dave Ashford to investigate. The Chair will send the photographs to Cllr Ian Hall and Dave Ashford including the What Three Words. Councillors agreed to purchase an additional grit bin to place near the area of

concern.

Councillors have also been advised that the ditches in Higher Lane are full of silt and need clearing. Clerk to contact Dave Ashford again regarding this to see if Highways are able to assist with the clearing of the ditches.

- 5) **Police Report:** No member of the police force was present.
- 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 January 2021:** Councillors **approved** the financial statement.
- b) **To approve payment to Axmouth Playground Association of £1385.76 S106 monies received from EDDC towards the new playground equipment.** Councillors approved the payment.
- c) **To approve the following payments**

			£
Dell	New Laptop	BACS	749.00

Councillors agreed that once the Clerk has transferred all of the data from the old laptop for it to be taken to Seaton Computers to wipe and then be donated to the local school for use by the children.

Councillors **approved** the above payment.

- 7) **Planning Applications:** None received. There have been more applications in so Councillors agreed to hold a Planning meeting next Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021 @ 7pm.
- 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 - available on the Parish Council's Website [Cllr-Hall-report-Feb-2021.pdf](http://axmouthparishcouncil.co.uk) ([axmouthparishcouncil.co.uk](http://axmouthparishcouncil.co.uk)). No questions were raised by Councillors. Councillors thanked Cllr Hall for the report. Cllr Hall also advised he has had a zoom meeting with Alison Hernandez (Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon & Cornwall) & Neil Parish (MP for Tiverton & Honiton District) where the police reports were discussed. He is having a meeting with the East Devon Police Inspector next week and asked Councillors if they had any questions they would like raised. Councillors wanted to see a more Parish specific report and also liked it when Police Officers attended the meetings.
- NHS social care: Advantageous that already have a framework in place with the Triangular Health Forum.
- Broadband: Cllr Hall discussed this with Neil Parish; it is still not up to scratch. AirBand are the contractors connecting Devon & Somerset going forward but there are still issues.
- 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. No questions were raised by Councillors. Councillors thanked Cllr Thomas for the report. Cllr Thomas also advised that EDDC are in the process of the creating the budget. There are many pressures but a balanced budget will be submitted. There will be an increase in the general revenue fund to just under £16m. Cllr Thomas reminded Councillors that EDDC only receives about 8% of the Council Tax

they collect. DCC receive more than 20%. There is a £5 increase in the EDDC element of Council Tax across the board.

Carbon plan for Devon: As part of the Climate Change Emergency Declaration, EDDC & DCC pledged to net carbon zero by 2050 at the latest with an interim reduction of 50% by 2030. A number of objectives have been proposed but seem to be more general statements.

Local Plan: Consultation ends on 15.03.2021. Clerk to add as an agenda item to the planning meeting next week.

Covid grant requests: Another tranche of funding is available. See EDDC website [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - East Devon](#)

- c) **Parish Councillors:** Cllr K Steven has been in contact with the Village Show Committee to advise that it has been 5 years since the de-fibrillator was put in place and, as agreed, it is now the Council's responsibility to check and maintain it. Cllr Steven has asked if the current person who is maintaining it (carrying out a weekly check) would like to continue to do so. Then, should anything be required, the Council will pay for them.  
Cllr Daniel advised that a section of the Harbour Wall is getting very porous with water pouring out of it. It is part of the hold the line section under the Beach Management Plan and if the section of the wall collapses, then the track to the river mouth will be lost and the base of the cliff would become exposed. Clerk to contact the Harbour Master to advise him of the Council's concerns and recommend that some remedial work is carried out to encase the wall to prevent collapse.
- d) **Parish Clerk:** A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Accepted. Councillors agreed for the Clerk to purchase Microsoft Office 365 and to join the Council up to the green bin scheme.

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

**Next Parish Council Meeting (Planning) Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 7:00pm, next Parish Council Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7:00pm**

The meeting ended at 8:18

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Chairman: .....