



AXMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

CLERK:
BECKI DAVEY
2 WESSITERS
SEATON
EX12 2PJ
TEL: 07895 910543

A virtual meeting of Axmouth Parish Council was held on Wednesday 17th March 2021, at 7:00pm

Those present:

Cllr Ken Steven Cllr Morag Steven Cllr Ron Badger 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

Clerk confirmed that the meeting was quorate.

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

3) **The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 17th February 2021 and 24th February 2021 (Planning):** 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) and 20 mph trial update:** Cllr K Steven advised that the wooden posts on Church Street have been fixed and wished to thank the contractors – they have done an excellent job and have cleaned up behind them well. Cllr Garrett confirmed that she spoke to them at the time and thanked them.
Councillors agreed that the suggested temporary VAS sign at The Ship Inn not be done but to concentrate on the permanent sign outside Marandellas. **ACTION:** Clerk to confirm this with DCC Highways.
Cllr Hall advised that there is no current update on the 20mph trial. He will provide an update when he receives one.
A post has been ripped out of Chapel Street again (this has been replaced) and Councillors wondered if a solution could be possibly placing kerb stones outside of the posts. **ACTION:** Clerk to speak to DCC Highways to see if this would be possible.
Cllr Britton advised that he has been contacted by the owners of the stables at Church Street which come out straight on to Church Street where there is no footpath, they have recently been involved in near misses between the horses and vehicles when they try to leave the stables.

ACTION: Cllr Hall will add this to the 20mph trial details as this is another important reason for Axmouth to be included in the 20mph trial.

Cllr Daniel confirmed that the grit bin has arrived and he has put some salt in it. **ACTION:** Clerk to contact DCC to add to their grit re-fill list.

Cllr Daniel confirmed the spring source comes from behind No 2 Rose Cottage. He has spoken with the owner who is currently undertaking renovation works and will try to get it duct away.

- 5) **Police Report:** Cllr Hall advised that he has had a meeting with Inspector John Gate who is the new inspector for East Devon to discuss the reports and visiting Parish Council meetings.
- 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 February 2021:** Councillors **approved** the financial statement. Cllr Garrett asked about checking the finances as a non-bank signatory as this had not been done for 2020/21 due to covid restrictions. The Clerk advised that she will provide this after 31.03.2021 so the whole years' finances are available for checking.
- b) **To confirm Internal Auditor for 20/21 accounts:** Clerk advised that Trudie Jenkins is available to audit the accounts again. Her charge would be £139.00. Councillors discussed and approved the appointment.
- c) **To approve the following payments**

			£
Microsoft	Office365 Subscription	BACS	79.99
ICO	Annual Data Protection Registration Fee	DD	35.00
EDDC	Green Waste Subscription	D/C	48.00
Roadware	Grit Bin for Higher Axmouth	D/C	95.94
Bradfords	Maintenance Items	BACS	38.35

The Clerk also asked for the following payments to be approved

Mr P Ives	Picnic Benches	BACS	300.00
SLCC	Half membership	BACS	72.00
Playsafety ltd	Annual Playground Inspection	BACS	90.60
M Steven	Maintenance Items	BACS	136.97

Councillors **approved** the above payment.

- 7) **Planning Applications:** 21/0191/FUL | Axcliff Golf Club Axmouth Seaton EX12 4AB | New water borehole. Councillors discussed the application. The Council have no objection but would like it confirmed that they do not exceed the proposed amount of water supply and it does not affect the volume of water to the brook.
- 8) **Coronation Green update:** Cllr K Steven advised that two additional picnic benches (built by Mr P Ives) have been treated and put on the green to replace the rotten ones. Cllr K Steven also advised that a donation has been received for £100 from Mr B Clark from the village towards the cost of the benches. Cllr K Steven has written to thank him. The last remaining bench that is in disrepair will be removed which will leave four benches on the green.
Cllr K Steven has advised that some repairs will be carried out on the platform shortly including

non-slip matting being put in position.

Cllr Daniel advised that there is some damp in the information board under the Perspex so the Perspex should be replaced. Councillors agreed for this to be done. **ACTION:** Cllr Daniel to arrange. Cllr M Steven advised that the metal birds along the fence are getting rusty. Councillors to repaint.

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 - available on the Parish Council's Website [Cllr-Hall-report-Feb-2021.pdf](#) **CHANGE TO MARCH.** (axmouthparishcouncil.co.uk). No questions were raised by Councillors. Councillors thanked Cllr Hall for the report.
- b) **District Councillor: Cllr Thomas** attended the meeting. He will circulate a report after the meeting - see www.trinitymatters.co.uk for further information. Cllr Thomas was disappointed to hear of the serious issues regarding allegations of bullying at EDDC which have come to light following a recent staff survey. The purpose of the Scrutiny Committee is to be a 'critical friend' and to hold the Cabinet to account which he believes to not be happening. He reassured Councillors that him and his independent colleagues are not involved with the new administration and this issue cannot be ignored. Cllr Hall confirmed that it was an uncomfortable meeting to attend and confirmed that he too is not letting the matter go.
- c) **Parish Councillors:** Cllr Britton advised that the horse riders who were using the footpath have been advised that they should not be using it and confirmed that will no longer do so. The horse riders advised that they did so as they were unable to use the bridle path due to a car blocking the entrance. Cllr Daniel confirmed that he and Cllr K Steven have spoken to the owner of the vehicle who advised that they always ensure they leave room as he is aware that horses use it, but a guest may have parked awkwardly. They will remind their guests to park appropriately.
Cllr Britton asked the Clerk to find out if owners of properties in Chapel Street are paying their Council Tax bills. The Clerk advised that it is possible to find out if a property has a tax band but
Cllr M Steven suggested that the next Clean-Up date be agreed. Councillors agreed to the date of 26.06.2021. Cllr M Steven will create and display notices confirming this date asking for volunteers. Cllr Britton asked that the playground be included in the next clean-up day should there be enough volunteers. Cllr Britton also confirmed that he will need help for the Noticeboard repairs as it is too heavy to do by himself. Cllr K Steven and Cllr Badger offered to help.
Cllr Daniel advised that the footpath project is still underway, there is one last land registry search to be completed. Councillors **approved** that this be arranged.
There are a few issues on some of the footpaths. **ACTION:** Councillor Daniel will contact DCC P3 regarding these.
Cllr Mather confirmed that the new Green Bin has been delivered by EDDC and is situated in the Village Hall Car Park.
Cllr Badger advised that the gate next to Spring Cottage (bottom of footpath 6) requires repair. **ACTION:** Clerk to contact Bindon to ask that this be repaired.
- 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 21st April 2021 at 7:00pm

The meeting ended at 8:02

Date:

Chairman: