



# AXMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

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**A meeting of Axmouth Parish Council was held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021, at 7:00pm at Axmouth Village Hall**

**Those present:**

Cllr Ken Steven      Cllr Morag Steven      Cllr Chris Garrett      Cllr Ron Badger      Cllr Nigel Daniel

**In attendance:** Becki Davey (Clerk), Cllr I Thomas (EDDC) and one member of the public (left 7:07pm)

- 1) **Apologies:** Were received from Cllr Britton – holiday, Cllr Mathers – holiday, Cllr I Hall - work.  
Approved.

Clerk confirmed that the meeting was quorate.

- 2) **Declarations of Interests:** Cllr Garrett advised she was a member of the Playground Association (agenda item 10).
- 3) **The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 & 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021 (planning):** The minutes were **approved**.

*At this point, it was agreed to discuss Agenda item 10 to enable the member of the public to leave the meeting early. (Member of the public left 7:07pm)*

- 4) **Introducing Airband – a talk by Airband representatives:** Unfortunately, the representative was unable to attend. It was proposed that a separate virtual meeting take place at a later date. **ACTION: CLERK** to contact Airband.

- 5) **Highway Matters including Car Park at the bottom of Squires Lane:** Cllr Hall was unable to attend the meeting.  
The clerk advised that DCC Highways would not grant permission for 'No Parking' to be sprayed along the pavement by the bottom of Squires Lane (It is planned to have this whole footway slurry sealed this year). A lot of highway signs (aluminium) are being stolen and it was suggested that perhaps a non-metal sign be erected instead. **ACTION: CLERK** to check what the last sign was made of.

There are loose kerb edge stones within along the edge of the Squires Lane car park that require resetting. **ACTION: CLERK** to report.

The streetlight outside Marandellas has recently failed and when SSE attended they found that both it and the column were quite badly deteriorated. The control gear in the lantern had totally burnt out and due to the age of its spares are no longer available. A replacement is on order so the light that is currently there is only a temporary measure.

Hedges within the village are overgrown again especially by the postbox at the top of the village and the footpaths and bridleways especially Barns Close Lane (19) and Higher Barn track (6). **ACTION: CLERK** to report to Bindon and ask when the hedges within the village will be cut.

The pavement outside 2 Coombe Villas has been damaged as well as the edging of the brook by the Forge. **ACTION: CLERK** to contact Highways to see what can be done.

Councillors also questioned why there is new 'skid risk' signage at Boshill Cross coming from both Musbury & Axmouth directions. **ACTION: CLERK** to ask Highways.

- 6) **Police Report:** No member of the force was present. A report had been received advising that 3 crimes (1 Drug offence, 1 burglary & 1 theft) and 5 Incidents (1 crime related & 4 Transport) were recorded in June and 1 incident (public safety) recorded in July to date.
- 7) **Review Fixed Assets:** Some of the Councillors have reviewed the fixed assets within the Parish, but not all. It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.
- 8) **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 June 2021: Councillors **approved** the financial statement.
- d) To approve the following payments

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Mr G Mathers	Reimburse Maintenance Items	BACS	18.95

The Clerk asked for one additional payment:

Mrs R Davey	Reimburse Stationery Items	BACS	2.99
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Councillors **approved** the above payments.

- 9) **Planning Applications:**  
**New applications for consideration:** No new applications have been received.  
Cllr Steven highlighted a letter received from the owner of 39 Church Street regarding the Councillors comments on their planning application. It was agreed to ask EDDC to remove the final sentence as it is not a planning consideration. **ACTION: CLERK** to respond to the applicant to confirm that EDDC have been contacted and that a meeting is not required.
- 10) **Future of Axmouth Playground:** Not all of the Councillors were in attendance, and as this was reason it was deferred last time, it was agreed that this be added to the next agenda.

- 11) **Brook Maintenance:** Red top posts have been placed alongside the brook which indicates that the area will not be mown. This was trialled back in 2014 but has been mown ever since. The brook cannot be maintained unless the area is mown which means it may get blocked and cause flooding. There is also concern over the line of sight for drivers approaching the playground from the East. **ACTION: CLERK** to contact Highways to request they be removed and the verge continue to be mown.
- 12) **Clean-Up Day Report and Future Dates:** The last Clean-Up day was held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2021. There were fewer volunteers than normal but a lot of work was still done including the culvert by the play area being cleared. Thanks to EDDC Streetscene for clearing up the resultant waste so quickly and efficiently. It was agreed that the next clear-up day be Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September. **ACTION: CLLR M STEVEN** to create and display a poster.
- 13) 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 to all Councillors prior to the meeting.
  - b) **District Councillor: Cllr Thomas** attended the meeting. He had circulated a report to all Councillors prior to the meeting. See [trinitymatters.co.uk](http://trinitymatters.co.uk) for more information. At an EGM of EDDC, to be held on Monday 26th July 2021 Cllr Thomas, as Chair of the council, will bring forward a proposal to temporarily revert from 'in person' to 'virtual' meetings, until January 2022. Reflecting the current legislation, these meeting will be 'consultative' only with all final decisions delegated to Senior Officers. Cllr Thomas is proposing this change to protect the health and well-being of all Members, Officers and public associated with the council, in the light of the rapid increase in COVID cases.
  - c) **Parish Councillors: Cllr Daniel** is concerned over Jet Skis using the estuary. The estuary is a Marine Conservation zone and it is illegal to use Jet Skis on it. (They are banned from the estuary and Harbour). They are accessing the estuary opposite Squires Lane. **ACTION: CLERK** to contact the Harbour Master about a possible bollard and to ascertain ownership of the area of land. Clerk to also ask the Harbour Master for an update on the engineers visit concerning the Harbour Wall and possible repairs. **Cllr Badger** asked at what stage the 20mph trial was at. **ACTION: CLERK** to ask Cllr I Hall for an update.
  - d) **Parish Clerk:** No report.
- 14) To accept any relevant correspondence: All correspondence accepted. The Clerk advised Councillors of an additional email regarding the slipway opposite Squires Lane. **ACTION: CLERK** to email back advising that it is not a public slipway and therefore the suggested signage would not be erected.

**Next Parish Council Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7:00pm**

The meeting ended at 7:56

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Chairman: .....