



# AXMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

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**A meeting of Axmouth Parish Council was held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021, at 7:00pm at Axmouth Village Hall**

## **Those present:**

CLr Ken Steven            CLr Nigel Daniel            CLr Morag Steven            CLr Graham Mather  
CLr Ron Badger            CLr Chris Garrett

**In attendance:** Becki Davey (Clerk), CLr I Thomas (EDDC) and one member of the public (left 7:10)

- 1) **Apologies:** Were received from CLr J Wiseman – Work, CLr P Zisman – Family, CLr P Britain – Holiday & CLr I Hall (DCC) - Ill. Approved.

The meeting was quorate.

- 2) **Declarations of Interests:** Both CLr Mather & CLr K Steven declared an interest as members of the Village Hall Committee (item 6 c) and CLr Garrett declared an interest as a member of the Playground Association (item 9)
- 3) **The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021:** The minutes were **approved** and signed.
- 4) **Highway Matters including results from VAS:** CLr Mather advised that the VAS has been collected by Musbury Parish Council. When Axmouth collects it next time it will be put up on the other side of the road and the data will be collected.  
DCC have visited Higher Lane to look at the blocked ditch as requested by the Parish Council. They advised that the pipe is clear at the top and they have removed a little debris from the bottom. They also advise that the ditches aren't too bad but are the adjacent landowners responsibility. The culverts under the driveway are the same, and need to be cleared out as this is preventing, in part, the flow of water which will subsequently mean debris backing up in the ditch too. **ACTION: CLLR DANIEL** to advise the concerned residents of Higher Lane.  
Councillors wondered if it would be possible for a Single Track sign to be placed either side of the new footpath outside the church & village hall. **ACTION: CLLR BADGER** to send Clerk examples to forward to DCC.
- 5) **Police Report:** No member of the force was present. A report had been received advising that 0 crimes had been recorded in October 2021. There had been 6 incidents recorded; 1 Public Safety and 5 Transport.

6) Financial Matters:

- a) To approve the financial statements to the end October 2021: Councillors **approved** the financial statement.
- b) To review the budget to date and discuss the budget for 2022/23 in preparation for setting the precept: Councillors reviewed the 2021/22 budget to date and considered budget areas for the coming year. Councillors are considering keeping the precept the same. The final precept figure will be agreed at the January meeting.
- c) To consider the grant request from Axmouth Village Hall for £75.00 towards the Christmas decoration of the Village Hall: (Cllrs Mather & K Steven were not involved in this discussion). Cllr Daniel took control of this agenda item. Councillors discussed and **approved** the grant request. **ACTION: CLERK** to arrange payment.
- d) **Royal British Legion Wreath Payment:** Councillors agreed to a payment of £17.00 towards a poppy wreath. **ACTION: CLERK** to arrange payment.
- e) To approve the following payments:

Blaze Concepts Ltd	Annual Hosting, Maintenance & Domain Fee	BACS	£552.00
Parish Online	Annual Membership	BACS	£ 36.00
Mrs R Davey	Reimburse Stationery items	BACS	£ 33.00

Councillors **approved** the above payments.

7) Planning Applications:

**New applications for consideration: 21/2379/FUL | Higher Barn Axmouth EX12 4AZ | Conversion of existing barn to residential use and replacement of existing agricultural building – Amended plans:** Councillors discussed the amendments to the plans and have no objections. **ACTION: CLERK** to advise EDDC.

Two further applications have been received since the agenda was displayed;

**21/2996/TRE | Stepps Barton Stepps Lane Axmouth Seaton EX12 4AS | Magnolia T5.**

**DESCRIPTION OF WORKS: (a) removal of rear stem down to 1.5m above ground level. (b) reduction of crown by approximately 30% (from 9m down to 6.5m). REASONS FOR WORK: (1) The removal of the rear stem closest to the house will make space for easier and safer access to windows, roof, gutters, fascia, and soffits. (2) By removing branches overhanging the roof, we will allow more light to reach the roof, which will deter the regrowth of moss once it has been removed and treated. (3) By reducing the crown by 30% we will reduce the degree to which the view of the house is dominated by the tree and manage the spread of its influence on the house above and below ground:** Councillors discussed the application. They have no objections. **ACTION: CLERK** to advise EDDC.

**21/2980/TRE | Stedcombe House Axmouth Seaton EX12 4BJ | Cedar (T1) - fell due to low amenity value. Replant with native species in same position approximately 1.5m in height. Ash (T2) - fell due to low amenity value and Ash dieback. Replant with native species in same position approximately 1.5m in height:** Councillors discussed the application. They have no objections. **ACTION: CLERK** to advise EDDC.

- 8) **The Queens Jubilee:** Councillors suggested that the Parish Council contact groups and organisations within the village to see if they would be interested in being involved in a joint venture to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee: Football Club, Yacht Club, Golf Club, Friends of

St Michaels church, Village Hall Committee, PCC, Village Show. **ACTION: CLERK** to contact the different groups and organisations.

- 9) **The Terms of Reference for Playground Working Group:** Terms of reference for this new working group had been prepared by the Clerk. They were approved by the Council and will be adopted once responsibility for the Playground is with the Council. The Clerk will contact the landlord and request that the lease be for 25 years.
- 10) **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. A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. See [trinitymatters.co.uk](http://trinitymatters.co.uk) for information. Councillors questioned whether there had been in anyone in mind to operate the Seaton Jurassic Centre when it was being proposed. Cllr Thomas believes that there was no-one at the time but DWT were selected once the concept had already been approved and begun.
  - c) **Parish Councillors:** Cllr K Steven advised that the anti-slip repair has been completed on the viewing platform. Whilst the work was being carried out, damage to the platform was noted which will need to be repaired. Cllr Daniel wished a letter of thanks be passed to EDDC for the repairs to the harbour wall. He also advised that the Village hedges have been cut. Thanks to Bindon.
  - d) **Clerk's report:** The Clerk presented a report at the meeting. Councillors approved the funding of some defibrillator training. **ACTION: CLERK** to advise J Stansfield who will arrange the training.
- 11) **To accept any relevant correspondence:** All correspondence accepted.

**Next Parish Council Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7:00pm**

The meeting ended at 8:17

Date: .....

Chairman: .....