



AXMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting of Axmouth Parish Council was held on Wednesday 16th February 2022, at 7:00pm at Axmouth Village Hall

Those present:

Cllr Ken Steven	Cllr Nigel Daniel	Cllr Morag Steven	Cllr Graham Mather
Cllr Ron Badger	Cllr Chris Garrett	Cllr Paul Zisman	Cllr Jonathan Wiseman

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

- 1) Apologies: Cllr P Britton (Away). Accepted.

The meeting was quorate.

- 2) Declarations of Interests: None
- 3) The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 19th January 2022: The minutes were **approved** and signed.
- 4) **Highway Matters:** Traffic counters were on near Axmouth Bridge and another at the top of Steps Lane recently. Councillors asked if it was possible to obtain the results (& a comparison if possible). **ACTION: CLERK** to ask DCC. There has also been a police speed gun on the Riverside. **ACTION: CLERK** to ask Police if the Council is able to see results. Councillors asked if there was an update on the request to have single track signage either side of the footpath outside the church. The Clerk advised that DCC said this was not possible. The clerk has asked if it would be permissible if the Council were to pay for the signage. No response has been received to date **ACTION: CLERK** to chase. Councillors asked how the 20 mph trial request was progressing. Cllr Hall confirmed that expression of interest for Axmouth to be included in the trial was placed very early on. The Newton Abbot trial has been completed and they have asked that it not all be 20 mph but instead for zones to be created near the vulnerable (schools, residential care homes etc). Letters will be sent to the clerks in the district when the project has progressed. Cllr Hall advised that when the forum comes through to the Parish Council both he and the Council need to make sure the 20mph can be justified. Need to provide evidence that the 20 mph is necessary (Church, Village Hall, 2 pubs, school bus stops outside and opposite the Ship). The whole stretch of Chapel Street right to the gateway should be considered. He will work together with the Clerk to get this information in as early as possible. The village is one of the main area gateways for visitors and tourists alike. Councillors asked if the junction with Chapel Street could be included. Cllr Hall confirmed he has been in contact with DCC to keep this issue in

the minds of the officers. There was no update for light no 6 which is still not working, the issue is showing as unresolved on the DCC website ([Devon Street Lighting Services | Report a fault with an item \(lightsonindevon.co.uk\)](http://Devon Street Lighting Services | Report a fault with an item (lightsonindevon.co.uk))). Cllr Mather confirmed that the temporary VAS has been installed once again in Chapel Street. Cllr Mather has the data cable and software to download at the end of the time to collate the data. Councillors asked about the permanent VAS for Church Street. **ACTION:** CLERK to request an update from DCC. Councillors advised that the posts outside Haven Cottage (Chapel Street) have fallen down (3 wooden posts) so the brook has no barrier and one is also missing in Church Street by no 39. These are both Health & Safety issues. **ACTION: CLERK** to report to DCC.

5) Financial Matters:

- a) To approve the financial statements to the end January 2022: Councillors **approved** the financial statement.
- b) To approve the following payments: No payments due.

6) Planning Applications:

New applications for consideration: 21/3325/FUL | Crabhayne House Axmouth Seaton EX12 4BW | Proposed alterations to western portion of stable block to create private studio and electrical room/store with alteration to fenestration.

22/0170/FUL | Axecliff Golf Club Axmouth Seaton EX12 4AB | Improvements to and resurfacing of existing parking area associated with Axe Cliff Golf Course and provision of building for a mixed use ancillary to the golf course.

Councillors considered the above applications. Councillors supported both applications **ACTION: CLERK** to advise EDDC.

- 7) **The Queens Jubilee:** Cllr Garrett confirmed that a meeting has been held with the local groups where they discussed a 4 day programme. The following is currently being proposed: Thursday lunchtime – Axmouth Football Club will be holding a sports day; they will need volunteers. Thursday pm – Axmouth Yacht Club will be lighting a beacon on the beach. Friday pm – Axmouth Yacht Club will be holding an event which will probably involve a BYOB picnic. Saturday am – There will be a fleet review up the river and there will also be a Street Party. Sunday there will be a Church service and a water parade in the bay and an event in the Yacht Club. The next meeting is being held on 09.03.2022 at the Village Hall. They will be considering closing Church Street and know that they will have to apply for a closure (whilst continuing to grant access points). Cllr Garrett has started considering whether to apply for grants and will know more if this is necessary after the next meeting. The Canoe Club would like to join in with the river events. It was proposed that mugs be given to all of the children in the village. Need to establish how many children (up to aged 18) are in the village. Cllr Wiseman will ask Kate from the Harbour Inn. Councillors to consider mug designs. It was proposed that households could also be asked if they would consider purchasing mugs from the Council. **ACTION: CLLR GARRETT** to place a piece in the Axmouth Newsletter asking the question and also to ask people to register their children (up to 18) so it is known how many mugs are to be ordered. The clerk advised that it will not be possible for the oak tree to be planted by the bench on Stepps Lane as it is on DCC land and it takes a long time for a request to be considered and they are not always favourable which will mean it will be too late for the planting. Councillors suggested the oak tree be planted in the village show field near where previous trees recognising the Queen's previous jubilees have been planted. **ACTION: CLERK** to ask Bindon.

- 8) **Bench Plaque and donation, Mrs Shelley Fox:** Cllr K Steven advised that Mrs Fox has been in contact advising that her husband has sadly passed away. She requested a plaque be placed on one of the benches at Coronation Corner and would also like to make a donation of £500 to the Parish Council to go towards village amenities. Councillors approved her request. **ACTION: CLLR K STEVEN** to advise Mrs Fox and to thank her for her generous offer.
- 9) **Footpath Project:** Cllr Daniel has provided a paper detailing a proposal for a new footpath between Boshill Cross and the village which would allow residents of Stedcombe Vale safe access to the village and could also provide a circular walk around the estuary as well as provide links to the East Devon Way & South West Coast Path. He is proposing a permissive footpath which could involve up to five landowners. The proposal has been sent to the DCC P3 department who have provided a 10 step guide to improving public rights of way in your community and the details of the officer at DCC who deals with the creation of new footpaths. Some councillors were concerned about flooding near the bottom of the campsite and also wondered whether the verges alongside the route could be incorporated but other councillors preferred the idea of the footpath being away from the road making it a much safer option. Councillors agreed to consider the original proposal but if this was not possible to then look at alternatives. Cllrs Zisman and Daniel will walk the road between the village and Boshill Cross to view the verges and the proposed route and then proceed with the proposal by following the 10 steps and contacting the new footpaths officer.
- 10) To accept reports and agree actions from the following:
- County Councillor:** Cllr Hall attended the meeting. He had provided a report to all councillors prior to the meeting, see [Agendas and Minutes - Axmouth Parish Council](#) for a copy of the report. Cllr Hall still has some locality budget available. Applications need to be in by 11.03.2022 to be considered.
 - District Councillor:** Cllr Thomas attended the meeting. See [Agendas and Minutes - Axmouth Parish Council](#) for the report and trinitymatters.co.uk for further information. In addition to items in his report, Cllr Thomas advised that the EDDC budget meeting is being held next week. EDDC are still holding virtual meetings and are hoping that the government will recognise that this needs to become a permanent option available to all Councils. Car Park charges in East Devon are increasing from April 2022. EDDC has received a £612k 'Fabric First' award from the government (to help reduce carbon footprint and make properties more energy efficient) to upgrade some of their housing stock which currently have an energy rating of E or below. EDDC have over 4,200 council houses. Councillors asked if there was a homeless problem in EDDC. Cllr Hall advised they have joint relationships with Exeter City Council and have some areas where there are vulnerable people but the signposting is excellent and they are helped as soon as possible.
 - Parish Councillors:** Cllr Daniel advised that the Environmental Agency have recently completed a survey at the harbour looking at flood prevention. He has spoken with EDDC Tom Buxton-Smith to ask for further information but he was unable to specify what was being carried out. DCC's flood warden is Thomas Aldridge for this area.
 - Clerk's report:** The Clerk had no report.
- 11) To accept any relevant correspondence: All correspondence accepted.

Next Parish Council Meeting 16th March 2022 at 7:00pm

The meeting ended at 8.31

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Chairman: