



AXMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting of Axmouth Parish Council was held on Wednesday 20th July 2022, at 7:00pm at Axmouth Village Hall

Those present:

Cllr Graham Mather Cllr Chris Garrett Cllr Paul Zisman Cllr Ron Badger
Cllr Jonathan Wiseman

In attendance: Becki Davey (Clerk)

- 1) **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllr Paul Britton (Holiday) and Cllr Ian Hall (DCC) and Cllr Ian Thomas (EDDC) (Work) No apology was received from Cllr Nigel Daniels (An apology was received by the Clerk on 22nd July 2022).

The meeting was quorate.

- 2) **Declarations of Interests:** None declared.
- 3) **The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 15th June 2022:** Following the removal of one sentence, the minutes were **approved** and signed.
- 4) **To agree any items to be discussed after the public, including the press have been excluded:** None. No members of the public were present.
- 5) **Public Forum:** No members of the public were present.
- 6) **Co-option of Councillor/s:** Axmouth resident Jane Drown has shown an interest in becoming a Councillor and has provided a pen portrait which the Councillors considered. Cllr Mather proposed the Council co-opt Jane Drown, Cllr Wiseman seconded. All in favour. Clerk to contact Jane Drown.
- 7) **Highway Matters:** Councillors discussed the 20 MPH trial application. The Council has been advised that Axmouth did not meet the criteria. Cllr Mather has looked into the criteria and some of the areas where Axmouth did not gain points was that there is no proper record of speeds and the village does not have a Community Speed Watch Scheme. Cllr Mather has looked into this and advised Councillors that one person has to be trained and responsible for the watch, it is not difficult to do. It would increase the chance of Axmouth being included in the next round. Cllr Mather knows someone in Colyford who has a speed gun who may lend it to the

Council. The village is fortunate that there have been no fatalities. Councillors cannot understand why someone has to die for their area to be more likely to be considered. Other factors are air quality management which is not possible and also a level of deprivation is given to each area. Councillors questioned why this is included in the calculations. **ACTION: CLERK** to ask Cllr Hall for some clarification. **CLLR MATHER** to look into Community Speed Watch.

Cllr Mather advised Councillors that the VAS has been passed on to Hawkchurch. It was in Axmouth on Chapel Street between 06.06.2022 & 16.07.2022 and was facing up the hill recording vehicles coming from Higher Axmouth. The five day average was 156 vehicles per day. The seven day average was 145 per day. There were less vehicles at the weekend. The time for the peak volume was 7:00am. The average speed was 19.11 mph although there were nine speeders, all on week days, and all 32.5 mph apart from one which was 37.5 mph. (06.07.2022 at 3:20 pm). There were 6019 vehicles in total over the six week period. Councillors thought the average speed seemed good considering the volume of traffic.

Cllr Garrett advised she has received concern from residents about campervans parking overnight in the Squires Lane lay-by and overhanging the pavement. The Council has already put a 'No Overnight Parking' sign there twice but both times it has been stolen. Anyone can report pavement parking using the following link; [Reporting pavement parking - Roads and transport \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://www.devon.gov.uk)

The gutter along riverside needs clearing out and weeds on the road need clearing. **ACTION: CLERK** to report to DCC Highways and to see if EDDC's road sweeper will do the riverside.

- 8) **Review Fixed Assets:** Fixed assets had been reviewed by Cllr Wiseman who advised that there is only one picnic bench. **ACTION: CLERK** to remove bench 6 from the fixed asset list. Cllr Wiseman also advised that two of the stilts need metal feet. **ACTION: CLERK** to ask Phil Tuckley to carry out the works.

Actions from the previous meeting:

Two of the pictures (village hall) are in need of some attention (the backing has fallen off one and the other is approaching the same state) are to be repaired. CLLR MATHER will take them to Tryptitch Gallery for repair. Cllr Mather has taken the worst frame to Tryptitch Gallery for repair. This will cost £25.00. Cllr Mather will take the other frame to Tryptitch Gallery.

CLLR BADGER: will look into replacing the board in the noticeboard (warping, damp and mouldy). Cllr Badger has looked into replacing the board in the noticeboard. Cllr Badger advised there are two options; Rubber board that accepts drawing pins or cork that would then be varnished to weatherproof. Councillors discussed the options and agreed that the rubber board was the better option as it will not require replacing again. Cllr Badger advised it would cost around £275.00. Cllr Badger proposed the rubber board, Cllr Wiseman seconded. All in favour. **ACTION: CLLR BADGER** to order the plastic board and place it in the noticeboard.

CLLR DANIEL will find out about a replacement bench (bench 5 needs replacing). Cllr Daniel was not at the meeting - item deferred.

9) Financial Matters:

- a) To approve the financial statements to the end June 2022. Statement approved.
- b) To consider grant request from TRIP: Councillors agreed to not award a grant at this time.
- c) To approve the following payments:

Mr G Mather	Reimburse General Expenses	BACS	50.00
Mrs R Davey	Travel Expenses to SLCC meeting	BACS	62.04
DALC	Chairs Training	BACS	30.00

The Clerk also asked for the following payment:

Steven Bamford	Jubilee Photography	BACS	250.00
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Councillors approved the above payments. There were no bank signatories at the meeting so these will be signed at the next meeting.

10) Planning Applications: No new applications.

11) Changes to the Bus Route 9A: Councillors are concerned that there has been no consultation about the changes being made to the bus route. Many villagers rely on this route and Councillors believe the service from Seaton to Axmouth/Rousdon needs to be reinstated. There are issues regarding climate change and possible loneliness, especially if you have no car and will effectively be stuck. People need to be computer literate to order items online and this still doesn't solve the possible loneliness issue. **ACTION: CLERK** to ask Ian Hall to find out why the Council were not involved and ask if he was consulted as Councillors consider this a significant issue within the village.

12) To accept reports and agree actions from the following:

- a. **County Councillor:** Cllr Hall was unable to attend 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.
- b. **District Councillor:** Cllr Thomas was unable to attend the meeting. See trinitymatters.co.uk for further information.
- c. **Parish Councillors:** Cllr Garrett is concerned about the tombstoning at the Harbour. The clerk confirmed that Cllr Daniel has spoken with the Harbour and Assistant Harbour Master and it has been suggested that schools are visited by the HM to see if this would help. Councillors thought that perhaps the RNLI could also be involved. Councillors requested that the Clerk speaks to Cllr Daniel to see if both the HM and the RNLI could liaise together to arrange a visit to the local secondary school - not saying where. Cllr Garrett advised Councillors that the clean-up day was successful with a few new faces. EDDC have collected the debris. Councillors wondered if anything else be done to encourage others to look after their own frontages as well as volunteer for the next clean-up day. **ACTION: CLLR GARRETT:** to add something to the Parish newsletter. Cllr Garrett and Cllr Daniel have spoken to Mr Underwood about extending the graveyard into his land. He advised that he is happy to discuss this but believes this has been discussed many times before and each time the Council has found too many hurdles to make it possible. **ACTION: CLLR GARRETT and CLLR DANIEL** to speak with Mr Underwood about how much land he is considering to offer for sale and to discuss costs to see if it is worth pursuing. They will ask Cllr Britton to assist because of to his connection with the church.
- d. **Clerk's report:** The Clerk had no report for the meeting.

13) To accept any relevant correspondence: All correspondence accepted.

Parish Council Meeting 21st September 2022 at 7:00pm

Date:

Chairperson:

Meeting ends 8:10