



AXMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

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21st July 2023

A meeting of Axmouth Parish Council was held on Wednesday 19th July 2023 at 7pm at Axmouth Village Hall.

Those present:

Cllr Ron Badger (Chair), Cllr Nigel Daniel (Vice -chair), Cllr Jonathan Wiseman, Cllr Jane Drown, Cllr Paul Zisman, and Cllr James Condron.

In attendance:

Andy Comerford (Clerk), Mr C. McBride, Mrs J. Stansfield and Mrs D Christie-Rundle.

1. To receive and acknowledge apologies.

Apologies have been received and approved from: Cllr Staff, Cllr Hall (DCC) and Cllr Wester

The Clerk confirmed the meeting was quorate.

2. Declaration of Interests: Cllr Zisman declared an interest in Planning application 23/1407/FUL - Stedcombe House

3. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21st June 2023 to be approved. Cllr Zisman indicated that he was incorrectly recorded as being present at the meeting. This was corrected. And minutes were approved with the correction.

4. To agree any items to be discussed after the public, including the press have been excluded:
None recorded.

Item 12 brought forward at request of Cllr Daniel (see report under Item 12.) Mrs Stanfield and Mrs Christie-Rundle left the meeting after discussion at 7.21 pm.

5. Highway Matters: Cllr Daniel raised concerns over the increase in the number of large earth moving lorries going through the Village. The vehicles were removing the excess soil from the Tesco site. Cllr Badger indicated that there have been as many as 7 vehicles travelling both to and from the site every hour. It was believed that there were restrictions in place from the original Plan for the site to prevent this. **Action:** Clerk to contact East Devon Planning to confirm.



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Cllr Mather also raised concerns over the Tesco delivery lorries using the same route and, because of their size, the danger caused, particularly on Coronation Corner, and the damage to the pavement on the right angle bend. It was believed that there was an agreement in place between the Parish Council and Tesco's to prevent this. **Action:** Cllrs Badger and Daniel to investigate the existence of an agreement then inform the Clerk of any action needed.

a) Devon Highways - Update - W231613014. (circulated). Cllr Daniel acknowledged receipt of the notification. The work is yet to be undertaken and Cllr Hill had agreed to follow it up.

6. Review Fixed Assets responsibility: (circulated) There was some discussion over the allocation of responsibilities. All were allocated with Cllrs Badger and Daniel following up on the mower and strimmer location. **Action:** Clerk to update the register and publish to the website.

7. Financial Matters:

a) To approve the financial statements to the end June 2023. (circulated). Approved.

b) To approve the following payments

- i. Scalwell Lane Nursery £695.00 grass cutting. Approved after discussion as to what was included in the cost and the possibility of adding further areas in the future.

8. Planning Applications:

a) **New applications for consideration:**

23/1272/FUL - Land East Of Leggetts Lane, Rousdon. (circulated) It was decided that concerns over the limited visibility of the site entrance and the danger this may cause. **Action:** Clerk to inform EDDC Planning.

There were 2 additional applications to consider.

23/1395/LBC - Southcombe Farm, Chapel Street, Axmouth, Devon. After a brief discussion it was decided that there were no objections to this application.

23/1410/FUL - Stedcombe Lodge, Axmouth, EX12 4BJ. Cllr Badger invited Cllr Zisman to introduce his application to the Parish Council and responded to a number of questions from Councillors. Cllr Zisman then left the meeting whilst the application was reviewed by the Council. It was unanimously agreed that the Council was in full support of this application. **Action:** Clerk to inform EDDC Planning.

Cllr Zisman returned to the meeting.



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- 9. VAS Update.** Cllr Mather reported that the monitor was installed and due to come down on 31st August when the data collected over the installation period would be available.
- 10. Footpath Update:** Cllrs Daniel and Zisman reported that responses were still needed from 2 of the major landholders involved before moving on to request access from other parties.
- 11. Playground:.**
- a) Update by member of the Playground Assoc. Not in attendance. There was much discussion on all aspects of Health and Safety, Insurance, upkeep costs and associated costs, condition of the equipment and plan for the future. It was felt that without an member of the Playground Association in attendance to answer questions and give guidance on how it has been run and the way forward it would be difficult to take any decisions at this meeting. **Action:** Clerk to include points 11a to c inclusive on the next agenda unless Cllrs Badger and Daniel, as a result of conversations with existing Playground Association Committee members, could resolve any of the issues. If any urgent decisions had to be taken then an EGM could be convened.
 - b) Confirm Playground Committee Terms of Reference. (circulated). Postponed as 11 a)
 - c) Appoint 3 Councillors to Playground Committee. Postponed as 11a)
- 12. Gazebo:** There was general discussion of the suggestion from Chris Garrett that the purchase of a suitable gazebo would be a useful asset for the Village. Discussions included value to the community, style, size and manufacture, budget, storage and logistical management. It was agreed that, in principle, it was a good idea and Mrs Stanfield and Mrs Christie-Rundle would research options between £300 and £500 for Councillors to consider.
- 13. Bradford Account.** The clerk reported that he had spoken with Bradfords, the account is still open but of the 7 signatories on the account only Cllr Daniel was current. It was agreed that the account only needed 3 signatories and they would be Cllrs Badger, Daniel and Mather. It was agreed that £100 would be set as the signatory limit.
- 14. Reports:**
- a) County Councillor report: (circulated)
 - b) District Councillor report: (email circulated)



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c) Parish Councillor reports:

Cllr Mather reported that the later meeting start time as agreed at the last meeting was no longer required as the booking had not been taken up and future meeting start time would remain as they are.

Cllr Daniel reported that the footpaths behind his property had still not been fully cut and he would chase this up with Ross Davies.

d) Clerk's report: No report.

15. To accept any relevant correspondence . The clerk reported that he had received a resignation letter from Cllr Wiseman who was moving out of the area.

16. Public Forum. None.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: 20.09.2023