



AXMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

CLERK:
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A meeting of Axmouth Parish Council was held on Wednesday 15th November 2023, at 7pm at Axmouth Village Hall.

Those present:

Cllr Nigel Daniel (Vice -chair), Cllr Graham Mather, Cllr Jane Drown, Cllr James Condron Cllr Chris McBride.

In attendance:

Andy Comerford (Clerk), Cllr Ian Hall (DCC) and Cllr Susan Westerman (EDDC).

1. To receive and acknowledge apologies.

Apologies received from Cllr Ron Badger, Cllr Paul Zisman and Cllr Ella Staff.

The Clerk confirmed the meeting was quorate.

- 2. Declaration of Interests:** In accordance with the Code of Conduct, members are invited to declare any personal or disclosable pecuniary interests, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have, in items to be considered at this meeting. Members are also reminded that any change to their Declaration of Interests must be notified to the Monitoring Officer at East Devon District Council within 28 days of the change.

Cllr Mather declared interest in matters relating to the Village Hall.

- 3. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18th October 2023 to be approved.** (circulated).

Approved and signed by Cllr Daniel, Chair of that meeting.

- 4. To agree any items to be discussed after the public, including the press have been excluded:**

None present.

5. Highway Matters:

- a) The Clerk reported that he had been in contact with David Croker (Enforcement Officer) over the earth moving through Axmouth. It seemed that the movement was spasmodic and lasted for a couple of days but wasn't continuous. Clerk to contact David Croker if it occurred again.



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- b) Cllr Mather reported that the VAS camera had been sited in Church Street facing The Ship.
- c) Cllr Mather reported that Chris Garret had told him that the Speedwatch group would be out monitoring traffic on the 17th. Cllr Mather felt that speeding was made less of an issue by the amount of parked cars which narrowed the roads. He stressed that, in his opinion, the size and weight of the large lorries was a more significant problem. It was agreed that it would be beneficial to explore if there were any other routes for HGV's to follow to deliver to Seaton other than the unsuitable road through Axmouth. There was much discussion over the sizes of the vehicles, road worthiness, the effect on the foundations of the roadside listed buildings, ongoing working sites in Seaton and the possibility of restrictions being put in place to limit lorry size. **Action: Clerk to write to Cllr Hall to progress.**

6. Financial Matters:

- a) To approve the financial statements to the end October 2023. (circulated)
Approved and signed by Chair.
- b) To discuss budget matters for 2024/2025. **Action: It was agreed that the Clerk would put forward the budget options for year.** The budget was to include Village Hall insurance. Cllr Condon requested that the accounts reporting reflected greater clarity in the comparisons of budgeted costs and actual spend.
- c) Discuss Village Hall and Fixed Assets maintenance. Councillors with responsibilities for APC assets to notify Clerk of any maintenance tasks.
- d) The Clerk reported that DALC had recorded an agreed raise in Clerks wages which was to be back dated to April.
- e) Approve payments to:
 - 1) Blaze Concepts £657.60. (circulated). Approved
- f) Grant Applications:
 - 1} Village Hall application for a grant of £100 towards Christmas decorations and tree. This is a traditional application and was approved
 - 2) 2) Axmouth Childrens Theatre £109.00. Adjusted application. EDDC agreed to £82.00 by way of a separate application made direct to them. Approved.

7. Planning Applications:

- a) 23/2022/LBC – Havenclyffe House. APC supports this application.
- b) 23/2257/FUL – Havenclyffe House. APC supports this application.



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8. Footpath Update:

Cllr Daniel reported that there had been no further progress since the last meeting. Cllr McBride asked for a quick recap. Cllr Daniel gave a brief account of where the proposal had originated from and how it had reached its current position. He agreed to send Cllr Condrón a copy of the proposal.

9. Playground:

a) The Clerk reported that there were agreed Terms of Reference already agreed for the Playground Comm. The ToR's were written by the previous Clerk and, the then councillor, P. Britton. 2 Councillors are required on the committee. Cllr Condrón suggested that the terms could be altered. The Clerk suggested that one of the first tasks of the Committee would be to review the Terms to make sure they were workable.

b) After general discussion it was agreed that Cllr Staff and Cllr Condrón would act as the Parish Council representatives on the Playground Committee. The Clerk would confirm this with Cllr Staff who was not present at this meeting. It was understood that Mr I Hunt and Mr P Britton would remain on the committee, to be confirmed by the Clerk. It was agreed that the Clerk would become secretary for the committee and would add an additional hour per week, to be reviewed in 6 months, to cover additional work. Cllr Hall offered his help on an ad hoc basis should it be required. The Clerk will arrange the first meeting.

10. Gazebo:

It was clarified that the unit required was the 3m x 3m double with gutter kit and weights. Cllr Mather said that he had been in discussions with Chris Garrett and Jan concerning the storage of the Gazebo at the Village Hall. This was agreed once repair works had been carried out to the storage shed. The Clerk reported that Mr Ian Stansfield had offered to look after the gazebo and control the bookings. This was agreed by the Council.

It was agreed that the Gazebo should be purchased in January 2024.



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11 Reports:

- a) District Councillor. Cllr Westerman discussed the meetings arranged for the County Plan. Cllr Drown asked if the plan included Health Services, Cllr Westerman replied that it didn't. Having missed the first meeting Cllr Daniel suggested that apart from planning there were no key areas that would effect Axmouth and the Council was happy for Cllr Westerman to represent Axmouth at District Councilor level.
- b) County Councillor report. Report circulated. In addition Cllr Hall further reported on County budgeting, progress and developments in the future of Seaton Hospital and its greater use by local community groups.
- c) Parish Councillor report: Cllr Drown reported that in their side barn was a large council owned lawn mower that was not working due to a faulty pull chord and asked if it was still required. Cllr Daneil suggested it was discussed in the next asset report.
- d) Clerk's report: No report.

12 To accept any relevant correspondence: None received.

Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: 21.02.2024

Signed _____ Date _____

Meeting closed 8.20pm.