



AXMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

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22th October 2023

A meeting of Axmouth Parish Council was held on Wednesday 18th October 2023 at 7pm at Axmouth Village Hall.

Those present:

Cllr Ron Badger (Chair) Cllr Nigel Daniel (Vice -chair), Cllr Paul Zisman, Cllr Ella Staff and Cllr James Condron.

In attendance:

Andy Comerford (Clerk), Cllr Ian Hall (DCC), Mr I Hunt and Mr P Britton (Playground Assoc), Mrs C Garrett, Mrs D Christie-Rundle and Mrs J Stansfield.

1. To receive and acknowledge apologies.

Apologies received from Cllr J Drown (Prior commitment), Cllr C McBride (Unwell) Cllr G Mather (Unwell) and Cllr Westerman. All accepted.

The Clerk confirmed the meeting was quorate.

10. Gazebo brought forward by Chair.

Cllr Badger confirmed that the proposal to purchase a Gazebo had been circulated and had been seen by all members. Cllr Badger felt that a double gazebo was the correct option in his opinion. Cllr Zisman asked where it was going to be stored. The intention was to store in the Village Hall store but the Village Hall Committee had not been approached about this matter. There was general discussion on sizes and quality and should weights be purchased. There was a further conversation around budget and purchase date. It was suggested that the purchase could be put off until next year with the budget made up from the remaining Jubilee/mug sales, a donation from the Village Fete Committee and the reclaiming of VAT on the purchase. Cllr Badger proposed the purchase of the Gazebo, seconded by Cllr Daniel. All agreed with the proviso that storage was to be agreed.

9. Playground brought forward by Chair.

Cllr Daniel reported that he and Cllr Condron had issued a report of their understanding of the responsibility for the Playground. This had been circulated to all Councillors. Mrs Garrett agreed to complete the paperwork to have her name removed as a signatory.

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7.16pm. Mrs C Garrett, Mrs D Christie-Rundle and Mrs J Stansfield Left the meeting.

9. Continued....

Cllr Daniel reported that the Playground Association, which currently consisted of Mr I Hunt and Mr P Britton, needed to be dissolved but there was no mention of how this should be done in its Constitution. The Association listed assets of the play equipment, a strimmer, a lawnmower and bank account of £2089. The clerk reported that the assets had already been taken in to the Council Asset register and also paid for the annual Inspection and Insurance. The funds from the bank account should be transferred to the council with the full amount to be “earmarked” for playground expenses only. The Parish Council should then set up a Sub committee as laid out in the Standing Orders. It was agreed that a Public Notice should be issued stating the steps that were being taken to dissolve the Association and the Setting up of the new Committee.

7.26pm Mr Hunt and Mr Britton left the meeting.

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's Daniel and Condron. Item 7 b)

3. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20th September 2023 to be approved. (circulated).

Approved with the removal of J. Wiseman who was incorrectly recorded as being present and signed by Cllr Badger, Chair of that meeting.

Cllr Condron reported not receiving the e-mail concerning Leggets Farm.

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

None present.

5. Highway Matters:

Cllr Badger reported that he had carried out an inspection of the curb side posts and chains and found 4 were broken and collapsed but many more were reaching the point that they would need some attention. Cllr Badger thought that there were 2



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options . Request help from Highways as partial road closures would be needed. Alternatively they could be removed completely. Cllr Daniel suggested that cast iron bollards could be considered but that would be a more expensive solution. Cllr Hall asked if they were part of the Councils assets. Cllr Badger reported they are not. It was suggested that, as they were part of the village character Cllr Hall be asked to take this up with Highways. Cllr Daniels agreed to forward information and photos to Cllr Hall.

Cllr Daniel informed the meeting that he had reported the Grit bin on the Highways web site and received acknowledgement that it had been Listed.

There was discussion with Cllr Hall concerning the possibility of checking the weight limit for the road. Cllr Badger had been in contact with the Tesco's manager and he confirmed that their delivery vehicles would not use the Axmouth road. Aldi lorries were not using the route but there was concern that the Bradford lorries did travel through Axmouth.

6. Financial Matters:

- a) To approve the financial statements to the end September 2023. (circulated)
Approved and signed by Chair.
- b) To review 1st half year budget. Cllr Daniel questioned who insured the Village Hall as it was not identified in the current schedule. The Clerk reported that this cover was the same as last year and that the Village was not insured separately by the Council. Cllr Badger thought that The Hall committee may be responsible for this and would check to see if it did. It was agreed that, with a number of significant invoices outstanding the budget would be reviewed again in January.
- c). There were no invoices for approval.

7. Planning Applications:

- a) 23/2110/TRE – The Granary (circulated). It was agreed that the Council was in support of this application
- b) 23/2059/FUL – Axe Yacht Club. Cllr Badger invited Cllr Daniel to explain the application. Cllr Zisman asked about the choice of facings. Cllr Daniel indicated that the preferred option was to re-use the existing stone where possible. Cllr Zisman also asked if natural timber could be considered for the upper level facing. It was agreed that the Council was in support of this application with the notation that natural timber facings would be preferred.



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8. Footpath:

Cllr Zisman reported that Binden Estates had suggested they were in favour of the new footpath in general but were waiting for an official proposal and would expect their tenants to be canvassed. So far 2 out of 5 landowners had indicated their support.

9. And 10. Already discussed.

11. Axmouth Childrens Theatre funding request (circulated).

Cllr Condran asked what period was covered by this request. This is not made clear. Clerk to confirm. Cllr Badger confirmed that a small subscription fee was requested from its members but this did not cover costs. Donations from events were used to support costs and a small amount was donated to the Village Hall for its use. Cllr Zisman asked if the consideration was that it was a well run organisation and an asset to the community. Cllr Badger said it had been run by Malcolm Henty for a long time and currently had about 18 members with a waiting list of about 9. Cllr Hall suggested that the Council should request a copy of its Safeguarding Policies and DBS Policy. Cllr Hall proposed that he was prepared to pay 50% of the £164.00 from his funding. He stated he was very keen to support these unique activities that exist in the community. He agreed to ring fence £82 while the Clerk made relevant requests of the club.

8.10pm Cllr Zisman left the meeting.

12. Reports:

- a). County Councillor report. (circulated). Cllr Hall also reported that the consultation on Mobile librarys had been paused and he had no information as to the likely conclusion. He will continue to lobby in support of the service as he realised how important it was to rural communities. Cllr Hall reported that he was still working hard to ascertain the facts behind the future of Seaton Hospital but without success. He said he would keep the Council updated if there was any progress. Cllr Badger thanked Cllr Hall for his help and support for Axmouth.
- b). District Councillor report . None presented.
- c). Parish Councillor report. Referring to a circulation concerning Leggets Farm Cllr Condran asked if there was any action to be considered concerning it. The Clerk apologised for the oversight, confirmed that there was no action to be taken at this point and the communication would be sent to him.
Cllr Badger was concerned that there may not be enough support to carry out the Village tidy up day. Cllr Daniel said it had been advertised and he was happy to continue with it and see what turned out on the day.



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d). Clerk's report. No report.

13. No correspondence received.

14. No Public present.

Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: 15.11.2023

Signed _____ Date _____

Meeting closed 8.17pm.