



AXMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting of Axmouth Parish Council was held on Wednesday 19th June 2024, at 7pm at Axmouth Village Hall.

Those present:

Cllr Daniel, Cllr Zisman, Cllr Condrón & Cllr McBride.

In attendance:

Andy Comerford (Clerk).

1. To receive and acknowledge apologies.

Cllr Staff (Unwell), Cllr Garrett (Vacation), Cllr Drown (Prior Commitment), County Cllr Westerman (Prior Commitment) and District Cllr Hall (Work Commitment).

The Clerk declared the meeting to be quorate.

2. Declaration of Interests:

Cllr Daniel and Cllr Condrón Item 8. 1.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 24th May 2024 to be approved. (circulated).

Approved and signed by Cllr Daniel.

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

None.

5. Public Forum

None present.

6. Highway Matters:

a) Consider Highways response to various issues. (e-mail from Dave Ashford circulated).

There was some discussion that the Highways response to most issues was that they did not consider any work was needed to be carried out. Cllr Condrón noted that the point was made by Highways that their policy was reactive rather than proactive.

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Cllr Daniel suggested that we ask Highways if we can attend the next inspection of the manhole outside The Harbour Inn. **Action: Clerk to request date from Highways.** Cllr Condrón stated that Parish Council must continue to demonstrate its own due diligence and continue to report all issues proactively to Highways. Cllr Daniel said that the Parish Council should make it clear that if the culvert were to collapse this could cause flooding and damage to further properties and were they prepared to accept that risk.

7. Financial Matters:

- a) To approve the financial statements to the end May 2024. All approved
- b) To approve the following payments:
 - 1) Blaze £215.28 Approved
 - 2) ROSPA £103.20 Approved.
 - 3) Blue Chip £153.00. Approved
- c) Agree Exercising of Public rights: Approved

8. Planning.

- a) 24/1102/VAR - Axe Yacht Club The Harbour Axmouth Devon
The Clerk reported that he had received e-mails from Cllrs Staff, Drown and Garrett. All supported the application. It was agreed that the Council was in full support of the application.

9. Playground.

- a) Update.
Minutes of the meeting on 27th Feb 24 had been circulated.
Cllr Condrón reported that the ROSPRA inspection had indicated a number of points that needed to be remediated. The most important item was the central play unit which was taped off so couldn't be used and offered no liability to the Council. Sean Bond had been given the report to consider a quotation to carry out any works and have the main play unit back in action for the children this summer. Mr Bond would meet with Mr Hunt and Mr Britton on site to discuss what was required and what materials had already been purchased.
Cllr Condrón also reported that the regular maintenance was being considered. Currently the work was being done on a voluntary basis mainly by Mr Hunt as and when he was available. It was considered that a contact should be offered to cut the park at least once a week for 7 months of the year. This had been costed out as £420 per annum based on the number of cuts required. The work had been offered to Vince Trevit, a local resident and Cllr Condrón asked for the agreement of the Parish Council to accept this expense. This was agreed by the Parish Council.



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10. Street Lighting.

- a) The response from Mr Andy Ware of the Street Lighting team had been circulated. Cllr Daniel reported that some work had been carried out last week and new lights had been fitted at the top of the village and Axmouth was on the list for consideration of lighting times but this would not be for a little while due to funding limitations

11. Ownership of Estuary Bank.

Information request has been submitted to The Land Registry.

12. Graveyard.

Cllr Daniel reported that he and Cllr Drown had met with Hillary Harron and Ann Harding from Friends of Axmouth Church to discuss what could be done to extend the Churchyard. The next step would be Cllrs Daniel and Drown to approach the landowner to ascertain his views. If it would seem feasible the proposal would have to go back to the Church for agreement and conversion of land to a graveyard.

13. Reports

- a) County Councillor Report: None submitted.
- b) District Councillor Report: None Submitted
- c) Parish Councillor Reports:

Cllr Condrón reported that he had been informed of a number of incidents of dumping around the village. Mostly it was garden waste Cllr Condrón asked what the sanction was if somebody was caught doing it. Cllr Daniel stated that this was fly tipping but evidence would need to be available for any action to be taken. It was agreed that Cllr Condrón would submit a notice to Axmouth Together saying that the Parish Council were aware of fly tipping and that it was illegal.

Cllr Condrón reported that he had been approached by Mr Britton regarding the phone box. The adjacent hedge had covered the solar panel on top of the phone box resulting in no power being available for the light. Cllr Daniel felt that the property owner should be asked to trim the hedge in the first instant.

Cllr Condrón reported that he had carried out some temporary repairs on the notice board and had asked Chris Brown who is a joiner to look at the notice board to see if it could be saved rather than purchase a new one. Mr Brown had responded saying it was well made and could be salvaged for £295. Replacement Perspex doors would cost £40 each. He would supply a written quotation. The total cost to refurbish would be £375 against £1000 to purchase a new one. It was agreed that Cllr Condrón should obtain a written quotation from Mr Brown and place the work with him.



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- d) The Clerk reported that he was still pursuing a response on the power supply issues and had spoken with the complaints department but with little satisfaction. It was reported that over the last few weeks the power had been unbroken.
The Clerk reported that he had collected the Audit report which had been signed off by the Auditor who had pointed out 2 minor errors on web site reports. These would be corrected by the Clerk.
The Clerk requested the Councils agreement to undertake a Financial Training course which would cost £144. This was agreed.

- e) **To accept any relevant correspondence.** None received.

Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: 17.07.2024

Signed _____ Nigel Daniel _____ Date _____ 17th July 2024 _____

Meeting closed 8.00pm.