



AXMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

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**A meeting of Axmouth Parish Council was held on Wednesday 27th November 2024, at 7pm at
Axmouth Village Hall.**

Those present:

Cllr Daniel, Cllr Condrón, Cllr Drown, Cllr Zisman.

In attendance:

Andy Comerford (Clerk), Cllr Westerman (EDDC)

- 1. To receive and acknowledge apologies.** Cllr Garrett (Holiday), Cllr McBride (Holiday) and Cllr Hall (DCC) (Work Commitments).

The Clerk declared the meeting to be quorate.

- 2 Declaration of Interests:** None declared.

- 3 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th October 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.** Nothing reported.

- 6. Highway Matters:**

The Clerk reported that there were no outstanding matters.

Cllr Daniel reported that work had been carried out on the footpath at Waterside with new drainage installed. The drain had been unblocked and water was flowing into the river again.

Cllr Drown had received a couple of reports concerning the condition of Higher Lane, both the encroachment of undergrowth narrowing the lane and the build up of mud in the centre of the road which was beginning to become suitable for 4 x4 vehicles only. It was agreed that photos of the problems would be taken and submitted to Highways in the usual manner through the web site.



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Cllr Condron reported that getting down Stepps Lane to the grit bin at the bottom was not easy and it would be more appropriate if the bin was at the top of the lane. Cllr Daniel proposed that, as had been done in the past, The Parish Council purchase a new grit bin and ask it to be added to Highways list for filling. **Action: Clerk to confirm cost of Bin and notify Highways. Cllr Condron to propose best location.**

7. Financial Matters:

- a) To approve the financial statements to the end October 2024. All approved
- b) To approve the following payments:

1)	Trevett. Playground grass cutting.	£ 60.00	Approved
2)	Parish Online annual mapping service	£ 36.00	Approved
3)	Blaze Concepts. Website hosting and servicing	£711.60	Approved
4)	British Legion wreath.	£ 20.00	Approved

8. Playground:

No report. Next committee meeting Wednesday 29th Jan 25, 7pm at Village Hall.

9. Ownership of Estuary bank:

The Clerk had circulated the reply from Highways which offered no additional clarity as to ownership. After some discussion it was decided that investment of further resources at this point could not be justified and no further action would be taken.

10. Graveyard.

Cllr Drown reported that there had been no further progress and that she was waiting to discuss matters with the Landowner. Cllr Daniel and Cllr Drown will try and arrange a meeting before Christmas.

11. Celebration Tree Planting. (Cllr Staff report circulated)

The viability of tree planting was to be discussed at the next Playground Committee meeting. It was agreed that planting a tree to celebrate each birth within the village would not be sustainable and the planting of one tree with a plaque on which each birth could be recorded may be more suitable.



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12. Village Hall funding.

The Clerk reported that the copy of the Village Hall lease had not arrived from the Land Registry Office. No further information had been received from the Village Hall Committee. Cllr Daniel suggested that the Parish Council should ask for an update on the plans for the Hall. **Action** :The clerk will contact the Committee.

13. Street Lighting.

There are still some issues with faulty lighting , particularly at the bottom end of Chapel Street. **Action**: Clerk to report to the Street Lighting Team.
It was agreed that the lighting up times for the village would be unchanged for the time being.

14. Broadband rollout.

Cllr Zisman expressed his disappointment that a fortune had been spent digging up the road, erecting new poles yet no progress had been made in improving the broadband facility to the Stedcombe area that was currently a very poor service. Cllr Zisman also commented on the frustration of trying to make contact with the supplier to discuss the service. Cllr Condrón commented that the communication from Susanna Jones, Economic Development Officer (Marketing & Stakeholder Engagement) Economic Infrastructure & Strategic Intelligence, gave no indication of any date that an improved service could be expected and the new contractor was not in a position to discuss any timelines. Cllr Drown suggested that contact with our MP may be beneficial. Cllr Westerman said she would raise the issue with the MP at their next meeting.

15. Dog Bin.

The Clerk reported that, after some investigation as to who was responsible for Dog bins, an e-mail had been sent to EDDC refuse Dept requesting information, costs and the process for obtaining a new Dog bin. At this point no information had been received.



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16. Reports:

- a) County Councillor report. Circulated
- b) District Councillor report.
Cllr Westerman reported that work was still ongoing on the local plan.
A stock condition of local housing was currently being assessed with a priority for properties affected by mould. Last Thursday had been Carers Rights Day. There was now information for carers who needed help on the EDDC web site.
Cllr Drown asked if there was any update on Seaton Hospital, Cllr Westerman reported that there had been no further progress.
- c) Parish Councillor report.
Cllr Daniel reported that the Emergency Plan for Axmouth was out of date and included contact information for residents who had now left the village. He was also concerned that information given for existing Councillors should be reconsidered. It was agreed that the Clerk would send a copy of the plan to Dave Whelan, Emergency Planning and Business Continuity Officer, to enlist his help in a review.
Cllr Condrom suggested that, given the change of ownership of the land, it was a good time to recommence work on the new footpaths. Cllr's Daniel and Zisman agreed to set up a meeting with the Landowners.
- d) The Clerk reported that DALC had recorded an agreed raise in Clerks wages which was to be back dated to April.

17. To accept any relevant correspondence. None received

Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: 15.01. 2025

Signed _____ *Nigel Daniel* _____ Date _____ 15th Jan 2025 _____

Meeting closed 8.00pm.