



AXMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting of Axmouth Parish Council was held on Wednesday 19th February 2025, at 7pm at Axmouth Village Hall.

Those present:

Cllr Daniel, Cllr Zisman, Cllr Drown, Cllr Condron, Cllr Staff, Cllr McBride.

In attendance:

Andy Comerford (Clerk), Cllr Westerman (EDDC)

- 1. To receive and acknowledge apologies.** Cllr Garrett (vacation) 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 15^h January 2025 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.**

The Clerk reported that he had received an e-mail from Mr Brian Clark who has asked if the non-slip netting can be put back on to the estuary platform. Cllr Daniel reported that there was netting still available but a small working party would need to be arranged to fix the netting. The Clerk will respond to Mr Clark.

- 6. Highway Matters:**

Cllr Daniel commented on the South West Water road closure and his circulated report. Cllr Condron asked Cllr Daniel to add the issue of vehicle obstruction and particularly the difficulties caused to care workers. Cllr Daniel asked if the review should be sent to Highways to notify them that the diversion put in place was not suitable particularly through Higher Lane which could not accommodate 2 way traffic and the significant damage done to the passing places on Waterhill



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above Springhead and the lack of notification. The report should also be sent to Cllr Hall and to South West Water. This was agreed by the council.

Cllr Daniel reminded Councillors of the importance of reporting highways faults at the earliest opportunity.

Cllr McBride stated that he had reported the faulty street lighting for the 3rd time. The Clerk said he would contact the Street Lighting team leader. Cllr Daniel commented that there needed to be some consistency with the type of replacement lights used. Victorian design lamps had been used throughout Church Street but a circular lamp had been fitted outside the Harbour Inn. Cllr McBride also reported that he had been reporting a missing sign at Boshill Cross for 5 years without any action being taken by Highways.

- a) Grit bin: A grit bin has been requested from Highways who have to confirm the location provided was suitable before confirming the request. Cllr Daniel asked that pressure be put on to complete installation for the Autumn.

Cllr McBride also reported that there had been an increase in HGV passing through the village but was unable to confirm where they were coming from.

7. Financial Matters:

- a) To approve the financial statements to the end December 2024. Approved.
- b) To review Fixed Assets maintenance. Cllr Garrett had asked which 3 pictures were listed on the register. This could not be answered. Review again at the next meeting.
- c) Approve the following payments: None presented.
- d) The Clerk proposed moving the allocated funds, £500 for both the Village Hall and The Playground, to the relevant earmarked accounts. This was agreed.

8 Planning.

- a) 24/2606/FUL. Axe Farm. Circulated.
The Council's comments made for the Listed Building application (24/2605/LBC) apply.
- b) 25/0721/PDR. Land North Of Green Lane Leggetts Lane Rousdon.
It was generally considered that there were two issues with the application. Its location was accessed by a very small lane and "Self Storage" would imply increased traffic for depositing and removing items. There was also a possibility that the existing roof contained asbestos which may create a contamination problem. It was agreed that these comments would be reflected in the Council's response.



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9. Playground:

Cllr Condron reported that a meeting of the Playground Committee had taken place on the 29th January 2025. Unfortunately a number of members had not been able to attend but Mr Mark Nash has been seconded on to the committee. Cllr Condron confirmed that a ROSPA inspection had been confirmed for the end of March. The report would help in determining what could be planned for the future in terms on new equipment, possibly including some fitness items. It was agreed that committee members should bring any ideas and wish lists for the development of the park to the next meeting for consideration. It was also agreed that the possibility of planting a memorial tree and commemorative plaque was feasible (Agenda item 11).

10. Graveyard. Nothing to report.

11. Recording Births in the village.

The Playground Committee are to consider if anything can be done in the playground at the next meeting. (see agenda item 9).

12. Village Hall.

Cllr Danial reported that he may have access to a copy of the original lease and would send a copy to the Clerk.

13. Broadband rollout. Nothing to report.

14. Dog Bin.

Cllr Condron reported that he had found a suitable, lidded, dog bin and he would send the details to the Clerk to be forwarded to Waste Management to confirm that they were happy to service the bin and whether it would attract any additional cost. The PC would then need to consider if any additional fees should be accepted. Cllr Daniel belived that the existing bin was already being emptied free of charge and this shouldn't change.

15. Emergency Plan.

Cllr Daniel reported that he had circulated the revised emergency plan to all councillors. Cllr Daniel confirmed that all contact details had been removed apart from the Clerk. It was agreed that the Clerk would replace existing emergency plan on line with the revised edition.



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16. Bus Stop.

Cllr Daniel reported that Mr Andrew Morgan, who had repaired the estuary platform, had agreed to have a look at the bus stop and provide a quotation for the remedial work. This could then be compared to the quotation received by Cllr Condron from Mr S Bolt.

17. Reports

- a) County Councillor report: Circulated.
- b) District Councillor Report: Cllr Westerman reported that 2 of the issues raised tonight, Broadband and Highways were both subjects put forward for next weeks EDDC meeting and the items could be seen on the EDDC website under meetings. Cllr Westerman also drew attention to the Axminster Flooding Awareness drop in at The Guildhall next Tuesday. Cllr Daniel stated he was hoping to attend. Cllr Westerman stated that the PC should be receiving some information from EDDC concerning devolution but the information may not be definitive. Devon as a whole was expected to put forward a submission to Government by 21st March but Cllr Westerman did not think agreement on the way forward could be achieved. County Council elections are on the 1st May 2025.
- c) Parish Councillor reports: Cllr Daniel reported on the e-mail circulated concerning the consultation on the public spaces protection order and seaside areas. New signage had gone up making the boatyard and quayside areas as dogs on leads areas which is what had been requested some time ago.
Cllr Condron reported on an accident involving 2 cyclists colliding with each other when a car a drove towards them in the narrow road by the Harbour Inn. Emergency services including the Air Ambulance had attended. The problem is that there is no signed right of way. During the summer period of last year it had been reported that over 100,000 vehicles past through the village in the summer period. Many of the drivers would not be aware of the narrowing road and be frustrated with no defined system to this section of road. Cllr Daniel said that the issue should be taken up with Highways again and bought to Cllr Halls attention as proper regulation was necessary.
Cllr McBride reported that he had recently collected the camera and needed some help to place it. Cllrs Daniel and Condron agreed to help.
Cllr Staff asked if the village cleanup was due in the spring. It was confirmed that it was usually done in May and would be considered at the next meeting.
- d) Clerks report: None given.

18. To accept any relevant correspondence. None received

Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: 19.03. 2025

Signed *Nigel Daniel* Date 19th Feb 2025

Meeting closed 8.00pm.