



# AXMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

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**A meeting of Axmouth Parish Council was held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025, following the Annual Parish Meeting at Axmouth Village Hall.**

**Those present:**

Cllr Daniel, Cllr Drown, Cllr Condon, Cllr Staff and Cllr Garrett.

**In attendance:**

Andy Comerford (Clerk), Cllr Westerman, Mr G Loveridge, Mr Paul Hayward and Mrs Jenny Brown.

- 1. To receive and acknowledge apologies:** Cllr Hall (DCC) (Work Commitments). ) Cllr Zisman (prior commitment), Cllr McBride (prior commitment).

- 2.**  
The Clerk declared the meeting to be quorate.

- 2 Declaration of Interests:** None declared.

- 3 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th February 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.**

None.

- 6. Highway Matters:**

- a) Traffic control signage. (Highways response circulated).  
Response discussed, Councillors agreed that they were dissatisfied with the response, given it's effect on the village and the large number of visitors to the area that drove through the village. Cllr Westerman suggested that it should be brought to the attention of the new DCC councillor once the elections had been completed. **Action:** Cllr Condon and the Clerk to respond to Highways.



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- b) Traffic diversion report. (Highways response circulated).  
Cllr Daniel said that the comment that passing places in Water Hill, above Springhead, were not Highways responsibility. If that was the case, Cllr Daniel suggested that perhaps the Parish Council could develop a couple of passing areas.
- c) Hedge cutting reported by Mr G Loveridge. (Highways response circulated).  
Mr Ashcroft reported that the hedging around Higher Lane junction had been done recently. Mr Ashford reported that he had been out to visit the site and considered it to be fine and supplied 2 photographs to support his statement.

## 7. Financial Matters:

- a) To approve the financial statements to the end March 2025. (circulated) Approved.
- b) To approve the Annual Governance and Account Statements for 2024-2025 (circulated).  
Approved
- c) To approve the income & expenditure accounts 1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025 (circulated).  
Approved  
Cllr Drown commented that the council had money that could be spent on the Parish. It was being spent on administering the money but not on improvements. The clerk responded that he didn't feel there was a reticence to spend the money but the council could only react if requests were made to them for financial support which would then be considered on their merits. Cllr Daniel responded that, particularly in terms of the Village Hall, a clearer understanding of what was required and the full programme for its improvements would be very helpful and help in allocating funding when it was most required.
- d) To approve the Notice of Public Rights. (circulated). Approved
- e) To approve the following payments
  - i) DALC membership inv. 6335 £217.33. Approved
  - ii) Village Hall to 19/3/25. £ 78.75 Approved

## 8 Planning.

- a) 25/0732/FUL. Crabhayne Farm (circulated). No Objections
- b) 25/0291/LBC. (circulated). Dealt with prior to meeting. Reported as being withdrawn

## 9 Playground update.

Cllr Condon reported that the next meeting was next Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April and the agenda will include a decision on the planting of a tree, a review of the ROSPA report and any ideas for enhancing the children's enjoyment of the playground. Cllr Condon would also like to use some of the Village Clean Up Day to improve the entrance to the park. Mr Loveridge kindly offered the use of a small digger if it would help.



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## 10 Graveyard.

Cllr Daniel reported that he had met with the Vicar and Ann Harding. The outline opportunity to increase the size of the graveyard was discussed but access remained the issue. This has been left with the Church for consideration and the Parish Council are now waiting for their proposals.

## 11 Footpath update.

Cllr Daniel reported that there had been no further development since the change of ownership of the land which covered a significant part of the route. Initial contact had been made with the new owner followed by an e-mail but there has been no response to date. It was agreed that if the new owners support for the project could not be gained it should be concluded that the project should be brought to a close

## 12 Dog Bin.

No further progress.

## 13 Grit Bin

The reply from David Ashford was discussed. **Action:** Clerk to respond to points raised.

## 14 Bus stop.

Cllr Daniel reported that he was still waiting for a quotation from Mr A Morgan.

## 15 Village clean up day.

Cllr Daniel reported that the day had been changed from the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 17th May. A plan will be put together for the tasks that need undertaking.

Cllr Daniel also reported that footpath 4 may not be owned by the PC as was understood. This will need investigating.

## 16 Reports.

- a) County Councillor report. (given at Annual Village meeting).
- b) District Councillor report.

Cllr Westerman reported that the Police were trying to attend at least one meeting at every Parish Council each year. They would also be happy to attend local events



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if invited. Cllr Westerman also urged the Council to keep monitoring the Devolution debate and attend any events that were open to them.

c) Parish Councillor reports:

Cllr Drown raised concerns about the large agricultural traffic in the village. Cllr Drown wondered if the Parish Council could discuss the issue with Bindon Estate or the contractors about finding a different route. Cllr Daniel said he would investigate to see if there was any prior agreements for agricultural vehicle routing through the village before making any more formal approaches.

Cllr Drown also raised concerns about the effect of Devolution on the Parish Council and the concerns about the lack of new councillors coming forward. There was a general discussion on encouraging parishioners to consider the role and the importance of keeping control locally.

a) Clerks report: None given.

**17 To accept any relevant correspondence.** None received

Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: 21. 05. 2025

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ *N. Daniel* \_\_\_\_\_ Date 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025 \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting closed 8.25pm.