



AXMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting of Axmouth Parish Council was held on Wednesday 15th October 2025 at 6.30pm in Axmouth Village Hall.

Those present:

Cllr Daniel, Cllr Drown, Cllr Condrón, Cllr McBride, Cllr Preston, Cllr Lucas, Cllr Harvey and Cllr Prosser.

In attendance:

Andy Comerford (Clerk), Mr G. Loveridge.

The Clerk declared the meeting to be quorate.

1. To receive and acknowledge apologies:

Cllr Zisman (prior commitment), Cllr Hayward (prior commitment).

2. 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.

None received.

3. Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on the 17th September 2025 to be approved: Approved

4. To agree items to be discussed after the public, including the press, have been excluded: None.

5. Public Forum:

- a) District Councillor report. None given.
- b) County Councillor report. None given.
- c) Members of the public. None given.

6. Highway matters:

- a) Traffic signage through the village.
Cllr Hayward discussing with Highways. No update as yet, Clerk has e-mailed Cllr Hayward for an update. Cllr had sent a notification of possible funding for Road Safety Projects. It was generally agreed that this funding was not applicable at the moment but maybe something for consideration in the future.

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b) Steps Lane Subsidence.

Cllr Drown reported that no work had been carried out as yet and the surface had deteriorated further. Cllr Drown also reported that she had spoken with Ken and it would appear that there are no restrictions in place for farm vehicle use.

c) Chain Link Posts.

So far no repairs have been carried out. Clerk to chase through with Highways. Mr Loveridge asked if the post and rails could be replaced by a grid over the brook. There was some discussion concerning the advantages and disadvantages of a grid or the existing posts and what aesthetic issues this may raise. It was agreed that Highways would be contacted about the proposal to ascertain their view.

7. Review of Internal Control and GDPR procedures:

a) Privacy Notice. (circulated).

The clerk reported that this policy was still being updated.

b) Planning scheme of delegation.

The clerk reported that this policy was still in order apart from updating the letter heading. All agreed.

8. Financial matters.

a) To approve the financial statements to the end September 2025. Approved.

b) To review 6 month budget performance. The clerk circulated a copy of the 6 month budget comparison. It was agreed that there were no concerning variations. There was some discussion concerning considerations for next year's budget.

c) To approve the following payments:

i) Village Hall to 17/9/25. £40.50. Agreed

ii) Trevett Garden Maintenance. £37.50. Agreed

9. Planning.

a) 25/0742/FUL. 4 Hillside appeal decision. (circulated)

b) 25/1647/FUL. Coombe Orchard (circulated). No objection.

c) 25/1037/FUL Unit 4, The Harbour. (circulated). No objection.

10. Graveyard:

The clerk reported that he had been in contact with Mrs Harding but there was no further progress. Cllr Daniel said that he and Cllr Drown had met Mrs Harding and Mr Underwood in the graveyard to discuss the Council's suggestion. Cllr Drown had had a conversation with Mrs Smith which explained some of the initial funds raised towards the Graveyard balance in the "Earmarked



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“ account. There was some discussion about the initial fund accumulation and options for access to the proposed new graveyard. Cllr Drown agreed to establish the feasibility of the access options before the next meeting. Cllr Condrón asked what the difference between a graveyard and a cemetery was and who would be responsible for the maintenance of the areas. It was concluded that the Church would be responsible for the graveyard and the Parish Council would have to make provision for the cemetery. The issue of whether the proposal was financially viable was raised as, at this point, cost of purchasing the land had not been discussed and may well be more that would be achievable by the Council and residents. Cllr Drown agreed to speak with the landowner to try and ascertain a value. It was agreed that this would be the next step before approaching the PCC again.

11. Footpath update:

No further progress.

12. Grit Bin:

Waiting for Highways to reposition the existing bin.

13. Bus Stop.

Cllr Condrón reported that he was still waiting for a quote from Woodies Carpentry and Property Development. Cllrs Daniel and Condrón had met Woodies on site and gone through the task about 2 weeks ago. They are very busy but keen to undertake the project.

14. Street Lighting.

Repairs not yet completed but the time line stated by them ran through to mid November 25. Cllr McBride reported that as well as the notified repairs at the moment none of the lighting in Church Street was working. He has notified the Street Lighting team

15. Reports

a) Parish Councillor reports:

Cllr Daniel reported that Binden Estate had cut the hedges. Mr Loveridge asked if they could do the Estuary hedges. Cllr Daniel said that these were not their responsibility and didn't feel it was an issue at the moment since it didn't impede the road or footpath. It was concluded that it should be allowed to grow as it is for the time being until any specific problems arise.

No further reports.



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b) Clerks report:

The clerk asked for agreement on the amount the council would pay for a wreath for the Remembrance Day service. It was agreed to pay £20 as last year. Cllr Daniel said that Mr Langworthy had agreed to clean the memorial before the service and he would remind him.

16. To accept any relevant correspondence: None received.

Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: 6.30pm on Wednesday 19th November 2025.

Signed _____ N. Daniel _____ Date ___19/11/2025_____

Meeting closed 7.30pm.