



AXMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

CLERK:
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A meeting of Axmouth Parish Council was held on Wednesday 16th July 2025 at 6.30pm in Axmouth Village Hall.

Those present:

Cllr Daniel, Cllr Drown, Cllr Condrón, Cllr McBride and Cllr Lucas.

In attendance:

Andy Comerford (Clerk), Mr S Harvey and Mr G Loveridge.

The Clerk declared the meeting to be quorate.

1. Co-option of council member:

Mr S Harvey was proposed by Cllr Daniel and seconded by Cllr Condrón. All in favour.
Cllr Daniel welcomed Cllr Harvey to the Parish Council.

2. To receive and acknowledge apologies:

Cllr Zisman (prior commitment), Cllr Preston (prior commitment), Cllr Westerman (Council meeting).

The clerk reported that Cllr Staff had submitted her registration as a parish councillor.

3. 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.

4. Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on the 18th June 2025 to be approved: Approved.

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

6. Public Forum:

a) District Councillor report. None given.

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

7. Highway matters:

- a) Traffic signage through the village.
Cllr Hayward discussing with Highways.
- b) Aldi HGV Traffic.
No further response.
- c) Stepps Lane Subsidence. (reply circulated)
In hand with Highways.
- d) Chain Link Posts. (reply circulated)
The damaged posts have been reported to Highways who have put the repair in hand. Mr Ashford had stated the it may not be possible to look for other options other than replacing like for like as the posts were in the Axe Estuary Marine Conservation Zone. Cllr Daniel stated that this was not the case, the MCZ is completely irrelevant since it's boundary is the high water mark! It was agreed to leave the repair in hand with Devon County Council.
- e) Playground warning signs.
Cllr Daniel reported that he had spoken to an officer from Highways who had pointed out that there was a warning sign for both directions of travel at the Playpark. When asked if it could be considered for a 20mph restriction Cllr Daniel was told that that would be unlikely.

8. To agree outside body representation:

Current representatives (21 st May 2025)	
Footpath Warden (P3 Co-ordinator)	Cllr Daniel
Seaton Beach Management Plan Group	Cllr Daniel
Axmouth Playground.	Cllr Condron & Cllr Drown
Emergency Planning	Cllr Daniel
Village Hall Committee	Cllr Drown

Cllr Drown agreed to be the Parish Council representative on the Village Hall Committee. Clerk to let Village Hall Committee Chair know of the appointment.
Cllr Daniel suggested that it should be treated as an appointment for a year and then rotated to another councillor.

9. Review of Complaint Procedure and Social Media Policy.

- a) Complaints Procedure. (circulated).
The clerk reported that this was last reviewed in 2022. Accepted without amendment.



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b) Social Media. (circulated)

The clerk reported that this policy had also been reviewed in 2022. The clerk proposed one adjusting the number of hours worked by the clerk from 8 per week to 9 per week. The policy was accepted with the one amendment.

10 Financial matters.

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

b) AGAR documents to be approved:

Notice of Public rights. The dates have been corrected.

Certificate of Exemption. Totals have been altered.

Governance Statement. Dates of signature to be changed when signed.

Accounting Statement. Dates of Signature to be changed when signed.

All circulated and approved by e-mail.

c) To review Audit report 2024/25. (circulated)

Audit report was reviewed and accepted.

d) To approve the following payments:

i) Blue Chip Accounts. £153.00. (circulated) approved.

ii) Trevett. £ 60.00. (circulated). approved

iii) Lloyds Bank services £4.25. presented at meeting and approved.

11. Planning :

a) 25/1430/FUL Cumbria, Steps Lane.

After some discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council had no objections to this proposal.

12. Graveyard update: Nothing to report.

13. Footpath update:

a) No further update on new footpath proposal.

b) The clerk had contacted Bindon Estate Office and had been informed that the clearance of the footpaths would be scheduled asap. DCC had also been informed as hedges growing over footpaths were their responsibility and not the landowner.



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14. Dog Bins:

The clerk reported that a new dog waste bin would cost £470 to purchase, £47 per hour to fit and emptying would cost £4 per empty which was recommended 3 times per week. The clerk had also been informed that the council was not supporting dog waste bins as it had been discovered that large amounts of dog waste did not decompose easily as it needed to be mixed in with other waste and the bin rounds were full and it was difficult to schedule new collections.

The clerk had been in contact with Mr Steve Maclure who was Operations and Project Officer for Recycling and Waste. Mr Maclure is an Axmouth resident who knew the problem well. He advised that his operators had often reported misuse of the bin by the bus stop with it being used for refuse from local residents. He proposed that he would fit a new sign to the bin and monitor it and collection from it regularly. He would then recommend the best course of action in the near future.

15. Bus Stop.

Cllr Condron reported that he had approached Mr S Bolt for a full quotation but had not received it to date.

16. Reports.

- a) Parish Councillor reports: None given.

Cllr McBride reported that he had been in contact with the manufacturers of the VAS camera concerning the problems previously reported. The camera was put through a test sequence that included downloading some 2000 pages of data. The camera was working correctly. Cllr McBride was shown how to download the data correctly.

Cllr Daniel reported that an advertising banner for a hotel in Chard had been put up on the railings of the new bridge. Cllr Daniel considered it should be removed as council had previously not given permission for advertising boards for local businesses. It was agreed that the clerk would contact the hotel and ask them to remove before 5pm on Friday. If it wasn't removed by then the council would remove it and could not guarantee its safe keeping. Cllr Drown suggested that the council needed a clear policy for signage to ensure consistency when dealing with request for signs and removal of unauthorised signage.

- b) Clerks report: none given.

17. To accept any relevant correspondence: None received.

Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: 6.30pm on Wednesday 17th September 2025

Signed _____ *N. Daniel* _____ Date 17/09/25 _____

Meeting closed 7.30pm.