



AXMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

CLERK:
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A meeting of Axmouth Parish Council was held on Wednesday 18th February 2026 at 6.30pm in Axmouth Village Hall.

Those present:

Cllr Daniel, Cllr Zisman, Cllr Drown, Cllr McBride, Cllr Harvey, Cllr Lucas and Cllr Prosser.

In attendance:

Andy Comerford (Clerk)

The Clerk declared the meeting to be quorate.

1. To receive and acknowledge apologies:

Cllr Hayward (arriving late due to prior meeting), Cllr Preston (Vacation), Cllr Condron, Cllr Westerman.

- 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 21st January 2026 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. Cllr Westerman submitted a response from Street Scene concerning the blocked path on Axmouth Beach:

- **Enquiry details:** Can you tell me when the path to Axmouth Beach from Axmouth Harbour will be reopened.
- **Expected outcome:** Ideally when the path reopen, alternatively an update as to what is happening.
- **Location details if no address provided:** Path on Axmouth beach, Axmouth Harbour

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RESPONSE:

- **Status:** Response complete
- **Response:**
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Dear Cllr Westerman,

I have consulted with our Engineers department and they have confirmed that the path's clearance is managed by Devon County Council. DCC are due to clear the debris, but as per the working method supplied by the cliff inspector, they need to wait for a period of dry weather (due to risk of further cliff instability whilst operating machines that are likely to cause vibrations) They have said there has not been a period of dry weather, so they cannot provide an update on when the works will be able to happen.

Kind regards,
Helen Driver
StreetScene – Operations.

- b) Members of the public. None given.

6. Highway matters:

- a) Traffic signage through the village. No further progress.
b) Chain Link Posts.

Cllr Daniel reported that they had been fixed today and the contractors had done a good job. All the old chains had been recovered for them to re-use. They had new galvanised chain but it didn't match in with the existing older chain. The contractors commented that in the new financial year they hoped to carry out further work to the fence including the inclusion of metal post sockets to make future repairs easier.

Cllr Zisman asked if the PC had been informed about the extensive flood defence works being carried out. Cllr Daniel confirmed that no information had been passed to the PC.

7. Financial matters.

- a) To approve the financial statements to the end January 2026. Approved.
b) To approve the following payments. None received.

Cllr Drown asked if an invoice had been received from The Village Hall for hall hire. The Clerk responded that he was not aware of an outstanding invoice but would double check his records and report back to Cllr Drown. He confirmed that he had been contacted about the new invoice arrangements and that he was expecting an invoice for the annual hire charge in April as agreed at the last meeting.



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8. Planning. None receive.

9. Graveyard:

Cllrs Daniel and Drown had met with the landowner who confirmed he was happy to sell the land and both parties would consider a value for it. It was clear that the landowner was not in favour of an additional pathway to gain access to the graveyard extension but a second area was suggested which would offer easier access. They had also had a meeting with the Vicar and Mrs Harding to ascertain that all opportunities to to not been able rationalise space around the main body of the church, particularly to the South where there appeared to be some free space. Also if the plan to utilise the additional land under current consideration the only access would be through the existing graveyard which may mean the relocation of some of the graves. The Church agreed to investigate the process to achieve this. An alternative plot has been suggested which has road access but is not adjoining the the current graveyard and leat running close to it may cause issues.

10. Bus Stop.

A purchase order for £8160.00 (inc VAT) had been raised for Rawlings Renovations to carry out repairs to the Bus Stop. Cllr Condron will pass order to Rawlins Renovations and arrange best dates for the work to be carried out avoiding School term time.

The clerk proposed that the repair be funded from the following “earmarked accounts”:
£2543.42 from the CIL account, £2000.00 from the Election account and the balance of £3616.48 from the Contingency plan. This proposal was discussed and agreed.

Cllr Drown asked if we would still be able to support the Village Hall for £3000 as discussed at the last meeting. The Clerk responded that the Parish Council would need to be presented with a proposal from the hall before this could be agreed but there was still enough funds if it was agreed.

11. Brook Clearance.

The annual Brook clearance needed to be put in hand to before the end of the financial year. Cllr Daniel agreed to make contact with the same contractor used last year and place the work with him.



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12. Reports.

a) Parish Councillor reports:

Cllr Drown reported on the latest Village Hall meeting. The minutes of the meeting were available and will be sent to the clerk. Cllr Drown said the Hall's finances were healthy with approx. £42,000 available but committed to various purchases. The Committee had been very successful in its grant requests from various sources. They were giving consideration to the amount of funds raised from hall hire, currently about £600 per annum. They were looking to become more proactive in marketing the hall to a wider area. There were plans to do 2 fund raiser village breakfasts and 2 music on the green events. Ron Badger was stepping down as treasurer and a new treasurer was being sought.

No further reports.

b) Clerks report: No report.

13. To accept any relevant correspondence: None received.

Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: 6.30pm on Wednesday 25th March 2026

Signed *N. Daniel* Date 25th March 2026

Meeting closed 7.05pm.