



AXMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 15 April 2026 – Axmouth Village Hall (*following the Annual Parish Meeting*)

Present: Cllrs Nigel Daniel (Chair), Jane Drown, James Condron, Chris McBride, Will Lucas and Steve Harvey

In attendance: Andy Comerford (Clerk)

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Hayward, Zisman, Preston and Prosser.

The meeting was confirmed as quorate.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of 25 March 2026 were approved and signed by Cllr Daniel.

4. Confidential Items

None.

5. Highway Matters

a) Traffic control signage No update at this time.

b) Stepps Lane pothole

- Cllr Drown reported that the road surface continues to worsen, especially with heavy farm traffic.
- The pothole is now deep enough to pose a real risk to cars, cyclists and motorcyclists.
- Cllr Condron confirmed he has reported it several times with no response.
- The Council agreed the Clerk will contact Highways again, noting that over 40 residents have complained and that the drain beneath the pothole may collapse if left unresolved.

c) Chapel/Church Street potholes and road markings

- Resident Mr A. Winder reported that most potholes he had reported have been repaired, but the road markings still need attention.
- Clerk to follow up with Highways.

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6. Financial Matters

a–b) Financial statements and standing orders deferred until bank statements arrive.

c) Asset Review (physical check)

- Mower – Cllr Drown to check
- Grit bin – in good order
- Three pictures – Cllr Daniel to identify
- Parishescape Tithe map – copy held in Village Hall
- Relief map – in good order
- Projection screen – in good order
- Telephone box – Cllr Harvey to check
- WI bench – needs repair or replacement; Cllr Drown to gather costs
- Strimmer – Clerk to confirm with Mr Britton
- Gazebo – Clerk to check with Village Hall committee

d) Asset Register (for website)

- Three pictures valued at £600 – pending identification
- Clerk to seek advice on depreciation of assets
- Clerk to check folding tables
- Clerk to confirm value of bus shelter

e) Payments Approved

- Blaze – £31.92
- Bradfords – £5.52
- DALC membership – £223.13
- Hawkchurch PC (VAS batteries) – £51.92

f) Grants – St Michael's Church

- £500 for Parish Magazine – approved
- £500 for graveyard upkeep – approved

7. Planning

Axmouth Campsite Licensing

- Clerk to confirm that nearby residents were notified.
- Assuming they were, the Council supports the application.



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8. Playground

No update.

9. Graveyard

- No new developments.

10. Footpaths

- Cllr Daniel to complete and submit the footpath report.
- DCC has cleared the path to the river mouth.

11. Bus Stop

Repair work ongoing

12. Village Clean-Up Day

- Confirmed for **Saturday 16 May**.
- Cllr Condron to check arrangements with The Ship, who kindly provide lunch each year.
- Posters to be created and posted on Axmouth Together.

14. Reports

County Councillor: No report

District Councillor: No report

Parish Councillors:

- Cllr Drown: The Village Show would welcome more volunteers, especially for the evening event.
- Cllr Lucas: Several brookside posts are damaged; he will photograph and report them to Highways.
- Cllr McBride: Devon Street Lighting now has funding to replace the bracket at 40 Church Street; permission has been granted.
- Clerk: First half of the precept has been received.

15. Correspondence

 None received.

Next Meeting: 20 May 2026

Meeting closed: 8:05 pm

Signed: *N. Daniel* Date: **20/5/26**