

Bow Parish Council Minutes 10.1.2018  
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 10 JANUARY 2018 AT 7.30P.M.  
IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM OF BOW VILLAGE HALL

**Present:** Mr C D Nicks in the Chair,  
Messrs R P Edworthy, C R McAllister, V Steer, T J Vanstone, M C Williams and R J Yelland.  
Cllr J Squire and Cllr N Way (part only).  
Members of the Public: One (part only).  
Clerk Miss B D Ware.

**Apologies:** Mrs L A Hamilton and Mrs D M Pritchett-Farrell.

**PARISH COUNCIL**

1. **Public Open Forum.** Parishioner, Mrs John, addressing Parish Council raised various concerns/comments, viz.  
*Litter bin*, adjacent public seat, A3072 western approach to village. Mrs John wished to thank M.D.D.C. for the new bin.  
*Blocked storm water gratings*, at junction of A3072/Bow Mill Lane, near Millham Farm Bow Mill Lane and near West Langford Station Road, would all be reported to D.C.C.  
*Potholes*, Bow Pound to Bow church/Walson and Coleford Road. Potholes had been reported; Cllr Way would refer to D.C.C. Neighbourhood Highway Officer Mr Tucker at regular surgery the following day, advising that contractors, Skanska, responded to safety defects.  
*Manhole cover* in highway near Darts Cottage. The slightly sunken cover, of Bow Waterworks flush valve, had been referred to D.C.C. for advice.  
*Footpath*, A3072 west end of village to Co-op shop/garden centre. Grass was encroaching, narrowing the path which was slippery in places particularly over the river bridges.  
*Proposed street lighting project*, western end of village to Co-op shop. Finance wasn't available. Mrs John said the lights were needed for safety reasons.  
*Street sweeping*. The western end of the main street (north side) was not cleaned well because of parked cars, Mrs John asked that MDDC's sweeper vary the time it attended. Members suggested that householders establish time of next visit and arrange for their cars to be parked elsewhere to allow sweeper improved access. Mrs John was thanked for attending and she took her leave of the meeting.
2. **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 8 November 2017, having been circulated in advance, were taken as read, agreed as a complete and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.
3. **Matters Arising:-**
  - (i) Den Brook Wind Farm, Community Fund. The Fund Administrator hoped to attend either February or March Parish Council meeting. There were understood to be several applications for funding which could lead to the fund being oversubscribed for the current round. To date, Parish Council was unaware of any prospective applications for the Town, Parish and Community (TAP) fund for 2017/18, which had an application deadline of 28/2/18. After discussion, understanding that Bow and District Historical Society intended applying to the Den Brook Community Fund and given many Society members lived away from Bow, thereby meeting the qualifying criteria that more than one parish benefit, to write reminding the Society of TAP fund availability.
  - (ii) Community helipad. Grant funding from Devon Vintage Car Club £1,250.00, D.C.C. Invest in Devon £2,500.00 and Devon Air Ambulance Trust £2,651.99 had been received and banked. A letter of thanks would be sent to Mr Williams, Secretary D.V.C.C. Alex Bowden Electrical invoice at £614.40 was still awaited; when received a copy to be sent to D.A.A.T. for grant funding of labour element. Lighting column had been installed without intended grills to protect lights against vandalism – Members agreed it would be pursued if vandalism threat occurred. Publicity was discussed; Mr Williams would arrange D.V.C.C. members to attend at the Village Field for presentation of cheque late February (date awaited), Parish Council, Cllr Way and Mr Russell could also attend.
  - (iii) Defibrillator, situate Village Hall, protection/guarding. Mr Vanstone had obtained a verbal quotation from Earp Engineering for mild steel, unpainted, at £55.00 or powder coated at £120.00. It was agreed to accept the unpainted option which Members would fit and Mr McAllister would paint. Mr Vanstone would order guarding.
  - (iv) Bow Conservation Area. M.D.D.C. Conservation Officer Mr Dadson had been reminded re. maintenance responsibility of the raised cobbled footpath. Neither Bow and District Historical Society nor Parish Council was interested, at present, in carrying out the suggested Bow Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan.
  - (v) Dog waste bins, relocking after servicing. M.D.D.C. had asked to be informed if lockable bins continued not being relocked after servicing. Relocking bins and any local interference would continue to be monitored.
  - (vi) Additional litter bin, sited adjacent to seat, A3072, western approach to village. The long awaited new bin had been installed. Thanks would be conveyed to M.D.D.C.

#### 4. **Planning**

##### APPLICATIONS

##### [17/01913/HOUSE](#)

*Proposal:* Conversion of outbuilding to form ancillary accommodation

*Location:* West Halse Bow Crediton

*Site Vicinity Grid Ref:* 273051 / 101553

Information conveyed electronically to Parish Councillors 19/12/17

Mr Steer declared a personal interest (neighbour) and left the meeting.

Bow Parish Council approved the Application.

##### [17/01914/LBC](#)

*Proposal:* Listed Building Consent for conversion of outbuilding to form ancillary accommodation

*Location:* West Halse Bow Crediton

*Site Vicinity Grid Ref:* 273051 / 101553

Information conveyed electronically to Parish Councillors 19/12/17

Mr Steer declared a personal interest (neighbour) and left the meeting.

Bow Parish Council approved the Application.

##### [17/02065/HOUSE](#)

*Proposal:* Erection of two storey extension to side (Revised Scheme)

*Location:* 11 Hobbs Way, Bow, Crediton, Devon

*Site Vicinity Grid Ref:* 271949 / 101582

Application information had been conveyed electronically to Members on 10/1/18

Bow Parish Council approved the Application.

##### M.D.D.C. DECISIONS

NIL

##### WITHDRAWN

##### [17/01756/HOUSE](#)

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5. **Bow's K6 Telephone Kiosk, Automated External Defibrillator (A.E.D.) installation.** A cheque for £1,500.00, representing the Co-op shop's donation towards the A.E.D. had been received 7/1/18. Payment had been sent to Community Heartbeat Trust with request that the amended electricity supply to the kiosk be arranged with B.T. and request that C.H.T. apply for sponsorship for free paint kit.
6. **Untaxed (has S.O.R.N.) Vehicle at Jackman Car Park.** An untaxed vehicle which had been parked at the car park for two months earlier in 2017 had returned mid November. A Notice had been placed on windscreen with the vehicle subsequently being removed early January.
7. **Mobile Outreach Post Office Service.** The service to Bow had been non-operational (again) from mid November to early December – again causing much inconvenience to customers. Cheriton Bishop Post Office claimed a technical fault with the van had occurred. This was the latest of many interruptions and lack of reliability since commencement of the service in 2009. The former Spar shop, at the Square, was currently being renovated and would become a shop, probably mid year. Members agreed it would be excellent and would be supportive of a future shop incorporated a Post Office facility. A Government recent decision to invest £370 million in the future of the Post Office had been welcomed by Mel Stride MP who had launched a major forum within Central Devon to promote local Post Offices, help branches, etc. Enquiries would be made whether D.C.C. could offer any advice and to enquire whether the garden centre would consider a Post Office facility.
8. **Parish Precept, 2018-2019.** M.D.D.C. documentation had been received electronically. Within the Local Government Settlement, it had been announced that there would not be Referendum limits placed on Council Tax increases for town and parish councils for at least the next three years. Members considered finances and budget, including potential expenditure over forthcoming year. After consideration it was agreed to retain the precept at the current level of £9,500.00 for the forthcoming year 2018-2019. It was agreed that the Devon Association of Local Councils subscription be deducted from the precept.

## 9. **D. C.C. Highways Matters.**

*Proposed extension of 30m.p.h. limit, A3072 west of village.* Cllr Way didn't know whether speed checks had been carried out but said that housing density along that stretch of road was inadequate to meet current criteria. It had long been recognised that speeding was an issue. During discussion, Members again opined that a speed detection device on the approach, similar to that at Sampford Courtenay, would be beneficial.

*Repainting lining (faded sections of double yellow line along main street and white line junction of Junction Rd-Churchlands).* No repainting work had been carried out.

*D.C.C. parish and town council conferences 2017.* Online presentation from events was available plus, following feedback, the introduction of Roadmap, a new publication on Devon Highways created specifically for parish & town councils, containing information on conferences, pothole action fund (Devon may get £1.75m), community self-help, snow wardens, etc .

*Hazardous parking on DYL at School Hill.* Since early December a commercial van had inconsiderately and unlawfully(?) parked on double yellow lines on the blind corner at the Old School House. Several approaches by Parish Council and local residents to the driver, D.C.C. and Police/P.C.S.O. had not deterred the driver because roadside (obsolete) traffic order signage showed seasonal parking restrictions, which had since been removed.

*Road works A377 west of Crediton.* Cllr Way advised the A377 from Chapel Downs to Barnstaple Cross would be closed for four weeks from 15/1/18. Service bus (Hatherleigh) times may be affected.

*Blocked drain, nr West Halse.* To be reported to D.C.C.

*Parking on village pavements.* Mrs Pritchett-Farrell had received complaints about vehicles parked on the pavement opposite Sutherlands, which currently had scaffolding along it's frontage over the pavement, leaving pedestrians without a pavement on either side of the busy main road. Vehicles also parked on the pavement near the former Spar shop (and elsewhere in the village).

## 10. **Monitoring of Services**

D.C.C. Service satisfactory – comment would not be submitted.

M.D.D.C. Service satisfactory – comment would not be submitted.

(M.D.D.C.'s erroneous invoice for grass cutting contribution re. D.C.C. verges for 2017 season, made void.)

## 11. **Correspondence.**

D.C.C. Flood Risk Management, submission of flood event information to Devon County Council.

D.C.C. Devon Countryside Access Forum – new members sought.

M.D.D.C. Homes Policy Development Group meeting, 14/11/17, agenda.

M.D.D.C. Audit Committee meeting, 21/11/17, agenda.

M.D.D.C. Cabinet meeting, 23/11/17, agenda.

M.D.D.C. Planning Committee, 29/11/17, agenda.

M.D.D.C. Scrutiny Committee meeting, 04/12/2017, agenda.

M.D.D.C. Regulatory Committee meeting, 08/12/2017, agenda.

M.D.D.C. Mid Devon District Council meeting, 13/12/17, agenda.

M.D.D.C. Planning Committee, 03/01/18, agenda.

M.D.D.C. Cabinet meeting, 04/01/18, agenda.

M.D.D.C. Environment Policy Development Group, 09/01/18, agenda.

M.D.D.C. Economy Policy Development Group, 11/1/18, agenda.

M.D.D.C. press release, Have Your Say on our Services, with survey. (Forwarded to Members 23/11/17.)

M.D.D.C. press release, M.D.D.C. applies for £1.2m Lottery funding (regenerating Cullompton's unique heritage).

M.D.D.C. press release, raising awareness of modern slavery, 16 & 17 October 2017, across Mid Devon.

M.D.D.C. press release, Landlord networking event on 8 November 2017, well received.

M.D.D.C. press release, M.D.D.C. increasing number of clothing banks.

M.D.D.C. press release, response to press article re. planned improvements to Junction 28 of the M5.

M.D.D.C. press release, observance of Armistice Day 11 November 2017.

M.D.D.C. press release, Mid Devon District Council to help residents save on their energy bills.

M.D.D.C. press release, free car parking (Crediton, Cullompton & Tiverton) in run up to Christmas.

M.D.D.C. press release, M.D.D.C. takes action on fly-tippers who think dumping garden waste is okay.

M.D.D.C. press release, a guide to recycling over the festive period.

M.D.D.C. press release, new Londis store to open in Market Walk Tiverton on 15 December 2017.

M.D.D.C. press release, Mid Devon changing the way food and garden waste composted separately.

M.D.D.C. press release, new waste transfer station opens in Mid Devon on 8 December 2017.

North Tawton Town Council, [North Tawton Neighbourhood Plan 2016-2034](#) (pre-submission draft) Regulation 14 consultation.

Crediton Hospital League of Friends, copy of letter to D.C.C. seeking assurance re. future of Crediton hospital.  
 Tiverton & District Community Transport Association & Mid Devon Shopmobility, requesting financial support.  
 Action East Devon, United against Dementia locality workshop, on 5/12/17 at Honiton, info.  
 Devon Voluntary Action (DeVA), latest newsletter online.  
 Devon Communities Together, invitation to Yuletide Devon Social Enterprise Network Event, 7/12/17, invite.  
 Devon Communities Together, Devon Local Nature Partnership, inviting over 55s to complete survey.  
 Devon Communities Together, LOVE Devon newsletter Dec. 2017.  
 Devon Communities Together, Seasons Greeting and Western Power Distribution affordable warmth info.  
 D.A.L.C. newsletter, Notice of staff shortage, temporary disruption to Devon A.L.C. services.  
 D.A.L.C. newsletter, call for nominations for N.A.L.C.'s Smaller Councils Committee.  
 D.A.L.C. newsletter, General Data Protection Regulations training, Highlights from Larger Councils Sub  
 Committee meeting, Transparency Code funding, External Auditor appointments for 2017/18, national news  
 incl. Lobbying on GDPR, NALC's annual conference, launch of the Tree Charter, Legal incl. new legal briefings –  
*Privacy Notices and the Legal Basis for Processing Personal Data and General Data Processing Regulation and  
 Subject Access Requests*, Consultations – Productivity Strategy, vacancies, etc.  
 D.A.L.C. newsletter, Member survey, Transparency Code funding, Local Government finance settlement, Emp-  
 loyment (statutory rate changes), Local Government pay offer, etc.  
 D.A.L.C. inviting nominations for the Royal Garden Party, 5 June 2018.  
 Publications:- Clerks and Councils Direct, Local Council Review, Healthwatch Devon, Healthy People, Landscape  
 and Amenity Product Update (LAPU) Dec. 2017 issue and D.C.C. Connectme.

## 12. **Finance.**

Bank balances brought forward: Deposit Account £7,865.65, Current Account £11,700.87  
 (Grants for community helipad, viz. D.V.C.C. £1,250.00, D.C.C. Invest in Devon £2,500.00 & D.A.A.T. £2,651.99 all  
 received and credited to current a/c)  
 ACCOUNTS AUTHORISED FOR PAYMENT  
 Exeter Window Store (d/g windows & doors, Burston Meadow changing rooms) £432.93 (chq. issued 15.11.17)  
 Exeter Window Store (d/g windows & doors, Burston Meadow changing rooms) £3,896.36(chq. issued 25.11.17)  
 MAT Electrics Ltd (community helipad lighting column) £6,863.04 (chq. issued 22/11/17)  
 GDM Cleaning (bus shelter glass clean 5/12/17) £6.00  
 All Timber Frames Ltd (Burston Meadow changing rooms) £1,860.00 (4<sup>th</sup>/final staged payment)  
 Devonoak Ltd (supply timber cladding for changing rooms, Burston Meadow Sports & Rec. Ground) £2,453.70  
 Clerk (salary £749.00 + admin/expenses £138.73 qtr. ending 31/12/17) £887.73  
 H.M.R. & C. (P.A.Y.E. income tax) £187.25

## 13. **Any Other Business.**

(i) Relocated notice board, entrance to Iter Park. Mr Williams had invited Bow Medical Practice to post  
 information on the board, thereby reaching parishioners who didn't visit the surgery.  
 (ii) The Haven, Station Road. A new, apparently vehicular, access had been created through a garden hedge, on  
 to a grass verge thence on to the highway. Mr Edworthy and Mr Nicks declared interests and left the meeting.  
 Cllr Squire had received a comment/enquiry/complaint which also included the dirty state of the road. Planning  
 consent for the creation of a new vehicular access would be required.

## 14. **Date of Next Meeting.** Wednesday 14 February 2018 at 7.30p.m. at the Community Room of Bow Village Hall.

This concluded the business and the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.25p.m.