

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BOW PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT THE COMMUNITY ROOM OF BOW VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 11 AUGUST 2021 AT 7.30P.M.

Present: Mr C D Nicks, in the Chair,
Mrs D M Pritchett-Farrell,
Mr C R McAllister.
Cllr Frank Letch.
Clerk: Miss B D Ware.
Members of the Public: None

Apologies: Mrs L A Hamilton, Messrs R P Edworthy, T J Vanstone, G R Willis and
Cllr Alex White.

PARISH COUNCIL

The third COVID-19 novel coronavirus pandemic government-imposed national lockdown, from 5 January 2021 had been lifted on 19 July 2021, but recommendations (social distancing, etc) for indoor settings remained. The Regulations (*Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020*) brought in under powers granted by section 78 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 from 4 April 2020 had ended 7 May 2021.

1. **Public Open Forum.**

No members of the public present; no issues raised.

2. **Minutes.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2021, circulated in advance, were agreed as a complete and accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.

3. **Planning**

APPLICATION

[21/00341/FULL](#)

Proposal: Relocation of access

Location: Land at NGR 271696 100661 (South East of Natson) Bow Devon

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 271696 / 100661

Revised Drawings and Additional Information received

Information had been conveyed to Bow Parish Councillors on 19 July 2021.

Mr McAllister declared a dpi (owner), leaving Parish Council inquorate, so therefore unable to comment.

MDDC DECISION

APPROVAL

[21/01013/HOUSE](#)

Proposal: Erection of single-storey side extension

Location: St Martins Bow Devon

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 272730 / 100621

4. **National Bus Strategy, Key Stakeholder Consultation Questionnaire.**

The government had announced a new National Bus Strategy in March 2021. DCC had committed to working with local bus operators to form an Enhanced Partnership by April 2022 and to writing a joint Bus Service Improvement Plan by October 2021, which would be followed by a full public consultation. First, key stakeholders were being consulted, to gather feedback. Key stakeholders were asked to complete questionnaires, <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NYQBJCS> ranking areas of the service in terms of priority. Members considered and agreed the priorities, enabling the questionnaire to be completed and submitted.

5. **Peninsula Transport, Vision and Consultation.**

A consultation had opened on Peninsula Transport's (sub-national transport body for Cornwall, Devon, Plymouth, Somerset and Torbay councils) on vision and goals for the South West transport network. A Bulletin on Vision document <http://www.peninsulatrtransport.org.uk/our-vision/> and a feedback survey https://plymouth-consult.objective.co.uk/public/transport/peninsula_transport_1 had been received. Parish Council would not respond to the consultation.

6. **Bow Village Field**

- (i) Play areas, transfer of play areas to local responsibility. No further information on progress was to hand.
- (ii) Request for funding for litter bin at village field. Copy of annual accounts not yet forthcoming.

Mrs Pritchett-Farrell reported that Bow Village Hall & Field Management Committee had given a presentation at a Bow WI meeting about intended use of village field space which had been released following football activities having removed to Burston Meadow Sports and Recreation Ground. A lot of ideas, estimated to cost in the region of £80,000 and aimed to be more inclusive, were being considered, including tree planting, gym equipment, a BMX track, etc. An application was being made to the Den Brook Wind Farm Community Fund. Whether Section 106 funds could be used for provision of a replacement litter bin would be enquired of MDDC.

7. **Historic Buildings (pre 1948 Listed or in Conservation Area) at Risk, MDDC Survey and Register, Request.**

MDDC Conservation officer had issued a Buildings at Risk letter requesting town/parish council assistance in identifying which historic buildings in the parish had any concerns in terms of condition. The definition of 'building' was wide, interpreted as 'any structure or erection'. Members considered, speaking about the Listed raised cobbled footpath, which quite frequently suffered impact damage from vehicles, however ownership of it was mixed (some householders owned sections, others not). The area of raised cobbled frontage to Smiths and Part Smiths was not Listed, the ownership was also unclear, that section had not been renovated when the remainder of the raised cobbled footpath had been renovated in 2001. A private dwelling house was also mentioned.

8. **D.C.C. Highways Matters.**

Speeding A3072 western approach to village (proposed extension of 30m.p.h. limit), request for D.C.C. departure from policy on Local Speed Limits. Cllr Letch had advised that a virtual (Zoom) site meeting was planned for 2 September 2021 at 4.00pm. Parish Council representation would be permitted. Information on whether a DCC Cabinet Member would be invited/present was awaited. Cllr Letch suggested that a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) could be used to collect data, i.e. numbers and speeds of vehicles (Parish Council had agreed to purchase two VAS, two/three years previous, but the request to DCC, although reminded, had not been actioned). He said that Willand Parish Council had recently purchased a mobile VAS.

Proposed Community Speedwatch. Prior to COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, Parish Council had been in the process of setting up a community speedwatch group, the selected site currently awaited assessment by Crediton Police (all CSW activities had been suspended during the pandemic). The PCSO, with responsibility for setting up local Speedwatch groups, at Crediton Police Station, would be reminded.

9. **Monitoring of Services**

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

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

10. **Finance.**

Bank balances brought forward: Deposit a/c £7,987.49, Current a/c £25,622.78

ACCOUNTS AUTHORISED FOR PAYMENT

Community First Insurance £229.70

11. **Any Other Business.**

(i) Monthly surgeries, Bow Garden Centre. Cllr Letch said that he had been unable to attend the surgery on 24 July 2021, given alternative commitments.

(ii) Mid Devon District Council Head of Planning, Economy and Regeneration. Cllr Letch, on behalf of Cllr White, reported that Mrs Jenny Clifford was leaving the authority.

12. **Date of Next Meeting.**

Wednesday 8 September 2021 at 7.30p.m. at the Community Room of Bow Village Hall.

This concluded the business and the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.45p.m.