

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BOW PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT THE COMMUNITY ROOM OF BOW VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 7.30P.M.

Present: Mr C D Nicks, in the Chair,
Messrs R P Edworthy, T J Vanstone and G R Willis.
Cllr Frank Letch.
Clerk: Miss B D Ware.
Members of the Public: None

Apologies: Mrs L A Hamilton and Mrs D M Pritchett-Farrell, Messrs N P Edworthy,
C R McAllister and V Steer.

PARISH COUNCIL

1. **Public Open Forum.**

No members of the public present; no issues raised.

2. **Minutes.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 August 2021 had been circulated in advance. Members present had not been present at the 11 August 2021 meeting, so minutes could not be confirmed and signed so were deferred.

3. **Planning**

APPLICATION

[21/01262/HOUSE](#)

Proposal: Erection of garage and store following demolition of existing building

Location: Treedown House Bow Devon

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 272097 / 98992

Information had been conveyed electronically to Bow Parish Councillors on 9 August 2021.

Parish Council approved the application.

MDDC DECISIONS

APPROVAL

[21/01186/HOUSE](#)

Proposal: Siting of a replacement boiler and tank on concrete base

Location: Reeves House Bow Devon

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 271959 / 101809

REFUSAL

[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

WITHDRAWN

[21/00883/MFUL](#)

Proposal: Permanent siting of a Motocross track

Location: Land at NGR 272450 101209 (East Langford) Station Road Bow Devon

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 272450 / 101209

4. **Motocross Track, East Langford.**

The Planning application no. 21/00883/MFUL, had recently been withdrawn. A parishioner had read a facebook post (since removed) of an altercation with bad language, between the operator of the Bow track and a thirteen year old boy, at a motocross event elsewhere, resulting in the operator being asked to leave that event. Given that episode, the parishioner felt that the Bow landowners should cease involvement with the operator. She felt that there would be better, including mutually beneficial to the landowners and the community, uses for the land and requested that Parish Council make representation to the landowners to cease involvement with the track operator and to consider alternative mutually beneficial uses of the land or to restore the field to agricultural land. After brief discussion, Members felt no further action to be taken for the time being also that it was not the role of Parish Council to act as a bargaining agent suggesting how landowners used their land.

5. **Parishioners' Complaint – Sleep Disturbance, Johnsland Activities.**

Mr P Edworthy declared a DPI (owner) and left the meeting. A parishioner's email reported regularly being woken by early morning work activity at Johnsland, saying work began around 5.00am and involved moving of heavy vehicles, pumping operations, movement of fork lift trucks and occasional tooting of vehicle horns. It commented Johnsland was surrounded by residential housing and it would be appreciated if Bow Parish Council ask companies based at Johnsland to adhere to their permitted hours of operation. Members discussed companies concerned, noting that most commenced work at 7.00am or later (a commercial breakdown operator might occasionally be called out to recover a vehicle). Mr Vanstone offered to speak with Mr Edworthy.

6. **Bow Village Field**

(i) Play Area, Transfer of Play Area to Local Responsibility. Bow Village Hall & Field Management Committee had not yet decided on acceptance. MDDC had enquired of Parish Council about Bow Village Hall & Field Man Cttee's progress and had asked about carrying out a RoSPA inspection, as information from the Committee had not been forthcoming. MDDC and Parish Council both needed to know the state of the transfer as the lease had long since expired. Parish Council would most likely financially support Bow Village Hall & Field Man Cttee in accepting direct responsibility but their formal response to MDDC was needed. If the Committee didn't wish to accept direct responsibility, Parish Council would need to arrange a lease, with Bow Village Hall & Field Management Committee as landlord, to be able to assume play area responsibility.

(ii) Request for Replacement (Youth Shelter) Litter Bin at Village Field. Requested copy of annual accounts to accompany verbal request for funding for replacement litter bin not yet forthcoming. Some Parish Councillors contended that the bin could be used by the whole parish so should be replaced by the Parish Council, rather than it belonging to/in the custody of Bow Village Hall & Field Management Committee. The bin was linked with the youth shelter, both had been acquired by Parish Council using Sect.106 funds, to benefit users of the Village Field and in conjunction with Bow Village Hall & Field Man Cttee. Items (picnic tables, seats, etc) similarly acquired by Parish Council, to benefit the Village Field, were considered to be owned/in the custody of Bow Village Hall & Field Man Cttee. (They were not included on Parish Council's Assets Register.) Parish Council could positively respond to a funding request for a replacement bin but production of annual accounts (as required by Parish Council in all funding requests from other organisations) appeared to be a stumbling block.

7. **Parishioner's Request for New Litter Bin, Serving A3072 Layby, West of Bow.**

MDDC had supplied cost of a new dual-use bin, including installation, as £307.51. Parish Council would retain the (to be removed) existing dog waste bin. It was agreed to proceed with purchase.

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

Speeding A3072 western approach to village (proposed extension of 30mph limit), request for D.C.C. departure from policy on Local Speed Limits. A virtual, via Teams, site meeting had been held on 2 September 2021, attended by some ten DCC and Police officers and Parish Council representatives, Mr Steer and Mr Vanstone with the clerk as an observer. A series of images produced by DCC showed the stretch of road, atypically, to be deserted of traffic and pedestrians. Doubtless influenced by the images and failing to accept Parish Council submissions, disappointingly, officers had negatively responded to Bow's case. The second part of the meeting, with Parish Council removed, would include DCC's more formal view. At a further DCC meeting, held that day, Cllr Letch reported that DCC was considering/planning to carry out some engineering works at the junction of the A3072 with Burston Lane, DCC would first discuss works with Parish Council.

Proposed Community Speedwatch. The PCSO reported that all CSW had been suspended during COVID-19 but that Bow's site would be included on the list for investigation to check suitability, safety and for risk assessment.

Vehicle Activated Speed Sign (VAS). Cllr Letch suggested, using his DCC Locality budget, he could fund or partially fund, a jointly owned mobile VAS which could rotate between the parishes of Bow, Cheriton Bishop and Coplestone. Parish Council approved the suggestion. It was likely that Bow's case would need to go through the Speed Compliance Action Review Forum (SCARF) process again and, if successful, DCC could approve VAS installation.

Rural roads. DCC was creating a fund for works to rural roads.

High stone wall abutting the highway, north side of A3072 carriageway, bounding Jackman car park. Mr Willis reported that a stone on the pavement had been dislodged. Two separate complaints to the Clerk early in the year, reference a section of the wall near the post box, had been referred to DCC.

Notice board, entrance to Iter Park. The owner of the wall to which the board was attached had granted consent for the board subject to it remaining in good order. The wall owner had commented that the board was no longer in good order (unclear whether posted notices were untidy or if the board itself needed attention). If work needed on the board, enquiries could be made (Mr J Hobbs was suggested) or Mr Vanstone kindly offered to renovate if needed.

9. **DCC Report**

Cllr Letch reported -

COVID-19 coronavirus. Statistics for Devon were currently high, with the vaccination programme continuing. Monthly surgery. The surgery, previously held at Bow Garden Centre, would be held in the congregation chapel hall, which was deemed more central.

Bow and Arrow. Cllr Letch was currently writing copy for the next issue (given a technology issue a September issue hadn't yet been produced).

Locality budget. It was reported to be £10,000 for each of the ensuing four years. To date, approx. £1,100 of the current year's budget had been spent.

Electric lighting, junction of A3072 with Bow Mill Lane to the Co-op shop. Cllr Letch would enquire current cost (scheme total indicated at approx. £54,000 in 2016) and cost of low level lighting.

Poor highway surface, in region of the Square. Cllr Letch would enquire when repair work could be expected.

10. **Monitoring of Services**

D.C.C. A large pothole at the edge of the carriageway near Cott bridge, Hilldown Road, remained but DCC had placed a patch of tarmac on the opposite side of the road, enabling motorists to avoid the pothole in the narrow road!

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

11. **Finance.**

Bank balances brought forward: Deposit a/c £7,987.49, Current a/c £25,393.08

ACCOUNT AUTHORISED FOR PAYMENT

GDM Cleaning (bus shelter glass cleaned 17/8/2021) £6.00

12. **Any Other Business.**

(i) Mr Weeks had sent a letter of thanks for the gift of HTA garden vouchers as recognition and thanks for his good work carrying out the internal inspection of the 2020/21 annual accounts.

13. **Date of Next Meeting.**

Wednesday 12 October 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 9.20p.m