

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BOW PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT THE COMMUNITY ROOM OF BOW VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 13 OCTOBER 2021 AT 7.30P.M.

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

Apologies: Mrs D M Pritchett-Farrell, Messrs N P Edworthy, R P Edworthy and
V Steer and Cllr Alex White.

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 and of the meeting held on 8 September 2021, having been circulated in advance, were confirmed as complete and accurate records of the proceedings on those evenings and were signed by the Chairman.

3. **Planning**

APPLICATIONS

Nil

MDDC DECISIONS

APPROVALS

[21/00853/FULL](#)

Proposal: Erection of an agricultural storage building

Location: Land at NGR 271002 100090 (Butterlands Park Farm) Bow Crediton Devon

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 271069 / 100045

[21/01264/FULL](#)

Proposal: Formation of access

Location: Bow Garden and Aquatic Centre Bow Crediton Devon

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 271301 / 101739

[21/00931/HOUSE](#)

Proposal: Erection of first floor extension

Location: 2 Newtons Cottages Bow Crediton Devon

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 272247 / 101731

[21/01088/FULL](#)

Proposal: Erection of a dwelling

Location: South View Station Road Bow Crediton Devon

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 272231 / 101260

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

A parishioner suggested that the site be purchased, for the community, as a Platinum Jubilee Orchard, Members were doubtful. Brief discussion ensued, including the withdrawn planning application, whether noise issues were still being experienced, whether a log of dates when the site was used was being kept and whether any further work had been carried out on the track. Legislation stated use could be 28dys per year (extended given covid-19) to 31 December 2021 but the applicant appeared to believe that use could be 28dys per year to 31 March 2022. An aerial photograph from 2010 showed the site as being a greenfield site. On behalf of Cllr White, Cllr Letch suggested that Cllr White enquire, via MDDC's Head of Planning, Economy and Regeneration, whether the site operator or landowner could change the use of the land if use was just for themselves and enquire what powers MDDC Enforcement Officers have. It was further submitted that some local residents, adversely affected by use of the track, were considering leaving the area if track use continued. Given the track site was contiguous with the SSSI, Nymet Barton Marsh, it was felt that negatively impacting the SSSI was inevitable.

5. **Bow Waterworks Management Trustees, Resignation.**

The arrangement of a separate committee of Management Trustees, with Parish Council as custodian trustee, had been operating since 2005. The Trustees had decided at the AGM, despite four year terms, to all resign in August 2022. Bow Waterworks Chairman had written to Parish Council saying that the Trustees did not believe it was possible to run Bow Waterworks satisfactorily, financially or operationally, under its current charity status with non-users as trustees, that the Trustees were in the process of researching alternative options which would be put to property owners in a consultation exercise, so that property owners could select board members from their number. In an accompanying report, aspects included the poor state of some underground infrastructure (eg spurs belonging to users), debts from unpaid invoices (principally amongst tenants) impacted finances, etc. The Clerk, also clerk to Bow Waterworks, said other aspects were that MDDC had steadfastly refused to accept responsibility for the sub main, the number of users were diminishing (three switched to SWW in 2021), an excess amount of water was being lost, some users expected a level of service more comparable to a major utility, a new chlorinator was needed, updated Rules & Regulations needed legal vetting and, possibly a final straw, the Chairman said that in two separate incidents two users had physically assaulted him. Trustees had offered to attend a meeting if Parish Council so wished. One Trustee had commented that, if decommissioned, the value of the abstraction licences might not be insignificant, however Trustees did not wish to see Bow Waterworks close. Parish Council briefly discussed but it was felt that the matter should be decided by the Trustees and users.

6. **To Consider Custodianship of Youth Shelter, Picnic Tables, etc at Bow Village Field.**

Mrs Hamilton (Parish Council representative on Bow Village Hall & Field Management Committee) and Mr Nicks (relative of Bow Village Hall & Field Management Committee secretary) declared personal interests. It was accepted by Bow Village Hall and Field Management Committee that responsibility for the items, although purchased and provided by Parish Council, were in the Committee's custody and were their responsibility.

7. **Play Area, Bow Village Field.**

Mrs Hamilton (Parish Council representative on Bow Village Hall & Field Management Committee) and Mr Nicks (relative of Bow Village Hall & Field Management Committee secretary) declared personal interests.

(i) Transfer of play area to local responsibility, progress report. Transfer arrangements were progressing, the Committee said that transfer had been held up by the MDDC officer dealing. Regular checks/inspections of the play area were being carried out by a committee member.

(ii) Request for replacement (youth shelter) litter bin at village field. A copy of annual accounts had been supplied. It was agreed to proceed with the order of a replacement bin, quoted (supply only) as £515.00 + vat.

(iii) Bow Village Hall & Field Man. Committee request for funding of play area insurance (sum detail not yet available). Bow Village Hall & Field Management Committee insurers needed value of play area equipment items in order to provide a quotation, ascertaining equipment values remained in hand.

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. DCC had not yet approached Parish Council reference DCC suggested engineering works at the Burston Cross junction with A3072.

Vehicle Activated Speed Sign (VAS). The three parishes (Bow, Cheriton Bishop & Copplestone) were all agreed, in principle, to proceed with purchase of a shared VAS. Cheriton Bishop Parish Council Clerk, was liaising with Willand Parish Council, reference a mobile/portable VAS, which collected speed data, some VAS were available with blue tooth technology. Each parish's case needed to be reviewed by the SCARF process, in order for DCC to agree/approve the need for a VAS, per DCC Traffic Management Team Fact Sheets. It was understood that the SCARF process could not be repeated within three years, Bow's previous SCARF review being April 2019.

Cllr Letch had kindly offered to donate £500 to each of the three parishes from his Locality Fund, thereby reducing the sum each parish needed to contribute, for which he was thanked. Cllr Letch would be responsible for a rota of moving the device between parishes; he anticipated each parish would have the device for two months in the summer and two months in the winter.

Proposed Community Speedwatch. The Crediton PCSO had visited the site, a suggested site had been declined on safety grounds by a police sergeant, the PCSO would revisit to find an acceptable site in the vicinity of the bus stop, near the Brett family public seat, for checking eastbound traffic speeds. A call for Speedwatch volunteers would be made (again) via the Bow and Arrow.

Deteriorated road surface, A3072 the Square & Station Rd close to junction. Work was still awaited.

9. **DCC Report**

Cllr Letch reported -

MDDC debt. It was reported that MDDC had £507m of external debt (nothing borrowed since 2008). More information available via the MDDC Capital Strategy website.

Bus services. DCC had allocated £34m to improve bus services, particularly the rural bus services.

Monthly surgery. There would not be a monthly surgery at Bow in October.

10. **Monitoring of Services.**

D.C.C. Storm water gratings, reported previously over last couple of years, on north side of A3072, near dwellings named Caerswell and Orchard Lea, had not been cleared for a considerable period.

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

11. **Correspondence.**

The Valuation Office Agency, HMR&C. Request for information, Non-Domestic Rating re. Jackman Car Park. Information would be compiled and sent.

12. **Finance.**

Bank balances brought forward: Deposit a/c £7,994.08, Current a/c £30,637.08

current a/c 2nd instalment of MDDC precept (50% of £10,500.00) £5,250.00 credited

ACCOUNTS AUTHORISED FOR PAYMENT

Clerk (salary £749.00 + admin/expenses £114.50 qtr. ending 30/09/21 £863.50

H.M.R.&C. (P.A.Y.E. income tax) £187.25

EDF Energy (electric for DAA helipad landing light) £26.46

13. **Any Other Business.**

(i) Cllr Letch. Congratulations were conveyed to Cllr Letch who had become a grandfather, for the seventh time, earlier that day.

14. **Date of Next Meeting.**

Wednesday 10 November 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 9.05p.m