

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BOW PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT THE COMMUNITY ROOM OF BOW VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2021 AT 7.30P.M.

- Present:** Mr C D Nicks in the Chair,  
Mrs D M Pritchett-Farrell.  
Messrs R P Edworthy, 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 L A Hamilton, Messrs N 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 13 October 2021, had been circulated in advance. Reference item 9, Cllr Letch said it was DCC debt, rather than MDDC, as recorded. With that amendment, the minutes were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

3. **Planning**

APPLICATIONS

Nil

MDDC DECISIONS

Nil

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

Cllr White was still pursuing the matter and would advise Parish Council further when he had garnered required information. Reportedly, the track had been used one day over half-term (local records being kept of days track used). During a conversation with one of the landowners it had been intimated that the operator may 'save up' to acquire electric bikes, which should obviate some noise complaints.

5. **To Consider Request for Funding an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) with Cabinet at Nymet Tracey.**

An email, from a Nymet Tracey parishioner, requesting consideration be given to funding the purchase of an AED with cabinet, advising it would provide life-saving support for residents, church goers and local walkers, had been received. The resident proposed that the AED be installed in the church porch, subject to agreement of Bow Parochial Church Council, alternatively a local resident would make the AED accessible, outside, at all times. The parishioner confirmed that necessary regular checks/monitoring of the device, with returns, would be undertaken by a local resident. The make, model and cabinet type being requested had all been specified, with a package price indicated of approx. £1,350 + vat. Parish Councillors had been supplied with detailed information, electronically. The ongoing costs (replacement pads, batteries, etc) needed consideration; Parish Council would probably need to own the device going forward. Cllr Letch kindly offered to donate £300 from his Locality Fund (online electronic appln.) for which he was thanked, he also suggested publicity when the device was installed. Parish Council needed to be mindful that other Bow parish hamlets, of similar size, might also expect to be provided with an AED. The matter of possible installation in the church porch would be considered by Bow Parochial Church Council shortly.

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

Bow Village Hall and Field Management Committee had been requested to put details in writing as to what funding that Committee might require. The Committee requested that Parish Council donate a sum to cover insurance costs (Bow Village Hall and Field Management Committee would ascertain the cost of annual play area insurance), that Parish Council also fund annual RoSPA checks on play area equipment and Parish Council to also create a fund which would be available towards the purchase of new equipment when needed. Bow Village Hall and Field Management Committee would arrange to cut play area grass but forwarding the cost to Bow Parish

Council for reimbursement. Bow Village Hall and Field Management Committee would undertake monthly inspections of play areas. Given the information sheet did not contain any financial detail, dates, etc, hadn't been seen by the Clerk or had info. published on an agenda, the Chairman was cautioned against signing such a document. However, proposed by Mr Vanstone, seconded by Mrs Pritchett-Farrell and agreed, the information sheet was signed by the Chairman. Cllr Letch would arrange that Cllr White obtain a new RoSPA report from MDDC.

7. **Bow Village Field, Electric Lights Along Footpath.**

An email from Bow Village Hall and Field Management Committee reported that some lights around the Field, 'towards Godfreys Garden', had not worked for some time and had asked a local electrician to examine said lights to assess work needed. No details had been supplied as to which lights, fault information or repair cost. Bow Village Hall and Field Management Committee had been informed on various previous occasions that Parish Council did not own, nor have any responsibility for, the lights but the Committee mistakenly asserted (possibly misled by DCC) that Bow Parish Council did have responsibility. The history of the lights had been researched and conveyed to Parish Council Members who would not have been aware of said lights' history. After discussion, Mr Nicks would establish from the electrician which lights were faulty, the nature of the fault(s) and repair cost. Parish Council could, if it so chose, fund the repair of the light(s), subject to that work not being construed as an admission of ownership or responsibility, which would need to be made clear to all involved.

8. **DCC 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 still not approached Parish Council reference the DCC suggested engineering works at the Burston Cross junction with A3072, Cllr Letch would remind DCC Neighbourhood officer Mr Tucker. Dates of future SCARF meetings were currently unknown, a short video accurately depicting the busy, with speeding traffic and sometimes hazardous conditions prevailing at the A3072/Burston Cross area, countering the series of images produced by DCC and shown at the Teams meeting on 2 September 2021, which showed the area to be devoid of traffic and pedestrians, would be useful. It was understood that DCC would collect further speed data for a future SCARF meeting.

*Proposed Community Speedwatch.* The Crediton PCSO had been reminded but no information on an acceptable site at the western A3072 approach had, as yet, been forthcoming. A further 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, Cllr Letch would remind DCC Neighbourhood officer Mr Tucker.

*Vehicle Activated Speed Sign (VAS).* The parishes of Bow, Cheriton Bishop and Copplestone were agreed, in principle, to the purchase of a shared VAS, towards which Cllr Letch would donate £500 to each parish from his Locality Fund. Relevant SCARF process necessary for parishes.

9. **DCC Report.**

Cllr Letch reported. He served on DCC's Children's Scrutiny Committee, commenting that the special measures applied in 2020 had been addressed, saying that officers' recruitment and retention had been difficult.

He had recently attended a climate change briefing – DCC intended installing some 220 car charging points by 2022. Speaking on renewable energy, he said that wind turbines were around 25% efficient and that solar panels were around 11% efficient. Continuing, he submitted that an emissions pie chart indicated that the largest CO<sub>2</sub> culprit is school buses. He also claimed that school buses travelling from the periphery of the area were not reaching schools on time. Cllr Letch would hold his surgery in November (Congregational chapel hall) but would not hold surgeries in December, January or February.

10. **Parish Precept 2022-2023**

MDDC precept documentation received. Precept sums to be requested to be submitted to MDDC by 21 January 2022. After brief consideration, the matter to be deferred to the Parish Council meeting scheduled for 12 January 2022.

11. **Monitoring of Services**

D.C.C. Storm water gratings, blocked, along the A3072, vicinity Sutherlands & Caerswell on north and Part Godfreys on south, would be reported again.

Deteriorated road surface, vicinity 4 Iter Park towards play area, needed attention and would be reported.

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

12. **Correspondence**

Mid Devon New Playing Pitch Strategy consultation (to 22/11/2021). URL <https://www.middevon.gov.uk/new-playing-pitch-strategy-now-out-for-consultation-have-your-say/> referred. Comment would not be submitted.

13. **Finance.**

Bank balances brought forward: Deposit a/c £7,994.08, Current a/c £29,559.87

ACCOUNTS AUTHORISED FOR PAYMENT

Nil

14. **Any Other Business.**

No matters raised.

15. **Date of Next Meeting.**

Wednesday 12 January 2022 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.