

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BOW PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT THE COMMUNITY ROOM OF BOW VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 12 JANUARY 2022 AT 7.30P.M.

- Present:** Mr C D Nicks in the Chair,
Messrs R P Edworthy, V Steer and T J Vanstone.
Cllr Frank Letch and Cllr Alex White.
Clerk: Miss B D Ware.
Members of the Public: None
- Apologies:** Mrs L A Hamilton and Mrs D M Pritchett-Farrell, Messrs C R McAllister and G R Willis.

PARISH COUNCIL

1. **Public Open Forum.**

No members of the public present; no issues raised.

2. **Minutes.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2021 and of the special Planning meeting held on 8 December 2021, having been circulated in advance, were confirmed as complete and accurate records and were signed.

3. **Planning**

APPLICATION

[21/02411/FULL](#)

Proposal: Erection of replacement farm vehicle garage, workshop and secure storage building

Location: Land and Buildings at NGR 27211 99045 (Treedown House) Bow Crediton Devon

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 272113 / 99019

Information had been conveyed electronically to Bow Parish Councillors on 7 December 2021.

Members were also mindful of the not yet determined application no. 21/01262/HOUSE Treedown House, Bow. Application Approved.

MDDC DECISIONS

Nil

Reference 21/00883/MFUL (Withdrawn), Permanent siting of a motocross track, on land at East Langford, Station Rd, Bow, Cllr White advised that he is endeavouring to have the land reinstated to its former state. He was monitoring the situation and commented that the operator could use the track for fourteen days a year but that noise regulations could not be breached.

4. **M.D.D.C. Community Governance Review (Parish Review) Consultation 2021-2022.**

MDDC had notified town and parish councils of a Parish Review currently being undertaken in Mid Devon and had supplied associated literature. Information was on the website <https://www.middevon.gov.uk/your-council/consultation-involvement/current-consultations/parish-review-2021-2022/> The Council was at the first stage of consultation and was seeking views on the current and future governance and structure of parish councils across Mid Devon. The first phase of consultation ran from 16 December, for a period of eight weeks. Parish Councillors had been notified accordingly. Members briefly discussed but did not wish for Parish Council to express any views or to submit comment.

5. **Parish Notice Board (formerly sited at Iter Park entrance).**

The notice board had been removed from the wall at the entrance to Iter Park by the wall owner who claimed that it was 'untidy'. Mr Vanstone had kindly offered to sand it down and revarnish it if needed, however the board's condition was deemed to be in very fair order. The wall owner may not have appreciated that use of notice boards, given the COVID-19 pandemic, with the accompanying need for sanitising etc. may not have seen the level of usage as pre-pandemic. Identifying another suitable site for the board was briefly considered. With information being increasingly disseminated via social media (eg Bow News Desk), the board's use had possibly diminished. Matter deferred.

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

The information sheet, entitled 'Agreement', roughly outlined responsibilities but which did not incorporate any financial detail, nor requirement to obtain quotations, or dates/timeframe, etc. hadn't been published on an agenda or seen by the Clerk, but which had been signed by both Bow Parish Council chairman and by Bow Village Hall & Field Management Committee chairman. The Chairman circulated the already signed Agreement to Members and to the Clerk. The new RoSPA report on play area equipment obtained by MDDC, forwarded by Cllr White to the Clerk, had been passed (21/12/2021) to Bow Village Hall & Field Management Committee.

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

The matter was in hand – the electrician was being contacted to establish which lights were faulty, the nature of said faults (bulb/timer/starter) and the cost to repair. (Information needed for future agenda before approving spend.)

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. Cllr Letch had queried the time frame of DCC's suggested engineering works at Burston Cross junction.

Proposed Community Speedwatch. The matter of identifying a suitable/acceptable site for the checks to be conducted remained in hand with the PCSO of Crediton Police. Cllr Letch thought that Speedwatch may only be permitted in 30mph zones, given that the Bow site was in a 40mph zone it may not be acceptable but that aspect would be checked.

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

Tarmac reinstatement works, A3072 Old Malt House following underground water leak (July 2020), sinking.

Mr Steer drew attention to the cross-street channel which had formed following renewal (by Hi-Tec on behalf of Bow Waterworks) of a water spur pipe. The forming sinking channel had been referred to DCC Neighbourhood Team Highways officer, Mr Tucker, in May 2021 (within guarantee period of work), who had passed the matter to the DCC Network Enforcement Officer. (During formal road closure, motorists had removed barricades and driven across partially complete road works.)

9. **DCC Report.**

Cllr Letch reported.

DCC budget consultations were currently ongoing – a draft budget idea had been received but was not public. A query, not yet resolved, had arisen regarding responsibility for ditches, drains, pipes, gullies, etc relating to flooding of rural roads.

Home educated pupils' results – results of GCSE, A-level exams, etc. would be useful for comparison purposes. Book 'Beware of the Web'. Having been approached by the police, copies of the book had been supplied to six schools within Cllr Letch's county electoral division.

1st Bow Scouts. Tents had been purchased for 1st Bow Scouts, for which Cllr Letch was thanked.

Bow Bears Christmas Nativity, at Bow. Cllr Letch had attended the event.

10. **Parish Precept 2022-2023.**

MDDC documentation, including interactive calculation form, had been received. The submission deadline for submitting the precept request was 22 January 2022. Members considered finances and budget, including potential expenditure (a sum of £1,000 annually would be set aside for Bow village field play area equipment, increasing highway safety on A3072 western approach to village project remained in hand but may not be achievable) over the forthcoming year. Members were mindful of how amounts translated on to Council Tax bills for Bow parishioners. After brief discussion, Mr Steer suggested increasing the current precept of £10,500 (set for 2020-2021) by £500 to £11,000. On the proposal of Mr Steer, seconded by Mr Nicks, it was agreed to increase the precept to £11,000 (increase of 4.75%). Precepts of £10,000.00 and over were paid in two instalments, 50% April and 50% October. It was agreed that the Devon Association of Local Councils subscription be deducted from the precept.

11. **Monitoring of Services**

D.C.C. Blocked storm water gratings, various locations in main street (A3072) including near Sutherlands, still awaited clearing.

M.D.D.C. Following a trial in 2021, MDDC was thought likely to introduce three-weekly refuse collection service. Cllr White said that the government may require councils to reintroduce a (free) garden waste collection service. A Member commented that his wife, along with others, had collected litter from local laybys during the pandemic/lockdown.

12. **Correspondence**

M.D.D.C. Publication of the submission of Crediton Neighbourhood Plan, Consultation. Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (Regulations 15 & 16). Information conveyed electronically to Bow Parish Council, on 23 November 2021, however Members had not requested that Parish Council respond to the consultation.

13. **Finance.**

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

ACCOUNTS AUTHORISED FOR PAYMENT

GDM Cleaning (bus shelter glass clean 9/11/21) £6.00

Lightmain Ltd (New litter bin Bow Village Field) £618.00

Clerk (salary £749.00 + admin/expenses £100.25 qtr. ending 31/12/21) £849.25

H.M.R.&C. (P.A.Y.E. income tax, Oct-Dec 2021) £187.25

14. **Any Other Business.**

(i) MDDC Planning training, via Zoom, for town and parish councils. The first of a series of Planning training sessions, entitled Material Planning Considerations, would be held on 20 January 2022. Information received to be scanned and sent to Members.

15. **Date of Next Meeting.**

Wednesday 9 February 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 9.00p.m.