

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BOW PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT THE COMMUNITY ROOM OF BOW VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 9 MARCH 2022 AT 7.30P.M.

Present: Mr C D Nicks in the Chair,
Mrs L A Hamilton and Mrs D M Pritchett-Farrell,
Messrs R P Edworthy, C R McAllister, V Steer and G R Willis.
Cllr Frank Letch.
Clerk: Miss B D Ware.
Members of the Public: Nil
Apologies: Mr T J Vanstone and Cllr Alex White.

PARISH COUNCIL

1. **Public Open Forum.**

No members of the public present, nothing raised.

2. **Minutes.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 February 2022, having been circulated in advance, were confirmed as a complete and accurate record and were signed.

3. **Planning**

APPLICATIONS

[22/00322/FULL](#)

Proposal: Erection of an agricultural storage building (Revised Scheme)

Location: Land at NGR 272006 100911 (South of Little Langford) Bow Crediton Devon

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: NGR 27206 100911

Information had been conveyed electronically to Bow Parish Councillors on 26 February 2022.

Mr Nicks declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) and left the meeting.

After brief discussion, Parish Council's response to state that usage of the proposed building must only be for agricultural storage purposes (consultation response as per previous appln. no. 21/02304/FULL).

[22/00323/HOUSE](#)

Proposal: Erection of a single storey rear extension

Location: Magnolia Station Road Bow Crediton Devon

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: NGR 272162 101230

Information had been conveyed electronically to Bow Parish Councillors on 2 March 2022.

Mr Steer declared a personal Interest (friend) and left the meeting.

Application Approved.

MDDC DECISIONS

APPROVAL

[22/00071/HOUSE](#)

Proposal: Erection of two storey extension following demolition of existing extensions/barn

Location: Sutherlands Bow Crediton Devon

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 272386 / 101729

REFUSAL

[21/02127/HOUSE](#)

Proposal: Installation of ten roof mounted solar panels on south facing roof

Location: Avondale Bow Crediton Devon EX17 6EZ

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 272135 / 101769

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

No further progress was reported, Bow Village Hall & Field Management Committee's request for funding (sum detail awaited) for play area insurance, etc. had not been received. It was reported that the Village Hall & Field Management Committee hoped to accept transfer of responsibility by the end of March although had not responded to Parish Council enquiry (MDDC had enquired of Clerk re Committee progress and date of transfer).

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

It was reported that work had been carried out. The invoice (Mark Burrows Electrical) would be sent direct to Parish Council. Parish Council did not own the lights along the footpath at Bow Village Field, nor was responsible for their maintenance, repair work had been carried out subject to that work not being construed as an admission of ownership or liability, but had been a one-off event, as a gift to the community.

6. **HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee (2 June to 5 June 2022).**

Members had not been approached by parishioners and were not aware of any community requests for celebrations to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee, the Clerk had received a parishioner's enquiry/request for celebrations. Members commented that events were being held in neighbouring parishes. Mr Steer enquired whether Mrs Sanders had retained the brazier used at previous jubilee events for lighting a beacon – he would endeavour to arrange a beacon at the field Broady Park (Sutton). The Clerk conveyed suitable children's commemorative mugs (per advertisement in *Clerks and Councils Direct*) which, along with cost, was briefly discussed, but Members decided against mug purchase. Planting a tree, with a commemorative plaque, was suggested and favoured. Enquiries would be made of Bow Village Hall & Field Management Committee who were contemplating planting an arboretum at the Field.

7. **DCC Highways Matters.**

Speeding A3072 western approach to village (proposed extension of 30mph limit). DCC Highways approach to Parish Council was awaited.

Proposed Community Speedwatch (A3072 western approach to village, eastbound traffic). A suitable site still needed to be identified by traffic police, risk assessed etc, and was awaited. Crediton Police PCSO, who was dealing with the matter, had been reminded.

Vehicle Activated Speed Sign (VAS). DCC's advice following SCARF meetings awaited (meeting dates not yet known). Cllr Letch had requested SCARF meeting dates of DCC.

Deteriorated road surface, A3072 the Square & Station Rd, close to junction. Work still awaited – Cllr Letch had requested a timetable for the work from DCC. Mr Steer had spoken to DCC reference the channel and dip which had formed across the A3072 at the Old Malt House following contractors' repair work of an underground water leak in July 2020, however DCC felt that it didn't meet safety defect standards for further work.

8. **DCC Report.**

Cllr Letch reported.

DCC had met in February reference 2022/2023 budget setting – it was reported that the lowest Council Tax rise in seven years at 2.99% (max. permitted), equating to 87p per week for a Band D property, was anticipated. A sum of £22.9m had been granted from emergency reserves for services. Cllr Letch conveyed budget cost detail reference services (Adult Care + 10.5%, Children's Services + 10.8%, Community, Public Health, Environment and Prosperity + 2.4%, Corporate Services + 1.9% and Highways, Infrastructure, Development and Waste 0.4%).

Cllr Letch (Member of Children's Scrutiny Committee) had begun visiting schools – he had written to schools requesting invitations – reference provision of need to function better, he also attended at school assemblies speaking on the subject 'Accepting Difference'.

Cllr Letch had awarded a sum of £500 to Bow Village Hall & Field Management Committee for a nature reserve. He advised that for the year 2022/2023 his Locality Fund budget had reduced to £8,000.

On recommencing his regular monthly surgeries at Bow, Cllr Letch intended splitting allocated time between being surgery-based and calling on residents within the parish.

9. **Monitoring of Services**

D.C.C. Highway drains unblocking work had still to be carried out – as yet, no information received by Cllr Letch on his requested timeframe for the work.

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

10. **Correspondence.**

DCC Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (road closure), Bow Station Cross to Winslade Farm, 12 May 2022 to 19 May 2022, 9.30am to 3.30pm, diversion via Bowbeer and Hillerton X, (Openreach work). Noted.

Bow Recreation Group, thanks for the grant of £1,000 and for the support, which had been appreciated. Noted.

11. **Finance.**

Bank balances brought forward: Deposit a/c £7,994.08, Current a/c £26,899.37

ACCOUNTS AUTHORISED FOR PAYMENT

EDF Energy (DAAT landing light Bow village field) £64.15 (cheque issued 16/2/2022)

GDM Cleaning (bus shelter glass clean 3/2/22) £6.00

Bow Village Hall (hire of meeting venue Jun 2021-Feb 2022) £112.50

Clerk (reimburse new hard-drive installation on laptop computer) £156.00

Clerk (salary £749.00 + admin/expenses £119.67 qtr. ending 31/03/22 £868.67

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

12. **Any Other Business.**

No matters raised.

13. **Date of Next Meeting (Annual Assembly).**

Wednesday 13 April 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 8.10p.m.