

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 13 JULY 2022
IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM OF BOW VILLAGE HALL

Present: Mr C D Nicks in the Chair,
Mrs L A Hamilton,
Messrs R P Edworthy, C R McAllister and V Steer.
Cllr Letch.
Clerk: Miss B D Ware.
Members of the Public: Two (part only).

Apologies: Mrs D M Pritchett-Farrell, Messrs N P Edworthy and T J Vanstone.

PARISH COUNCIL

1. **Public Open Forum.**

The chairman of Bow Swimming Pool committee addressed Parish Council. He conveyed that, in line with many other organisations, the last three years had been difficult, saying that work was needed and the Committee was struggling for funding, overheads had also increased. The solar heat pump had broken, the cost to replace it was around £4,000, and new/upgraded pipework was required. The swimming pool committee felt that the pool was vital to the children. Continuing, he advised that the pool was available for private hire with publicity via the Bow and Arrow newsletter. He said that the pool is separate to the CP School, although the School provided £2,000 funding annually. Fundraising/donations yielded a further approx. £500 annually. The pool was open to the public (£2.50 for one hour session) during the summer holiday. He further commented that the lifeguards were volunteers. Annual operating costs were approx. £3,500. The Clerk requested that the Swimming Pool Chairman submit written details of the item(s) needed, the sum that the committee could contribute, etc together with a copy of the committee's most recent annual accounts to the Clerk for Parish Council consideration.

Cllr Stuart Penny, MDDC Ward Member for Yeo Ward, briefly addressed Parish Council, advising that he was the Cabinet Member for Housing and Property Services. He invited Parish Councillors to contact him if they had any social housing issues.

2. **Minutes.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 June 2022, having been circulated in advance, were taken as read. Members did not approve item 10, requesting information removal, so minutes were not signed.

3. **Planning**

APPLICATIONS

Nil

MDDC DECISION

APPROVAL

[22/00418/FULL](#)

Proposal: Erection of extension to agricultural building to include grain store, office and meeting room

Location: Land at NGR 272213 98722 Littlecombe Farm Bow Crediton Devon

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 272168 / 98755

4. **Jackman Car Park.**

A motorist had crashed into the steel Armco motorway crash barrier along the western side (north end) of the car park, on 14 June. Damage included buckling the barrier, dislodging a steel post and damaging the neighbouring timber garden fence at adjacent Barns Cottage. Members, Mr Nicks and Mr Vanstone, had straightened and re-erected the steel barrier. Contractors had installed the crash barrier (some years previous) some 45cms inside the western boundary of the car park because the level of Barns Cottage garden was significantly lower than the level of the car park, thereby providing a strong anchor for the steel posts to ensure crash barrier had necessary integrity. It had come to attention more recently that, regrettably, the owner of Barns Cottage had removed car park ground on the western side of the barrier which rendered the steel posts insecure, so compromising crash barrier integrity. Mr Steer offered to speak with the householder.

5. **Casual Vacancy.**

The Notice of Vacancy, following resignation of a Parish Councillor, had been published. The prescribed period allowed for electors to make written submissions to MDDC requesting that an election be held, had expired. MDDC Electoral Services information on whether a bye-election would be held or if the vacancy could be filled by co-option was awaited.

6. **Automatic External Defibrillator (AED), Bow Village Hall.**

A replacement cabinet (Aivia 200) lid had been ordered from First Response First Aid Ltd via ZOLL and Public Safety UK. Delivery awaited.

The AED, installed 2015, may be reaching its end of life; AED life expectancy was believed to be between five and eight years. Availability of a similar new Cardiac Science AED, with cost, could be established.

7. **HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.**

The proposal to donate £350.00 to Bow Village Field arboretum project was agreed. Members did not wish to commemorate the Jubilee by planting a tree elsewhere in the parish.

8. **Bow CP School Swimming Pool.**

Brief discussion took place. It was commented that the swimming pool had been understood to be integral, with the CP School, rather than public. The Clerk had requested relevant written information (detail of the 'issues', sum required, for what purpose(s), copy of most recent annual accounts) from the Swimming Pool Committee. Subject to receipt, the matter would be given further consideration at a future meeting. Investigation of available Section 106 funding could be made.

9. **Request for Support and to Help Finance Automated External Defibrillator with Cabinet at Nymet Tracey.**

Siting the proposed AED at St Bartholomew's Church (porch or lychgate) had been carefully considered by Bow Parochial Church Council but a suitable site wasn't available so couldn't be offered. The parishioner had suggested an alternative location, St Martins, which Parish Council deemed acceptable. Associated electrical wiring/installation (? cost) needed consideration. Parish Council was also agreeable to the proposed AED being in the custody of and the responsibility of Parish Council, if that was the wish of the residents concerned, so that consumables would be funded, insurance arranged, etc.

10. **D.C.C. Highways Matters.**

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

Proposed Community Speedwatch (A3072 western approach to village, eastbound traffic). Four local residents had volunteered to operate the scheme but, as yet, a co-ordinator had not been identified. Members suggested inviting would-be volunteers to the next Parish Council meeting. Cllr Letch suggested a possible arrangement, whereby a Bow CSW group could join with Crediton CSW group, the Crediton co-ordinator may be willing to act for both groups. Cllr Letch suggested the Clerk email him regarding the co-ordinator position.

Road markings. Bus stop and disabled bay markings awaited repainting. In hand with Cllr Letch.

Vehicle Activated Speed Sign (VAS). DCC's advice following SCARF meetings awaited (meeting dates unknown).

Deteriorated road surface, A3072 the Square & Station Rd, close to junction. A date for planned work to repair an underground water leak (nr raised cobbled pavement at Hillside/Richmond Cottage), which would likely be combined with contractors work to remedy failing road reinstatement works following leak repair at The Old Malt House in July 2020, had not yet been supplied by contractors. Bow Waterworks had instructed contractors but a date for work depended on a road closure licence (three month wait for licence issue). Meanwhile a further Bow Waterworks leak had just emerged on the A3072 immediately west of the entrance to Fair Park, contractors had been notified of the new leak (all three works may be carried out at same time).

11. **DCC Report.**

Cllr Letch reported. Relating to MDDC, he said that the two-weekly black bag refuse collections would become three-weekly with MDDC due to allocate black wheelie bins shortly (some families may need an additional black wheelie bin). Recycling: black box collection would remain two-weekly, food waste would remain weekly and paid garden waste would remain two-weekly.

DCC had recently lost its Monitoring Officer and had appointed a new Monitoring officer.

On 31 May, a 'rough' Ofsted Report had been received and the Head of Children's Services had resigned.

DCC Chief Executive, Dr P Norrey, would retire at the end of August 2022 - an interim, Mrs Jan Shabolt, had been appointed from 1 September 2022.

Car/vehicle damage caused by poor road surface conditions, with costs claimed from DCC – a FOI request revealed that, since 2019, £181,000 had been paid out (2019 £29,500, 2020 £84,000, 2021 £53,500 and 2022 (to date) £13,000). DCC needed a plan for realistic help to fix potholes across the county.

Road repair workmen needed to be given extra discretion when repairing potholes, to obviate situations where one pothole is repaired with several more close-by left unrepaired, necessitating a return visit in weeks/months ahead when the potholes had reached a deteriorated state which met the criteria for repair.

12. **Monitoring of Services**

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

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

13. **Correspondence**

Kier, road closure Bow Pound Cross to Walson Cross (nr Harvest Barn) 26/9/22 for five days (SWW works).

Kier, road closure Coxmoor Cross to Bowbeer Cross, Spreyton, 24/10/22 for five days (SWW works).

MDDC Legal Services, Tree Preservation order (TPO), St Bartholomew's Church, Nymet Tracey, Bow, had made an order, on provisional basis, from 24 May 2022. Copy of order, map and schedule supplied.

MDDC press release: new wheelie bins arrive as Council prepares for waste collection changes.

MDDC consultation (27/6/22 – 8/8/22) on a revised Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document for NW Cullompton (please refer to email dated 1/7/22).

MDDC Press Release, consultation (6/7/22 – 21/8/22), views sought on public realm proposals for Cullompton's historic bullring. Please see email dated 7/7/22.

DALC AGM (5/10/22) Annual Report 2021/22 and information.

MDDC Town and Parish Planning training. The next training event in the series is Biodiversity Net Gain, on Thursday 21 July 2:00pm-3:00pm.

14. **Finance.**

Bank balances brought forward: Deposit a/c £7,994.08, Current a/c £31,286.15

ACCOUNTS AUTHORISED FOR PAYMENT

Community First Trading (insurance renewal premium) £152.28

Bow Village Field (donation to arboretum) £350.00

GDM Cleaning (bus shelter glass, special cleaning service to remove spray paint graffiti 28/5/22) £45.00

Community Heartbeat Trust (2 x pairs of pads for AED in kiosk) £122.40

Clerk (salary £749.00 + admin/expenses £108.96 qtr. ending 30/06/22 £857.96

H.M.R.&C. (P.A.Y.E. income tax, Apr-Jun 2022) £187.25

15. **Any Other Business.**

Nil

16. **Date of Next Meeting.**

Wednesday 10 August at 7.30pm at the Community Room of Bow Village Hall.

This concluded the business and the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.45p.m.