

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 11 JANUARY 2023
IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM OF BOW VILLAGE HALL

Present: Mr V Steer in the Chair,
Mrs L A Hamilton,
Messrs P P W Edworthy, R P Edworthy and C R McAllister.
Clerk: Miss B D Ware.
Members of the Public: Nil

Apologies: Mrs D M Pritchett-Farrell, Mr N P Edworthy, Mr C D Nicks,
DCC Rep. Cllr Letch and MDDC Rep. Cllr White.

In the absence of both the Chairman and the Vice Chairman, the Clerk invited Parish Council to nominate a Member from their number to Chair the meeting. Mr Steer was duly nominated and he took the Chair.

1. **Public Open Forum.**

No members of the public present; no issues raised.

2. **Minutes.**

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

3. **Planning**

APPLICATIONS

[22/01749/LBC](#)

Proposal: Listed Building Consent for the replacement of the corrugated metal roof on cob barn attached to dwelling with corrugated metal PVC coated sheets

Location: Winsor House, Bow, Crediton, Devon EX17 6EN

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 272063 / 101793

Information had been conveyed electronically to Bow Parish Councillors on 30 November 2022.

Approved.

[22/02305/FULL](#)

Proposal: Erection of replacement dwelling and garage with games room above

Location: The Villa, Bow, Crediton, Devon EX17 6JD

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 271522 / 99894

Information had been conveyed electronically to Bow Parish Councillors on 6 December 2022.

Mrs Hamilton declared a personal interest (relative of the Applicant) and left the meeting.

Approved.

[22/02304/LBC](#)

Proposal: Listed Building Consent for installation of five replacement windows and one internal door

Location: 2 Hildons, Bow, Crediton, Devon EX17 6EN

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 271965 / 101809

Information had been conveyed electronically to Bow Parish Councillors on 24 December 2022.

Approved.

[22/01418/HOUSE](#)

Proposal: Installation of a pump track

Location: Playing Field, Station Road, Bow, Crediton, Devon EX17 6HS

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 272088 / 101638

Information had been conveyed electronically to Bow Parish Councillors on 31 December 2022.

A Member had received comment from a member of the public who would have concerns if any motorised vehicle used the pump track. After brief discussion, Cllr White would be requested to respond on Parish Council's behalf, advising that a Condition of any consent should be that no motorised vehicles to be permitted to use the pump track.

[22/02370/HOUSE](#)

Proposal: Replacement of asbestos roof sheets with slate tiles

Location: 2 Rose Cottages, Water Lane, Bow, Crediton, Devon EX17 6HA

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 272230 / 101762

Information had been conveyed electronically to Bow Parish Councillors on 04 January 2023.

Approved.

MDDC DECISION

APPROVAL

[22/01876/HOUSE](#)

Proposal: Erection of porch and side extension

Location: Hillerton House, Bow, Crediton, Devon EX17 5AD

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 272312 / 98057

APPEAL

[21/02347/OUT](#)

Proposal: Outline for the erection of three dwellings following removal of bungalow, with all matters reserved

Location: Moorland View, Station Road, Bow, Crediton, Devon EX17 6HU

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 272157 / 101417

Appeal Ref. No. APP/Y1138/W /22/3309127

An Appeal had been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of Mid Devon District Council for Refusal of the application. The appeal would be determined on the basis of written representations. The procedure to be followed was as set out in Part 2 of the Town and Country Planning (Appeals) (Written Representations Procedure) (England) Regulations 2009. All representations made to MDDC had been forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate also to the Appellant. If Bow Parish Council wished to make further comment, or to modify or to withdraw the previous representation, it had to be made to the Planning Inspectorate (any representations made would be copied to the Appellant and the Local Planning Authority (MDDC)), by 11 January 2023. Bow Parish Council had previously approved the application. In the Refusal, MDDC had cited reasons for the Refusal. The clerk had conveyed all information electronically to Bow Parish Councillors on 31 December 2022. Parish Council comments to stand, Members not wishing to comment further, modify or withdraw earlier submission.

4. **Coronation of King Charles III 6 May 2023, Parish Celebrations.**

Members' views on parish celebrations for the forthcoming coronation of king Charles III, to be held on the extended (additional) bank holiday weekend of 6-8 May 2023, were invited. The coronation would take place on Saturday 6 May but, to date, further official information with associated celebratory events, some national, had yet to be announced by Buckingham Palace. Parish Councillors briefly considered but did not support purchasing and donating coronation mugs to Bow children. A suggestion to plant a tree, with accompanying plaque, to commemorate the forthcoming coronation, was made, for which a site was given consideration with Burston Meadow being suggested and supported, Burston Meadow Recreation Group consent would be needed. A Member reported that a parishioner was planning to hold a public meeting to gauge interest in arranging parish celebrations, including a bring-and-share picnic (? on Sunday 7 May). Some funding may be required, which Parish Council would likely view favourably, further consideration would be given when more information available.

5. **Bow Waterworks.**

The Clerk, also Clerk to the Trustees of Bow Waterworks, briefly addressed Parish Council as the Custodian Trustee of Bow Waterworks, to enlighten Members on some issues, including the not insignificant debt (some possibly attributable to the current cost of living crisis) owed to Bow Waterworks by Users. Significant debt threatened the viability and jeopardised the future operation. The best way forward needed consideration.

6. **D. C.C. Highways Matters.**

Speeding A3072 western approach to village (proposed extension of 30mph limit). Still nothing further to the virtual site meeting, 2/9/2021, with DCC Highways, police officers, etc, had been received by Parish Council. DCC's current financial position might adversely impact/delay any intended works.

Community Speedwatch (A3072 western approach to village, eastbound traffic). Bow CSW, operating with sixteen volunteers, had conducted twenty sessions to date. The online system had produced a Parish Council Report for Bow – some thirty eight vehicles had exceeded the speed limit (max. speed recorded in 30mph limit

was 48mph, max speed recorded in 40mph limit was 49mph). A mixture of actions (Letter 1, Letter 2, No Letter, Reported to SWAN) had resulted. Of the thirty eight vehicles, twenty six had been DVLA valid. *Vehicle Activated Speed Sign (VAS)*. Parish Council still wished to acquire a VAS. Bow CSW would be requested to conduct a session (45mins – one hour), addressing eastbound traffic at the western approach to village, on a weekday between 7:30am and 9:00am. Speed data captured could be useful for Mid Devon HATOC/SCARF process purposes.

DCC requests town/parish councils submit expressions of interest for 20mph speed limits. After discussion, to express an interest for a 20mph speed limit along Station Road from the Congregational Chapel to East Langford corner. The Clerk to complete the application process which required support of both Parish Council and the elected County Councillor.

7. **DCC Report.**

Clr Letch had reported that the only item was future consultation reference on-street parking charges at Crediton High Street. Parish Council discussed but did not support the suggested introduction of on-street parking charges; Members felt that motorists from the west would no longer stop on the High Street, but would drive direct to the large supermarkets on the town's outskirts, opining remaining retail outlets along the High Street would suffer and struggle financially with some likely disappearing. Members strongly opposed introducing on-street parking charges at Crediton High Street. Clr Letch would be informed. Detail of the forthcoming consultation exercise was, as yet, unknown.

8. **Monitoring of Services**

D.C.C. Potholes remained a widespread ongoing problem, with several vehicles having sustained damage.
M.D.D.C. Service satisfactory – comment would not be submitted.

9. **Correspondence**

The Pensions Regulator, re-enrolment and re-declaration (legal duties as an employer) putting staff back into pension scheme. Re-enrolment by 3/4/23 and redeclaration by 4/9/23.

MDDC Autumn Briefing, 15 December. Clr Hart, Leader of DCC, hosting series of online meetings. Refer emails dated 24/11/2022 and 5/1/2023.

Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments (SAAA), notification of appointment of external auditor to the authority for five-year period from 2022-23 until 2026-27, following procurement process. PKF Littlejohn LLP re-appointed for this county. Scales of fees supplied.

Kier, SWW applied for A3072 road closure (streetworks between 2 Newtons and 1 Picketts), proposed dates 13/2/23 – 17/2/23.

MDDC, a ministerial statement clarified that there will not be a Referendum Limit imposed on town/parish councils in 2023/24.

EDF Energy, rising energy costs, info. Parish Council current invoice in credit.

EDF Energy, energy prices from January 2023.

MDDC Press Release, Dog Control Public Space Protection Order (the Street Scene team been working proactively, focussing attention on areas reported by members of the public as being particular issues).

Community Heartbeat Trust, seasons greetings + a celebration of what CHT has achieved to save lives in 2022.

MDDC Press Release, new mural in Tiverton shows what Devon might look like in 2050.

MDDC Press Release, Mid Devon play parks receive welcome upgrades.

MDDC Press Release, Tiverton Neighbourhood Plan approved at Referendum.

MDDC Press Release, Council offers free parking in run up to Christmas.

MDDC Press Release, Mid Devon receives funds for Council homes.

MDDC Press Release, cabinet changes at Mid Devon.

MDDC Press Release, five former councillors become Honorary Aldermen.

Publications: Clerks & Councils Direct, DCC Connectme, Healthwatch Devon E-bulletin, One Devon bulletin, DCC Devon Highways Roadmap (winter 2022 edition), Neighbourhood Watch national newsletter for England and Wales, NALC newsletter, Mid Devon Matters (winter 2022), Devon Climate Emergency,

10. **Finance.**

Bank balances brought forward: Deposit a/c £7,994.08, Current a/c £27,807.70

DCC Locality grant for new AED £300.00 credited to current a/c

ACCOUNTS AUTHORISED FOR PAYMENT

Clerk (salary £749.00 + admin/expenses £186.20 qtr. ending 31/12/22) £935.20

(incl. Parish Council laptop repair & reinstalling operating system)

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

11. **Any Other Business.**

Nil

12. **Date of Next Meeting.**

Wednesday 8 February 2023 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.