

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 8 FEBRUARY 2023
IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM OF BOW VILLAGE HALL

Present: Mr C D Nicks in the Chair,
Mrs D M Pritchett-Farrell
Messrs N P Edworthy, P P W Edworthy, R P Edworthy, C R McAllister and
V Steer.
Clerk: Miss B D Ware.
Members of the Public: One

Apologies: Mr T J Vanstone, DCC Rep. Cllr Letch and MDDC Rep. Cllr White.

1. **Public Open Forum.**

No issues were raised.

2. **Minutes.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2023, had been circulated in advance. Regarding item 5, Bow Waterworks, Mr Steer said that a recommendation to consult the Charity Commission had been made. With that addition, the minutes were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

3. **Matters Arising:-**

(i) DCC request for town/parish councils to submit expressions of interest for 20mph speed limits. The Clerk had completed the online application form which had been submitted to Devon County Council on 23 January 2023.

4. **Planning**

APPLICATION

[22/02393/LBC](#)

Proposal: Listed Building Consent for the conversion of skittle alley to two units of guest accommodation

Location: White Hart Hotel, Bow, Crediton, Devon EX17

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 271942 / 101806

Information had been conveyed electronically to Bow Parish Councillors on 10 January 2023.

Mr McAllister declared a DPI (having drawn the plans) and left the meeting.

Parish Council approved the application.

MDDC DECISION

APPROVALS

[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

[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

[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

Mr Steer commented that the Committee now Section 106 funding in place, with development planned to start in May 2023.

5. **Local Elections, 4 May 2023.**

Parish Council

Information was being made available via Devon Association of Local Councils and from Mid Devon District Council. All 435 seats in towns/parishes would be up for election: Bow Parish Council had nine seats. A timetable

set out the timeframe for key dates of the staged process. Publishing the Notice of Election on 17 March, nomination papers to be delivered to the MDDC Returning Officer between 20 March and 4:00pm on 4 April, Publication of the Statement of Persons Nominated 5 April, in the event of a contested election Polling Day 4 May with the day of the count on 5 May. Two Members indicated that they would not be standing for re-election.

District Council

All 42 seats in the District would be up for election. With some boundaries having been redrawn by the Boundary Commission for England, the parish of Bow would be in the Upper Yeo and Taw Ward, from the May 2023 election.

Introduction of Voter ID

Following government's introduction of voter ID, all voters to take a valid form of photo ID to polling stations. Highlighting this requirement, with information on the rules, which types of photo ID were acceptable, how to apply for a free photo ID (Voter Authority Certificate), etc. was an ongoing process. Voting by post, or by proxy, were not affected by the new photo ID requirements.

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

Celebrations and activities being arranged by the Group were reported to include a bring-and-share lunch (Sunday 7 May), children's sports, royal scarecrow competition, etc. Any funding requirements were, as yet, unknown (portaloos may be needed). Mr Paul Edworthy confirmed that Burston Meadow Recreation Group would be happy for a tree to be planted at the field. Mr Nicks would arrange for an oak tree, approx. 8' tall, to maximum value £300, via Bow Garden Centre. A plaque, to accompany the tree, would be organised later.

7. **Lychgate Structure, Entrance to Iter Park.**

A parishioner had concerns that the three supporting posts of the structure, which he said was a characteristic feature, were rotting at the base where they entered the tarmac, saying that with applying pressure the structure could be rocked, also conceding that not being an expert it could be within tolerance limits. He also felt that it would be a shame to risk losing the structure in a storm. The Clerk had checked with Devon County Council on the structure's adoption status, DCC had confirmed that the section of footway and the structure had not been adopted, saying it therefore remained in the ownership of the developer. The Clerk had approached the developer who would examine the structure when next in Bow. Cllr Penny (Ward Member for contiguous Yeo Ward) said that he would check with Mid Devon District Council as to the ownership of the structure.

8. **D. C.C. Highways Matters.**

Speeding A3072 western approach to village (proposed extension of 30mph limit). Nothing had been received. *Community Speedwatch (A3072 western approach to village, eastbound traffic).* Bow CSW had been requested to capture speed data (weekday session between 7:30am and 9:00am), info awaited.

Vehicle Activated Speed Sign (VAS). Bow and Cheriton Bishop were still pursuing a VAS. Information received indicated that Cllr Letch could submit a request to DCC (speed data information would inform request) for a VAS.

Utility survey and ground investigation works. DCC planned to carry out the work on the A3072 in Bow village. The road would be closed 9:00am to 3:00pm for week of 27 February to 3 March 2023. Work involved identification of and mapping all buried underground services and taking samples from the carriageway. Information gathered would inform planning for a future resurfacing scheme.

9. **DCC Report.**

Cllr Letch had published his February report on a local Facebook site.

It conveyed budget information – MDDC was expected to increase charges whilst imposing service cuts.

DCC budget increase would mainly support children's services and adult care services. A consultation on paid parking on Crediton High Street was proposed and raising pupils' concessionary bus fares by 30% was anticipated.

DCC members' Locality Fund would be reduced from £8k to £5k.

Potholes were a common complaint.

Cllr Letch had reported that voters would need photo ID at next local elections in May 2023.

10. **Monitoring of Services**

D.C.C. Mrs Pritchett-Farrell reported that one broken/dislodged section of kerbstone, along A3072 at entrance to Central Garage, had not been re-set when others had recently been replaced/re-concreted in position.

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

11. **Correspondence**

Kier, notice of road closure, Station Road, Bow EX17 6JD, 22/5/23 – 24/5/23, for works by Hydrotech.
MDDC, publication of the submission Silverton Neighbourhood Plan proposal, regulation 16 consultation, consultation ends 3 March 2023, copy of the plan [Silverton Neighbourhood Plan - MIDDEVON.GOV.UK](https://www.middevon.gov.uk/consultation/silverton-neighbourhood-plan)

Devon Communities Together, Rural Cost of Living Crisis Survey (see URL)

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Rural_Households_Cost-of-Living

Devon and Cornwall Alert, Neighbourhood Watch Free Crime Prevention Webinars.

MDDC Press Release, fees increase for some Council services.

MDDC Press Release, Cullompton relief road funding.

MDDC Press Release, Council encourages use of recycling containers before enforcement begins.

Publications: DCC Connectme, Healthwatch Devon E-bulletin, One Devon bulletin, Devon Climate Emergency newsletter, DALC E-bulletin, NALC chief executive bulletin, NALC newsletter,

12. **Finance.**

Bank balances brought forward: Deposit a/c £7,994.08, Current a/c £26,685.25

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Nil

13. **Any Other Business.**

(i) Incidents at Co-op shop. Mrs Pritchett-Farrell reported two recent incidents, on weekend evenings, involving a female around 18 yrs of age, when police had been called and a fire engine sent. Concern had been expressed that children were present at the time of the incident(s).

(ii) Devon Wildlife Trust, offer of a free Landmark tree to town/parish Councils. DWT had approached Parish Council offering a bare-root 1.2-1.4m tall tree. A few native broadleaf varieties (Hornbeam, Crab Apple, Silver Birch) were available which DWT would shortly be delivering. The Clerk had conveyed information to Members. It had been suggested that the Growing Well Garden Project, at Bow Medical Practice, might like the donated tree. To make enquires of the GWGP.

14. **Date of Next Meeting.**

Wednesday 8 March 2023 at 7.30pm at the Community Room of Bow Village Hall.

This concluded the business and the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.10p.m.