

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 8 MARCH 2023 AT 7:30PM
IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM OF BOW VILLAGE HALL

Present: Mr C D Nicks in the Chair,
Mrs L A Hamilton,
Messrs P P W Edworthy, R P Edworthy, C R McAllister,
V Steer and T J Vanstone.
Clerk: Miss B D Ware.

Members of the Public: Nil

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

1. **Public Open Forum.**

No members of the public present; no issues raised.

2. **Minutes.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 February 2023, having been circulated in advance, were confirmed as a complete and accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.

3. **Matters Arising:-**

- (i) Lychgate structure, entrance to Iter Park. The matter having been referred to the developer of the estate, his advices were awaited. (Cllr Penny, Ward Member for contiguous Yeo Ward, had confirmed that MDDC's records also indicated that the structure had not been adopted by DCC.)
- (ii) Devon Wildlife Trust, offer of a free Landmark tree. A crab apple tree had been received from DWT, delivered to the Growing Well Garden Project, at Bow Medical Practice and duly planted by Dr Taheri. Thanks had been received from the GWGP.

4. **Planning**

APPLICATION

Note - this application is Clannaborough parish, Bow Parish Council is a neighbouring authority

[23/00252/MFUL](#)

Proposal: Erection of agricultural building (1794 sq. m) to house milking parlour on site of existing silage clamp

Location: Land and Buildings at NGR 274379 101477 (Appledore Farm) Bow, Crediton, Devon

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 274411 / 101523

Parish: Clannaborough 13

Information had been conveyed electronically to Bow Parish Councillors on 24 February 2023.

Bow Parish Council did not raise any concerns, nor did Members express any objection or wish to make any observations.

[23/00261/HOUSE](#)

Proposal: Erection of single storey side and rear extension

Location: 21 Iter Park, Bow, Crediton, Devon

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 272541 / 101615

Information had been conveyed electronically to Bow Parish Councillors on 27 February 2023.

Parish Council approved the application.

MDDC DECISION

APPROVALS

[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

[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

[22/01404/FULL](#)

Proposal: Conversion of skittle alley into two units of guest accommodation

Location: White Hart Hotel, Bow, Crediton, Devon EX17 6EN

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 271942 / 101806

[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 6EN

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 271942 / 101806

APPEAL DECISION

APPEAL DISMISSED

[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

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

Parish Council

Information from Devon Association of Local Councils and from Mid Devon District Council had been published and supplied to town/parish councils. As information became available, the Clerk Forwarded, incorporating full set of nomination papers, to Parish Councillors. MDDC has also supplied a copy of a new register of electors to town/parish clerks. The Notice of Election was due to be published on 17 March, it would be posted locally on Parish Council notice board also on local Facebook site. Completed nomination papers to be delivered by hand to the Returning Officer, MDDC, between 20 March and the deadline of 4:00pm on 4 April. The Statement of Persons Nominated for town/parish councils, with contested elections, would be published on 5 April along with those town/parish councils (with equal or fewer candidates than seats up for election) with uncontested election results.

District Council

The Ward, Upper Yeo and Taw, including the parish of Bow, had been redrawn by the Boundary Commission for England. It would be a two-seat Ward, with the first election on 4 May. The Notice of Election would be published when it became available, on 17 March.

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

(i) A commemorative Oak tree, 12'-14' high, had been ordered from Bow Garden Centre. It would be collected and planted by the Chairman, at Burston Meadow, on 10 March 2023. The invoice at £300 (£250.00 + vat) had been received. An accompanying plaque would be arranged.

(ii) Bow celebrations. Funding requirements had been requested of the Group but details had not been finalised. To date, a musical event at £120 (other musical items required), portaloos at £295 + vat (a quote for portaloos incl. disability was being obtained), a 6 cu yd skip to ease clearing up at end of the day at £445 incl vat, were to hand. The Group's next meeting was scheduled for 4 April when details of funding requirements would be finalised. The Group did not have a bank account; it was anticipated that Parish Council would pay for items (reclaiming vat). Members briefly discussed funding requirements, but a funding decision could not be made given lack of specific funding requirements in advance (Mrs Hamilton had proposed that £1,500 be granted.)

7. **Street Name Sign, 'Godfreys Garden leading to Hobbs Way & Lilian Close'.**

Delivery vehicle drivers (Amazon, etc) and Royal Mail were confusing Wallens with Wallens Meadow Close, which generated complaints when deliveries destined for Wallens Meadow Close weren't being received. It had been suggested/requested that Mid Devon District Council be requested to amend signage at the entrance to Godfreys Garden to include Wallens Meadow Close. Parish Council agreed that MDDC be so requested.

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

Speeding A3072 western approach to village (proposed extension of 30mph limit). DCC had not yet made contact. *Community Speedwatch (A3072 western approach to village, eastbound traffic).* Bow CSW had twice been requested to capture speed data at the western approach, to inform the VAS request. The CSW co-ordinator requested Parish Councillor support with CSW sessions – Parish Council had again been asked about volunteering *Vehicle Activated Speed Sign (VAS)*. Cllr Letch would likely need speed data evidence for VAS request (traffic speed data awaited from Bow CSW). DCC Mid Devon HATOC/SCARF meeting date/info. also required.

Reporting Highways Issues. Devon's highways team had contacted DALC to highlight the correct way for parish and town councils to report highways concerns which should be channelled through the clerk who may either liaise with the county councillor, report issues directly online, or contact the Neighbourhood Highway Officer. DCC highways team doesn't have capacity to manage additional enquiries from individual councillors. Anyone other than the clerk wishing to report a highways concern could do so online, or by contacting the customer service centre on 0345 155 1004 or csc.roads@devon.gov.uk. Bow Parish Councillors, very aware of local significant pothole issues in Bow, had recently involved local television to highlight the pothole problems, and were not supportive of the advice.

9. **DCC Report.**

Members had been sent a copy of Cllr Letch's March Report. Topics included:-

Upcoming local elections, electors would need to produce photo ID, with advice on how to obtain same, alternatively an application to MDDC for a postal vote obviated the need for photo ID.

DCC Surgeries for parishes would recommence in March, viz. 1st Saturday Crediton, 2nd Saturday Cheriton Bishop and Yeoford, 3rd Saturday Coplestone and 4th Saturday Bow.

At a Highways meeting, re. potholes, it was noted that summer programmes of road repairs involved 16 gangs but in winter contractors augment the number to 40. A new idea was that during inspections of potholes on the system, inspectors would also mark up nearby potholes needing repair. Reference road closure signage, Cllr Letch had raised a question concerning Road Ahead Closed signs used during a recent Bow closure which had led to motorists' uncertainty/confusion as to which road was closed (a limited number of signs existed for a side road ahead closure).

Car parking charges. Following objections, petitions and cogent arguments, proposed high increases in charges had been halted.

10. **Monitoring of Services**

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

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

11. **Correspondence**

London Hearts, Community Liaison Officer, defibrillator grant funding info.

MDDC Press Release, successful funding bid for accessible toilets at Mid Devon Leisure Centre.

MDDC Press Release, Mid Devon announced changes following Parish Review, in time for local elections.

MDDC Press Release, Bin-It-123 service sees improvements in recycling rates (from 52.02% to 56.56%), since new three-weekly waste collections introduced.

MDDC Press Release, Mid Devon District Council new Leader, Cllr Barry Warren, appointed 22/2/23.

MDDC Press Release, Mid Devon District Council new Leader, Cllr Barry Warren, announces new Cabinet.

MDDC Press Release, Council's housing service shortlisted for national 'Team of the Year' award.

EDF Energy, eligible for Alternative Fuel Payment, information.

Hedgehogs R US, Yorkshire, Highway Project, inviting councils to purchase a box of 50 hedgehog highway surrounds, 50 leaflets, display box & window sticker, £150, to raise awareness, conserve hedgehogs, etc.

Publications: Clerks and Councils Direct, DCC Connectme, Healthwatch Devon E-bulletin, DALC E-bulletin, NALC chief executive bulletin, NALC newsletter, One Devon Bulletin, Devon Climate Emergency newsletter.

12. **Finance.**

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

ACCOUNTS AUTHORISED FOR PAYMENT

GDM Cleaning (bus shelter glass clean 3/2/23) £8.00

EDF Energy (electricity for DAAT community landing light) £0.00 (account in credit)

Bow Garden Centre (one oak tree to commemorate King Charles III coronation) £300.00

Bow Village Hall (hire of meeting venue, April 2022 to March 2023) £106.92

Clerk (salary £749.00 + admin/expenses £63.03 qtr. ending 31/03/23) £838.03

H.M.R.&C. (P.A.Y.E. income tax, Jan-Mar 2023) £187.25

13. **Any Other Business.**

No matters raised.

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

Wednesday 12 April 2023 at 7.30pm at the Community Room of Bow Village Hall.

This concluded the business and the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.25p.m.