

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 13 SEPTEMBER 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, T J Hamilton, V Steer and T J Vanstone.
MDDC Rep. Cllr Natalia Letch and DCC Rep. Cllr Frank Letch.
Clerk: Miss B D Ware.
Members of the Public: Nil

Apologies: Nil

1. **Public Open Forum.**

No members of the public present; no matters raised.

2. **Minutes.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2023, having been circulated in advance, were taken as read, approved as a complete and accurate record, and signed by the Chairman.

3. **Matters Arising:-**

(i)Lychgate structure, entrance to Iter Park. Work was awaited.

4. **Planning**

APPLICATIONS

[23/01270/LBC](#)

Proposal: Listed Building Consent for installation of replacement internal staircase and installation of stairlift.

Location: Tavy Cottage, Bow, Crediton, Devon EX17 6HD

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 272217 / 101718

Information had been conveyed electronically to Bow Parish Councillors on 9 August 2023.

Parish Council approved the application.

[23/01226/HOUSE](#)

Proposal: Erection of rear extension, replacement garage and installation of a cavity and outer skin to existing Woolaway dwelling.

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

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 272157 / 101417

Information had been conveyed electronically to Bow Parish Councillors on 15 August 2023

Parish Council approved the application.

PROPOSED AND GRANTED NON-MATERIAL AMENDMENT

[23/00984/NMA](#)

Proposal: Non material amendment to Planning Permission 21/01088/FULL to drop the ground floor level 600mm

Location: South View, Station Road, Bow, Crediton, Devon EX17 6HX

The proposed amendment to the above planning application, received on 22 June 2023, had been considered under s96A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and had been determined to be non-material.

MDDC DECISIONS

APPROVALS

[23/00770/HOUSE](#)

Proposal: Erection of two storey extension and solar panels following demolition of existing conservatory

Location: Glen Rue, Bow, Crediton, Devon

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 271870 / 101786

[23/00976/TPO](#)

Proposal: Application to crown lift by approx. 4m on north side one Oak tree (T2) protected by Tree Preservation Order 97/00016/TPO

Location: 83 Godfreys Garden, Bow, Crediton, Devon

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 271943 / 101460

Parish of Zeal Monachorum

[23/00641/HOUSE](#)

Proposal: Replacement of existing entrance gates and gate piers

Location: Reeve Castle, Bow, Crediton, Devon Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 270981 / 102976

Parish: Zeal Monachorum 61

5. **DCC Report.**

Cllr Letch's September DCC Report had been circulated to Members on 30 August 2023.

Cllr Letch had taken a 10-day holiday in Germany, where he had been impressed with the public transport system, the abundance of solar panels, pothole free roads and clear drains – he would discuss how Devon could improve such matters with DCC/MDDC officers.

Highways. Some patching had been carried out, including at Bow, in particular Station Rd junction with A3072. Cllr Letch had accompanied the local highways officer to tour his electoral division parishes, logging faults, with the hope that DCC budget was sufficient to allow improvement works.

Mobile library. Cllr Letch had accompanied his wife, Cllr Mrs Letch, to a Coldridge Parish Council meeting where the chief topic had been the mobile library, which is very well used at Coldridge. The meeting had been very well attended, there had been wide consultation on the mobile library, with ideas arising therefrom awaited.

Care Experience Young People – DCC had pledged to give some financial advantage/benefit.

Copplestone road surface – patching work west of traffic lights and near farm shop would be likely in 2024/25.

The newly patched road surface at Bow was expected to last 4 - 5 years.

Mobile Library, the matter had been called-in to Corporate Infrastructure & Regulatory Services Scrutiny (CIRS), because of the impact on rural communities. Mr Vanstone, very supportive of mobile library retention, would write to Cllr Letch.

6. **MDDC (Upper Yeo & Taw) Report.**

Cllr Mrs Letch's September Report had been circulated to Members on 4 September 2023.

MDDC had introduced a new [Home Upgrade Grant funding HUG2](#) for homes not connected to the gas grid.

Upgrades could include cavity or solid wall insulation, loft insulation, external wall insulation, draught proofing, underfloor insulation, low energy lighting, heat pumps, heating controls, solar PV (where heating is electric), solar thermal and double glazing. Website link provided.

Another grant, ECO4 Flex, which was introduced earlier for low-income, vulnerable and fuel-poor households, now had extended eligibility criteria. The grant would help with the Warm Home Discount, Priority Services Register, insulation and heating improvement, smart meters installation. Registered people will get energy and water saving tips and advice, tariff checks, supplier switching and heating control advice, referrals for help with benefits and debts: [Referral Form – ECOE](#)

MDDC had allocated a tranche of UKSPF funding to boost towns and businesses following UK's departure from the European Union. The UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) formed part of the government's Levelling Up agenda.

Refer - Mid Devon Prosperity Programme - MIDDEVON.GOV.UK

MDDC had started to review Single Person Council Tax discounts (occasionally, people overlook to report when the number of adults at their address change).

MDDC had decided that Care leavers would be exempt from Council Tax 100%.

MDDC ran a program to support local parks and open spaces, established community groups, town and parish councils who are looking to help bring community-driven projects to life in parks in their area were encouraged to contact the Council's property services for support/guidance.

Job Fair, Tiverton Pannier Market, 20 September 2023. All interested in new employment would be welcome.

7. **D.C.C. Highways Matters.**

Speeding A3072 western approach to village. DCC's approach reference Burston Cross was still awaited.

Community Speed Watch, A3072 western approach to village, addressing eastbound traffic. Community Speed Watch data for July and August 2023 was to hand; 53 sessions had been held at different village locations, with a maximum speed of 50mph recorded in 30 mph zone and a maximum speed of 64mph recorded in 40mph zone.

Vehicle Activated Speed Sign (VAS). The map depicting selected sites together with speed data captured by Bow CSW had been submitted to Cllr Letch for onward submission to DCC. Cllr Letch confirmed that documentation had been duly submitted to DCC.

Road surface A3072, the Square. Interim patching work had been carried out on 29 & 30 August. Residents and motorists were very pleased that the long awaited work, in particular at Station Road junction with the A3072, had been carried out.

Cllr Letch mentioned a DCC meeting, 7/9/23, at which a proposal '20's Plenty' aimed to establish 20mph as the default speed in residential areas across Devon where town/parish councils supported (parishes needed to fund it)

8. **Monitoring of Services**

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

M.D.D.C. Service satisfactory – comment would not be submitted. Cllr Mrs Letch enquired whether any new information was available reference the underground cable to light no.1 at Bow Village Field. No information to hand.

9. **Correspondence**

MDDC Chief Exec and Returning Officer, Preparation for review of polling districts and polling places (MDDC must conduct a full review of all UK Parliamentary polling districts and polling places every five years, with next review due to take place between 1 October 2023 and 31 January 2025).

D.A.A.T. Community Landing Sites. Following a review (incl. technology advances), aircraft may not need to use CLS lights, effective from autumn 2023.

First Response First Aid (FRFA), has merged with Impact Futures and The Childcare Company (only change being to training opportunities).

MDDC Press Release, Introducing Let's Talk Mid Devon – new community engagement hub, a new website designed to encourage open discussion, idea-sharing and active community participation, launched

<https://letstalk.middevon.gov.uk/>

DALC AGM information and invitation to attend, 27/9/2023 at Exeter Racecourse, agenda etc.

DCC Highways, Stakeholder Liaison Team (two stakeholder relations officers & two stakeholder relations coordinators, across Devon) set up to liaise between contractors and the public, parish councils, etc.

MDDC Induction training for town and parish councillors, 06/09/2023, Tiverton Town Hall, info.

MDDC Mid Devon District Council Civic Service, 8/10/2023 at Crediton parish church, invitation.

MDDC Press Release, revised Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), entitled Meeting Housing Needs (circulated to Parish Councillors 17/07/2023).

MDDC Press Release, Comments needed on Crediton Town Centre Masterplan and Delivery Plan (circulated to members 24/07/2023).

MDDC Press Release, Work to start on Cullompton's Higher Bullring.

MDDC Press Release, Public hearing to be held on Silverton Neighbourhood Plan, commencing 29 September.

MDDC Press Release, Council named Client of the Year for work on zero-carbon homes.

MDDC Press Release, Council continues to ensure parks are accessible for all.

MDDC Press Release, Free energy efficiency upgrades available for eligible residents.

MDDC Press Release, Crediton community group assist council's ground maintenance work.

MDDC Press Release, Unique opportunity for Mid Devon food and drink producers.

MDDC Press Release, A Neighbourhood Plan for Lapford.

MDDC Press Release, Council leader witnesses police work first-hand.

MDDC Press Release, New Taste Mid Devon project promotes local producers.

Chardstock Eco Group, considering reducing street lighting.

Devon and Cornwall Alert, Suspension of Chief Constable.

Devon and Cornwall Alert, police step up summer patrols to tackle anti-social behaviour in East & Mid Devon.

Devon and Cornwall Alert, Rave information and reporting.

Devon and Cornwall Alert, Police in Mid Devon reassure the public with Operation Loki (a bid to prevent and detect anti-social behaviour).

Devon and Cornwall Alert, Share your thoughts on new security products, survey.

Devon and Cornwall Alert, victim experience survey (aiming to help shape how police care for crime victims).

Devon and Cornwall Alert, Project NightEye (tackling violence against women and girls).

Devon and Cornwall Alert, a chance for rural communities to have their say, survey.

Councillor Andrea Davis, Chair of Peninsula Transport, email International Gateway Study published,

<https://www.peninsulatransport.org.uk/international-gateways/>

Devon Community Learning Academy, training courses, info.

Publications: Clerks and Councils Direct, DALC E-bulletin, Healthwatch Devon E-bulletin, NALC newsletter, NALC chief executive bulletin, NALC Events, Devon Climate Emergency August and September newsletters, One Devon bulletin July 2023, Devon and Cornwall Alert OUR NEWS September and DCC Connectme.

10. **Finance**

Bank balances brought forward: Deposit a/c £8,023.74, Current a/c £28,653.52

ACCOUNTS AUTHORISED FOR PAYMENT

Bow Village Field (pump track grant) £4,319.00 (+ Sect.106 funds £7,681 = £12,000)

A further meeting, to review the sum donated, would be needed.

Bow Village Hall (hire of Community Room Apr 2023-Jul 2023) £30.00
EDF Energy (electricity for DAAT landing site) NIL (account in credit)

11. **Any Other Business.**

(i) Co-option of members. It was enquired whether prospective co-optees needed to live within Bow parish. Prospective members needed to live within three miles of the parish boundary.

12. **Date of Next Meeting.**

A special meeting would be held on Wednesday 20 September 2023 (or an alternative suitable date) at the Community Room of Bow Village Hall for the purpose of considering a review of the sum to be donated to Bow Village Hall and Bow Village Field Management Committee for the proposed pump track.

Next regular meeting, Wednesday 11 October 2023 at 7:30pm at the Community Room of Bow Village Hall.

This concluded the business and the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.05p.m.