

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 9 OCTOBER 2024 AT 7:30PM  
IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM OF BOW VILLAGE HALL

**Present:** Mr V Steer and Mr C D Nicks in the Chair,  
Mrs L A Hamilton,  
Messrs R A Cook, P P W Edworthy, R P Edworthy, T J Hamilton and S A Pengelly.  
DCC rep. Cllr Letch (part only).  
MDDC rep. Cllr Mrs Letch (part only).  
Members of the Public: One. Representative of Bow Community Speed Watch  
group (part only),  
Clerk: Miss B D Ware.

**Apologies:** Mr T J Vanstone and MDDC rep. Cllr White.

In the absence of both the Chairman and the Vice Chairman, Members nominated Mr Steer to take the Chair. Mr Nicks joined the meeting later and took the Chair at 7:55pm.

1. **Public Open Forum.**

A member of Bow Community Speed Watch (CSW) group, addressing Parish Council, commented that the CSW group felt that the proposed Vehicle Activated Speed sign (VAS) would be better if positioned closer to the village, in the vicinity of the river bridge, rather than opposite the Co-op shop (aligned with the Burston Meadow changing room building). Parish Councillors advised that specific site had been identified given the speed of traffic, shops, road junction/configuration, with various vehicular access points, combined with the number of pedestrians in that vicinity incl. crossing the A3072 (between shop/bus stops/Burston Meadow Recreation Ground) all of which being fundamental to the VAS being necessary at that site. The CSW rep. said that statistics indicated that vehicles were frequently speeding at the river bridges. Slowing eastbound vehicles in advance should mitigate that issue. Members also felt that installing the VAS at DCC approved sites now might improve the likelihood of gaining approval for another site at a later date – DCC Neighbourhood Highway Officer, Mr Tucker, however, had stated that an A3072 site near Bow Medical Practice would not be permitted. Having been concerned about speeding in that area for a very long period, Parish Council was awaiting DCC consultation and action (possible re-lining) vicinity Burston Cross junction. Reference Bow CSW group's proposed CSW signage, the rep. advised that signs were being considered, Parish Council indicated that DCC consent would likely be necessary, expressing doubt that it would be forthcoming. The CSW rep. said that some group members may be willing to have a sign at their property. Regarding writing to companies to advise that their vehicles had exceeded the speed limit, the CSW rep. suggested that Crediton Milling, Gregory Transport, Edworthy's, etc be sent a generic letter. Parish Council felt that a personal approach, direct from the Community Speed Watch group to the transport company owner/manager, would be preferable. The CSW rep. submitted that the supply of speed data had not transpired to be as effective as had been hoped. Parish Council thanked the CSW group for all their good work and thanked the rep. for attending the meeting.

2. **Minutes.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2024, having been circulated in advance were taken as read. confirmed as a complete and accurate record and were signed.

3. **Matters Arising:-**

(i) Lychgate structure, entrance to Iter Park. A response from DCC had not been received – DCC Neighbourhood Highway officer Mr Tucker had said that if, for example, the structure was blown down in a storm that DCC would remove but not replace it. This was disappointing given the village wished for the structure to be retained, however, the matter would not be further pursued. DCC had been informed of the situation and DCC would be liable in the event of the structure being blown down. Cllr Letch suggested that if Parish Council had been granted consent to repair it, that it might set a precedent.

4. **Planning**

APPLICATIONS

[24/01194/HOUSE](#)

Proposal: Re-roofing of dwelling; replacement of fascia and guttering; replacement of front door and porch cover.

Location: Kenaden House, Bow, Crediton

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 272207 / 101748

Information had been conveyed electronically to Bow Parish Councillors on 12 September 2024.

Application approved.

## MDDC DECISIONS

### APPROVALS

#### [24/01158/CAT](#)

Proposal: Notification of intention to fell one Elm and one Elder and reduce the height of one Crack Willow by 6m within the Conservation Area

Location: Kenaden House, Bow, CREDITON

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 272207 / 101748

#### [24/01100/FULL](#)

Proposal: Erection of a hobby room building following the removal of existing shipping container.

Location: Land and Buildings at NGR271000 101166 Little Meadow, Station Road, Bow, CREDITON

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 271980 / 101167

#### [24/01145/LBC](#)

Proposal: Listed Building Consent for the repair and decoration to the south elevation including, render, woodwork, windows, door and drainpipes

Location: Winsor House, Bow, CREDITON

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 272063 / 101793

### WITHDRAWN

#### [24/00526/LBC](#)

Proposal: Listed Building Consent for erection of annex following removal of outbuildings

Location: Nymet Cottage Bow CREDITON

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 273359 / 100836

## 5. **DCC (Crediton Rural Division) Monthly Report.**

Cllr Letch's report for September 2024 had been electronically circulated to Members, email dated 27 September 2024.

Highways. Much work - patching, pothole repair & white lining - had been carried out, probably the result of the £12 million Cabinet had awarded to highways for work on smaller roads.

Litter complaints around the bus stop near Josheph Locke Way, CREDITON, prompted a litter bin request, however the road was unadopted but MDDC Street Scene group would regularly visit and collect any litter.

Proposed zebra crossing Commercial Road, CREDITON (Hawkins Way area to Lidl/Leisure Centre) had prompted complaints from people about the intended site, but which had to be a compromise given complexity of the road network.

Street lighting times. At a Scrutiny Committee meeting a proposal had been made to reduce street lighting times to save costs and protect the environment; the city would remain unaltered but two areas – towns and rural areas – might change. If implemented, it could save the county around £6 million.

Children's Services. The Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) budget was severely overspent. Officers had been addressing the problem, a full OFSTED would be carried out over the next two weeks.

Cllr Letch had visited DCC's Materials Laboratory where road samples (core borings of 60 – 80cms) are assessed to fully understand the road condition for various purposes, eg roadwork repairs, major road construction, pedestrian areas, etc. After fatal collisions to assess any impact the road may have had on the collision.

Cllr Letch had had a few meetings since his recent hospitalisation.

He said DCC uses Barclays Bank and a question had been raised about ethnicity of using that bank.

He had remotely attended a Cabinet meeting dealing with the Local Transport Plan.

DCC was reported to be the top performing transport authority in the country.

Cllr Letch commented that 20mph progress was being rather slow.

Children's Services, Cllr Letch said that DCC was working towards children in DCC care with concentration on getting them accommodated in Devon.

Post Covid DCC staff survey (response 51%) with 73% feeling happy and valued by the Council.

Highways. Cllr Letch would meet Neighbourhood Officer Mr Tucker tomorrow, with focus on safety and concentration on repainting both white and yellow lining. The additional £12 million funding received was helping. CREDITON – a site entrance for a tree planting project had prompted much comment and complaint from motorists. A377, towards Tesco, an arrow needed repainting with an additional sign, in advance, also needed.

## 6. **MDDC (Upper Yeo & Taw Ward) Monthly Report.**

Cllr Mrs Letch's report for September 2024 had been electronically circulated to Members, email dated 29 September 2024.

Mid Devon Leisure Swimming Pools. The chlorine based indoor pools at Lords Meadow Leisure Centre and Exe Valley Leisure Centre were being converted to electro-chlorination using salt, said to be cleaner and safer. Salt chlorinated pools reportedly out performed chlorine based pools in all aspects relating to health, cleanliness and body benefits. The leisure centres were now run on 100% renewable electricity, boosted by solar panels on site. MDDC Community Risk Register. The process had a timeline and would be shared with towns and parishes. The final version is due to be ready in April-May 2025. It would be reviewed annually.

Winter Fuel Payment. Government had changed qualifying criteria; only those in receipt of Pension Credit now qualified. It was suggested that many pensioners qualified for pension credit but did not claim it. MDDC would assist with form filling to claim it, others able to assist were CHAT, Navigate and Citizens Advice Bureau.

Landline goes digital. BT had commenced consultation in the area reference replacing landlines with digital connection, however, in cases of a mains power cut without a good mobile connection there would be isolation, which could be a serious issue in rural areas and dangerous for vulnerable people whose health depended on being able to contact emergency services. For those with special needs, the advice was to contact BT, or other providers, before the changes were implemented. Alternatively, contact Local Authorities and request assistance. Additionally, Cllr Mrs Letch advised that MDDC had created a Resilience Committee, a Risk Register was being created. Parish Councillor Mr Pengelley asked Cllr Mrs Letch about the statistics needed (GDPR) for the register for the Emergency Plan (may need to update Local Emergency Plan).

7. **Speeding Traffic Through Bow.**

Bow Community Speed Watch Group Requesting Funds for Signage, etc. Refer to item 1 Public Open Forum.

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

*Speeding A3072 western approach to village.* Nothing had been received from DCC.

*Community Speed Watch (A3072 western approach to village, eastbound traffic).* Data had been received from Bow CSW group for the period 4/9/24-4/10/24, five sessions had been held over that period. Refer to Public Open Forum, item 1 of the minutes.

*Vehicle Activated Speed Sign (VAS).* Nothing further had been received or heard from DCC. The quotation for supply and installation of two posts, requested of DCC on 9 July, also awaited a response. Reminders had been sent.

9. **Monitoring of Services**

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

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

10. **Correspondence**

MDDC, Govt asks Local government to help promote 'Pension Credit', if paid Winter Fuel Allowance payable.

MDDC, latest side waste statistics late August to early September, info.

MDDC, latest side waste statistics September, site tour 14/11/24 for Parish and Town reps and drop in surgery.

MDDC Press Release, new Cabinet Member for Parish and Community Engagement, also Revised Town and Parish Charter finalised and adopted by Cabinet on 9/7/2024, is available [here](#), planning annex available [here](#).

MDDC Press Release, Mid Devon Leisure transitions to salt-based swimming pools.

MDDC Press Release, Mid Devon Leisure improves menopause awareness.

Kier, notification of road closure, Station Rd, Bow (between The Haven and Natson Cottage), 13/1/25-17/1/25.

DCC, Transport Planning, draft Devon and Torbay Local Transport Plan (LTP4), consultation 1/10/2024 - 30/11/2024, information.

DCC, Transport Planning, Devon Countywide Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP), public consultation 1/10/2024 -30/11/2024, information.

DALC, Invitation to attend DALC's Annual General Meeting on 2/10/2024 at Exeter Racecourse, agenda etc.

NALC, announcing the launch of new website, with improved features, on 7 October 2024.

EDF Energy, energy charges changing from 1 October 2024, info.

Devon and Cornwall Alert, Have your say about policing in your area, visit <https://alerts-survey.dc.police.uk/Survey/GUID/4be542cd-672a-4842-9eb8-5aa000c42661> to take community survey.

Devon and Cornwall Alert, fish poaching patrol on the great Western Canal, on 18/9.2024.

Devon and Cornwall Alert, Devon and Cornwall Police & Crime Commissioner launches consultation on her third Police and Crime Plan - Have Your Say public survey: [Have Your Say Today - Police and Crime Plan 2024-29: Public survey - Devon And Cornwall Police And Crime Commissioner's Office \(commonplace.is\)](#)

Devon and Cornwall Alert, Devon & Cornwall Police launching its Neighbourhood Policing Community Charter.  
Devon and Cornwall Alert, Rural crime thefts, from farms in rural locations (Chulmleigh & UMBERLEIGH).  
Devon and Cornwall Alert, Devon & Cornwall Police roll out life-saving overdose treatment, Naloxone, helping safeguard vulnerable people.

*Publications:* DALC E-bulletin, Healthwatch Devon E-bulletin, NALC newsletter, NALC chief executive bulletin,-NALC Events, One Devon bulletin October 2024 and DCC news round-up Connectme.

**11. Finance.**

Bank balances brought forward: Deposit a/c £8,105.07, Current a/c £22,431.16

ACCOUNTS AUTHORISED FOR PAYMENT

Bow Village Hall (to hire meeting venue April 2024 to September 2024 inclusive) £46.90

Clerk (salary £749.00 + admin/expenses £167.74 qtr. ending 30/09/24 £916.74

H.M.R.&C. (P.A.Y.E. income tax, Jul-Sep 2024) £187.25

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

A letter with copies of invoices, addressed to Bow Parish Council, had been received from the departed Treasurer of Bow Village Hall & Bow Village Field Management Committee. Invoices related to work undertaken in connection with the play area which Bow Village Hall & Bow Village Field Management Committee managed, with specific financial support from Parish Council. (An information sheet between the parties set out responsibilities.) Invoices for grass cutting, etc totalled £750.00. Additional to those costs, Bow Village Hall & Bow Village Field Management Committee had also requested payment for the routine monthly inspections of the equipment, charged at £40.00 per inspection, total £880.00, therefore total payment requested £1,630.00.

Invoices did not accord with agreed arrangements; the play area was taken over from 1 April 2022 but some work was charged for March 2022; Parish Council had agreed to fund grass cutting but invoices included some hedge work and safety surface cleaning; Bow Village Hall & Bow Village Field Management Committee had agreed to be responsible for routine monthly inspections. Various issues needed investigating.

Mrs Hamilton, Chairman of Bow Village Hall & Bow Village Field Management Committee, said that being unable to charge for use of the play area and pump track that Bow Village Field ran at a loss.

The Village Hall, however, was profitable and subsidised the Village Field: when the two committees merged in the 1990s this had been a fundamental premise to the merger.

Mrs Hamilton requested the invoices and would prepare a spreadsheet setting out the costs associated with the Village Field against the costs of running the combined Village Hall and Village Field.

Further consideration would be necessary.

**12. Any Other Business.**

Nil

**13. Date of Next Meeting.**

Wednesday 13 November 2024 at 7:30pm at the Community Room of Bow Village Hall.

This completed the business and the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:00pm