

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 9 JULY 2025 AT 7:30PM
IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM OF BOW VILLAGE HALL

Present: Mr C D Nicks in the Chair,
Messrs R A Cook, P P W Edworthy, R P Edworthy, T J Hamilton and S Pengelly.
Cllr Jim Cairney.
Members of the Public: Nil.
Clerk: Miss B D Ware.

Apologies: Cllr Alex White and Mr D Pocock.

1. **Public Open Forum.**

No members of the public present; no matters raised.

2. **Minutes.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 June 2025, having been circulated in advance, were taken as read and were confirmed as a complete and accurate record and were signed.

3. **Matters Arising:-**

Nil

4. **Planning**

APPLICATIONS

[25/00810/FULL](#)

Proposal: Change of use of land to graveyard

Location: land at NGR 272673 100644 (West of St Bartholomew's Church) Bow, Crediton

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 272674 / 100668

Information had been conveyed electronically to Bow Parish Councillors on 13 June 2025.

Parish Council approved the application.

[25/00810/FULL](#)

Proposal: Listed Building Consent for the installation of a two front handrails

Location: Nymet Barton, Bow, Crediton

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 272805 / 100685

Information had been conveyed electronically to Bow Parish Councillors on 01 July 2025.

Parish Council approved the application.

MDDC DECISIONS

APPROVALS

[24/01172/HOUSE](#)

Proposal: Installation of a level ramped access to the rear of the property and replacement door, installation of a front handrail, temporary internal flooring and associated works

Location: Nymet Barton, Bow, Crediton

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 272805 / 100685

[24/01175/LBC](#)

Proposal: Listed Building Consent for the installation of a level ramped access to the rear of the property and replacement door, installation of a front handrail, temporary internal flooring and associated works

Location: Nymet Barton, Bow, Crediton

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 272805 / 100685

[24/01739/HOUSE](#)

Revised Drawings and Revised Information

Proposal: Erection of single storey side/rear extension and internal alterations to existing ground floor layout following demolition of existing single storey extension.

Location: Paddocks Cottage, Bow, Crediton

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 273352 / 100832

[24/01742/LBC](#)

Revised Drawings and Revised Information

Proposal: Listed Building Consent for the erection of single storey side/rear extension and internal alterations to existing ground floor layout following demolition of existing single storey extension.

Location: Paddocks Cottage, Bow, Crediton

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 273352 / 100832

REFUSAL

[25/00678/PNCOU](#)

Proposal: Prior notification for the change of use of land to a temporary campsite under Class BC for a period of 60 non-consecutive days from 01/06/2025 to 30/07/2025 for 10 pitches with 2 compost toilets and connected to mains water.

Location: land at NGR 271592 101720 The Shire, Bow, Crediton

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 271592 101720

It was reported that two camping tents were currently present at the site. To notify MDDC accordingly.

5. **Casual Vacancy.**

The Notice of Vacancy had been completed and posted. If ten, or more, electors on the Bow Electoral Register haven't written to MDDC requesting a by-election, within the timeframe, the vacancy would be filled by co-option.

6. **DCC (Crediton Rural Division) Monthly Report.**

Cllr Cairney would endeavour to ensure that a report was provided each month, for both DCC and MDDC.

He conveyed that DCC was looking to put forward a motion to ban mobile phones, with internet connection, in schools – some Members had expressed doubt that the suggestion would be workable.

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

A report for June 2025 had not been received.

8. **Untaxed Vehicle (silver Volkswagen reg. no. WV55WPO), Jackman Car Park.**

An untaxed (tax expired 30/4/25) silver Volkswagen car, with MoT expired 13/3/25, had been in Jackman car park for some weeks. A resident's complaint had been received. Enquiries as to vehicle's owner had been made of Parish Councillors and a Notice had been placed on the windscreen. If the vehicle is not removed, it will be reported to MDDC who will arrange for its removal, at the cost of the vehicle's owner.

9. **St Martin's Close Play Area and Sanders Road (wild flowers vs trimmed grass)**

A MDDC officer had approached Ward Members and Parish Council for views on the following -

MDDC had, informally, allowed a St Martin's Close parishioner to establish wild flowers in the narrow grass strip abutting the play area at St Martins Close. This had been agreed, with local consultation and consensus, in the expectation of no complaint, however, MDDC had received a complaint from a parent who's child had refused to use the play area 'because it was such a mess'.

MDDC had also received a request from a Sanders Rd resident asking for MDDC to refrain from cutting the grass, in part, on the verge to the right going into the Langford estate.

Before consulting with residents local to each site, MDDC requested Parish Council opinion. Parish Council discussed, it was felt the play area grass strip should be kept trimmed (Members opined that long grass around the site was not ideal, children might have allergies, dog fouling could become an issue). Reference the Sanders Road site, given it was understood that it was in private ownership, therefore it was not within Parish Council's jurisdiction. MDDC would be advised accordingly.

10. **Local Government Reorganisation, English Devolution White Paper.**

MDDC had issued a press release, which outlined its preferred option, for the future structure of council service delivery, known as the 1-4-5 plan, it proposed:

- Retaining the Plymouth unitary authority on its existing boundary (1)
- A unitary authority combining the South Hams, Teignbridge and West Devon areas with Torbay (4)
- A unitary authority including Mid, East, North Devon, Torridge and Exeter (5)

This would mean the current councils of Mid Devon District Council and Devon County Council would no longer exist and council services would be delivered by a single council. Before MDDC, with district partners, submitted the final proposal, they wanted to know what mattered to residents in the communities and the needs and aspirations of people living/working in the area, so had issued a short survey (open until 11/8/2025), link

<https://letstalk.middevon.gov.uk/local-government-reorganisation> which had been circulated to Members. Cllr Cairney reported that uncertainty existed and the CEO was uncertain of future intentions. Somerset Council had proved very costly and Cornwall Council was said to be nearly bankrupt.

11. D.C.C. Highways Matters.

Speeding A3072 western approach to village (DCC suggested highway works), Burston Cross area. Still nothing had been received or heard from DCC. Possibly Cllr Cairney could assist.

Vehicle Activated Speed Sign (VAS). Nothing had been heard or received from DCC. Information on background was being compiled, enabling Mr P P W Edworthy to make a video (speeding issues had been a regular feature on Parish Council's agendas from since, at least, 2016 – Parish Council had been pursuing an extension of the 30 mph speed limit (to include the garden centre) since 2016, which had failed as it did not meet DCC Policy; thereafter a departure from DCC Policy had been pursued throughout 2019-2021, which also failed; acquisition of a VAS had since been pursued. Cllr Cairney would be meeting with DCC Neighbourhood Highways officer, Mr Tucker, the following day so enquiries would be made.

Other Highway matters. Overgrown hedge/tree growth, along south side of the A3072 west of Bow village, was adversely affecting visibility for traffic exiting the Co-op shop car park, it needed cutting back. To report to DCC. To send email, detailing required DCC actions reference the aforementioned three issues, to Cllr Cairney in readiness for his meeting with Mr Tucker the following day.

12. Monitoring of Services

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

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

A Member enquired whether the reason was known for the litter bin on the raised cobbled footpath, near Woodhaven, to be swathed in plastic wrap and thereby unusable. Enquiries would be made of MDDC.

13. Correspondence

MDDC, Planning, Local Validation Checklist 2025, consultation 30/6/25 – 8/8/25.

MDDC, Mid Devon Grant Schemes, information.

MDDC, Funding available to create or improve community commercial spaces, expressions of interest invited.

MDDC, Mid Devon new Business [e-newsletter](#) launched.

MDDC, free Government cyber security services, to protect .gov.uk websites and email systems from misconfiguration and vulnerabilities.

MDDC, Carers Week in Mid Devon, details of leisure discount for carers.

MDDC Press Release, building works on the new Tiverton Work Hub completed, with operator appointed.

MDDC Press Release, major poolside upgrades completed at Active Crediton (formerly Lords Meadow Leisure Centre) and Active Tiverton (formerly Exe Valley Leisure Centre).

MDDC Press Release, road closure and Cross Hotel, Copplestone + updates.

Kier, Notification of road closure – Work Ref: LM501NC11762353 on road from Burston to Iter Corner, Bow.

Devon and Cornwall Alert, Operation Scorpion, South West forces work together to reduce harm caused by drugs.

Devon and Cornwall Alert, pilot launched to improve communication between emergency services and people with neurodiversity.

Devon and Cornwall Alert, loan sharks - understanding the dangers and how you can make a difference.

Devon and Cornwall Alert, new quishing alert: £3.5 million lost last year to fraudulent QR codes, info.

Devon and Cornwall Alert, Education the focus of removing knives from our communities.

Devon and Cornwall Alert, Mid Devon Neighbourhood Policing Team updates.

Devon and Cornwall Alert, hot dogs in vehicles, warning, information.

Devon and Cornwall Alert, message from Commissioner: awards shining a light on our unsung heroes.

Devon and Cornwall Alert, Scam Alert, phone no. 159 (UK-wide) can be used to contact your bank's fraud dept.

Devon and Cornwall Alert, Tiverton Neighbourhood Policing Team, meeting 18 July 2025, Tiverton.

Devon and Cornwall Alert, Celebration event highlights achievements of Devon & Cornwall police cadets.

NALC, all-new digital edition of Local Councils Explained, published.

Devon Communities Together, 2024-5 Impact Report: Connecting Communities and Creating Change

Devon Communities Together, training, Developing and Implementing an Outward Mindset, info.

Publications: Clerks and Councils Direct, DALC E-bulletin, NALC newsletter, NALC chief executive bulletin, NALC Events newsletter, Devon Climate Emergency July newsletter, Healthwatch Devon Plymouth & Torbay e-bulletin + annual report and DCC news round-up Connectme.

14. Finance.

Bank balances brought forward: Deposit a/c £8,189.14, Current a/c £29,628.42

Interest (credited annually) £84.07 credited to deposit a/c on 24/05/2025

ACCOUNTS AUTHORISED FOR PAYMENT

Clerk (salary £749.00 + admin/expenses £145.16 qtr. ending 30/06/25 £894.16

H.M.R.&C. (P.A.Y.E. income tax, Apr-Jun 2025) £187.25

EDF Energy (electricity for DAAT community landing light) £42.14 (July & August)

15. Any Other Business.

(i) Bow Waterworks. Responding to an enquiry, the Clerk (also Clerk to the Trustees of Bow Waterworks) reported on the current water loss/water leak issue. MDDC Env Health had served a Notice of Unwholesomeness or Insufficiency of Private Water Supply under section 80 of the Water Industry Act 1991 on Bow Waterworks. Despite a full reservoir being maintained, the ongoing loss of water was adversely affecting pressure and supply to some properties, so 'insufficiency of supply' was experienced. Bottled drinking water was being supplied. Being unable to pinpoint leak source also difficulty engaging companies able to trace and repair leaks, was proving difficult and slow (usual contractor currently unable to assist). Hydrotech had conducted a brief survey but declined to return to complete survey or carry out repair. Advanced Pipe Inspection (UK) Ltd had attended, 1 July, to detect leak(s). Disappointingly, API failed in that undertaking: correlation equipment could not work given mixture of pipework/valves/stopcocks metals, their ground mic could not be used given noisy daytime traffic, the two-man team had elected to stay overnight at Southampton, instead of the Waie Inn as suggested, necessitating a 2½ hour journey each way and the team had not brought a listening stick! Their report, when received, would not have much value. Other companies had been and were being approached.

16. Date of Next Meeting.

Wednesday 10 September 2025 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.