

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 14 NOVEMBER 2018 AT 7.30P.M.
IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM OF BOW VILLAGE HALL

Present: Mr C D Nicks in the Chair,
Mesdames L A Hamilton and D M Pritchett-Farrell,
Messrs C R McAllister, T J Vanstone, M C Williams and R J Yelland.
Cllr Squire.
Clerk: Miss B D Ware.
Members of the Public: One (part only).

Apologies: Messrs R P Edworthy & V Steer and Cllr Way.

PARISH COUNCIL

1. **Public Open Forum.** 1st Bow Scouts Leader, Mr Metcalf, addressed Parish Council expressing thanks for the valued help and support received re. the Scouts' T.A.P. Fund application, earlier in 2018, for the Scouts troop tents project, confirming the tents were used, were a great success and would last for many years. Mr Metcalf conveyed the Scouts' new project – having been formally granted an area of Burston Meadow sports and recreation ground, the Scouts would shortly be tree (obtained via The Woodland Trust) planting to provide protection/shelter and would create a fire-pit where camping, games, etc. would take place – planning to develop an archery range. A shelter (timber on concrete) was needed costing approx. £2,200 incl. vat, archery equipment at £1,500 incl. vat, plus a metal storage facility on site to hold equipment also at £1,500 incl. vat. 1st Bow Scouts had some funds to kickstart the project but requested Parish Council's support for the financial shortfall. The shelter required Planning consent for which an application would be submitted. The Scouts were looking to develop the long term project in the spring. Mr Metcalf was thanked for his attendance before taking his leave of the meeting. Members briefly discussed the proposed project, indicating support: further consideration would be given at the next meeting (Planning consent for the shelter was a pre-requisite and a funding pledge would be subject to such consent).
2. **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 10 October 2018, 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) Bow's K6 telephone kiosk and A.E.D. via Community Heartbeat Trust. The faulty heating mat had been returned to C.H.T. No further information on it had been received. Alex Bowden Electrical would fit the new heating mat. Mr McAllister would purchase black paint (for plinth) and white paint (ceiling), passing till receipts to the Clerk for reimbursement.
 - (ii) Concrete footpath linking Lilian Close to Bow Village Field. Cllr Squire had made enquiries of M.D.D.C. and said that it didn't belong to either D.C.C. or M.D.D.C. Therefore, it appeared that Bow Village Hall & Field Management Committee would have maintenance responsibility of the footpath and could be liable. The footpath having deteriorated was felt to be somewhat hazardous. Bow Village Hall & Field Management Committee was in the process of obtaining quotations.
 - (iii) Sect. 106 Fund (M.D.D.C. Planning obligation). M.D.D.C. apologising for delay in response had just responded, supplying figures for Bow as: General Fund £2,242.73 (which could be spent on qualifying projects except those listed), Project Specific – play areas within parish of Bow (no money available) and Phase 2 of creation/improvement of Burston Meadow recreation ground £1,442.00. M.D.D.C. wanted Parish Council to submit new ideas for projects to which funds could be allocated. M.D.D.C. had not indicated any time limit on spending funds and had not responded to request for an officer to attend a Parish Council meeting. It was agreed to ask M.D.D.C. whether the General Fund sum could be used toward repairing the concrete footpath linking Lilian Close to Bow Village Field and whether the Project Specific sum could be used toward Bow Scouts archery project.
4. **Planning**
APPLICATION
[18/01694/LBC](#)
Proposal: Listed Building Consent for the erection of two storey side extension and double garage following partial demolition of single storey extension and outbuildings (Revised Scheme)
Location: Paddocks Cottage, Nymet Tracey, Bow, Crediton, Devon EX17 6JX
Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 273352 / 100832

Information had been conveyed electronically to Bow Parish Councillors on 31/10/2018.

Mr Williams declared a personal (a relative of the Applicant) interest and left the meeting. Parish Council approved the application.

M.D.D.C. DECISIONS

APPROVALS

[18/01457/FULL](#)

Proposal: Erection of a site office

Location: Land and Buildings at NGR 2723259 101276 Langford Plant Hire, Station Road, Bow, Crediton EX17 6HX

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 272340 / 101251

[18/01458/ADVERT](#)

Proposal: Advertisement Consent to display two non illuminated signs

Location: Land and Buildings at NGR 2723259 101276 Langford Plant Hire, Station Road, Bow, Crediton EX17 6HX

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 272340 / 101251

[18/01166/HOUSE](#)

Proposal: Erection of two storey rear extension

Location: 4 Sanders Road, Bow, Crediton, Devon EX17 6LP

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 272109 / 101404

REFUSAL

[18/01115/LBC](#)

Proposal: Listed Building Consent for the installation of oak barn style garage doors to 3 car port spaces

Location: Linhay, Bow, Crediton, Devon EX17 6DB

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 272751 / 100679

REFUSAL OF CERTIFICATE OF LAWFUL USE FOR A PROPOSED USE OR DEVELOPMENT

[18/01251/CLP](#)

Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness for the proposed siting of a caravan for additional ancillary accommodation

Location: Easterhill Farm, Hittisleigh, Crediton, Devon EX17 5AA

5. **Bow's 750th Market Charter Anniversary 2019, Suggested Event.** Bow's Market Charter had been granted by King Henry III in July 1259 (to Henry de Tracy, then lord of the manor) for a weekly market and annual fair. Historical Promotions & Event Management (based in Devon) had approached the Clerk proposing an event be staged to celebrate the 750th anniversary in 2019 – a Medieval Market and Fayre had been proposed, incl. demonstrations, displays, period entertainment, music, etc. with multiple choices of workshop (many for children) available. After brief discussion, with comments made that 2019 would see the 760th, rather than 750th, anniversary, it was agreed that Historical Promotions & Event Management's proposal would not be pursued and that no response be made.
6. **D. C.C. Highways Matters.**
Speeding A3072 western approach to village (proposed extension of 30m.p.h. limit). Speed checks had still not been carried out, it was understood that there may be an issue with the speed gun (still faulty). With regard to a possible Vehicle Activated Sign (V.A.S.) the Neighbourhood Team Highways Officer Mr Tucker would speak with the relevant D.C.C. officer/engineer. Any sign would need to be Department for Transport approved. Cllr Way had advised that Parish Council could try applying for funding under D.C.C.'s Highway Maintenance Community Enhancement Fund (application form plus Terms & Conditions had been downloaded and printed). The Clerk noted that priority for funding went to parishes which had a Road Warden. Cllr Way had suggested that given few parishes had applied, Parish Council might, therefore, have prospect of being awarded funding and could try applying for full V.A.S. cost. Cllr Way had also observed that local motorists, commuters, etc. soon became used to V.A.S. – then failed to reduce their speeds. D.C.C.'s Traffic Management Fact Sheet, kindly supplied by Cllr Way, was read and considered. All Parish Councillors had been supplied with an electronic copy of D.C.C.'s Traffic Management Team Policy on Local Speed Limits DTP34/05, as requested by Mr Williams and as supplied by Cllr Way, which was briefly discussed. Members agreed to apply for grant funding for two mobile (battery operated) V.A.S. units via D.C.C.'s Highway Maintenance Community Enhancement Fund. Current costs of required V.A.S. needed to be established.

Road Warden training (chp.8). Training provider, South West Highways, was closing it's training centre to external business. D.C.C. was researching other training providers within the county.

30/40 m.p.h. sign Bow Bridge. The sign (south side of carriageway) had again been re-oriented (impact by large vehicle or possibly vandalised) and reported to D.C.C.

Potholes. Several near Nymet Tracey, between Walson Cross and Blackpool Cross, would be reported.

7. **Parish Precept, 2019-2020.** M.D.D.C. documentation, including interactive calculation form, had been received electronically. The submission deadline was 25 January 2019. The Council Tax Reduction Grant would disappear in 2019-20. M.D.D.C. was not aware of any intention by Government to introduce referendum limits for local councils. Members considered finances and budget, including potential expenditure (e.g. election 2019 costs) over the forthcoming year. After consideration of the need to keep pace, balanced against economic climate and residents' ability to pay, on the proposal of Mr Williams, seconded by Mr Yelland, it was agreed to increase the precept from £9,500.00, at which level it had been set since 2017-18, to £10,000.00 (5.25% increase) for the forthcoming year 2019-20. Precepts of £10,000 and over were paid in two instalments, 50% April and 50% October. It was agreed that the Devon Association of Local Councils subscription be deducted from the precept.

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.

9. **Correspondence.**

M.D.D.C. consultation on internal procedures – illegal encampments on M.D.D.C. land.

M.D.D.C. Homes Policy Development Group, 15/10/2018, agenda.

M.D.D.C. Council, 24/10/18, agenda.

M.D.D.C. Cabinet meeting, 25/10/2018, agenda.

M.D.D.C. Planning Committee, 31/10/2018, agenda.

M.D.D.C. Scrutiny Committee, 05/11/2018, agenda.

M.D.D.C. Environment Policy Development Group, 06/11/2018, agenda.

M.D.D.C. Homes Policy Development Group, 13/11/2018, agenda.

M.D.D.C. Town and Parish newsletter, November 2018 issue.

M.D.D.C. press release, free car parking in Mid Devon market towns in run up to Christmas.

M.D.D.C. press release, Mid Devon Local Plan Review (Planning Inspector gives go ahead for main hearings).

M.D.D.C. press release, have your say on Cullompton town centre relief road, consultation.

M.D.D.C. press release, launch of Culm Garden Village website.

M.D.D.C. press release, new gym refurbishment for Lords Meadow Leisure Centre.

M.D.D.C. press release, Mid Devon's Landlord Networking event proves successful.

M.D.D.C. press release, Mid Devon District Council shortlisted for national LGC Award.

M.D.D.C. press release, vote to help Tiverton Civic Society's bid for success.

M.D.D.C. press release, Tiverton pannier market marks Remembrance Day.

Santander, changes for Business Banking current and savings accounts from January 2019.

Devon Communities Together, briefing service on Smart Meters offered to community groups.

Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan, modifications consultation.

Citizen's Advice, requesting financial donation to support Citizen's Advice.

Police Crime Commissioner, October newsletter.

Devon Communities Together, Resilience Forum event (22/11/18 at Broadclyst) and Neighbourhood Planning courses (16/11/18 & 22/11/18 at Exeter) information.

Devon Communities Together, LOVE Devon newsletter (Nov).

D.A.L.C. newsletter, conference 2018, recruitment of a new County Secretary, N.A.L.C. News (Councils given greater housing powers, New homes bonus info. and Legal Update), Funding News (parish councils can obtain funding to develop renewable projects and Local Community Projects Fund), Other news incl. gritting routes and Snow Warden Scheme (DCC is conducting reviews into Traffic Speeds and into Highways Gritting and seeks views of town and parish councils via survey by 21/11/18), DCC calling for more home care workers, Unity Trust bank enquiry and Celebrating Fairtrade event (27/10/18).

Publications: Clerks and Councils Direct, Local Council Review, Healthwatch Devon and DCC Connectme.

10. Finance.

Bank balances brought forward: Deposit a/c £7,894.63, Current a/c £17,026.05

ACCOUNTS AUTHORISED FOR PAYMENT

GDM Cleaning (bus shelter glass clean 16/10/18) £6.00

11. Any Other Business.

(i) Creation of additional vehicular accesses onto the highway. Mrs Hamilton drew attention to recently created off-road parking at 6 Godfreys Garden where the kerb had been lowered to allow two parking spaces in the garden but lacking splay provision and without local consultation. She commented on a spate of recent off-road parking being created, citing the recent creation of a layby on D.C.C. verge adjacent to The Haven, Station Road, where the new owner was utilising the new layby and verge to gain vehicular access to The Haven site where construction of a replacement dwelling with vehicular access was ongoing, although the site had not previously had vehicular access. Cited also was creation of unauthorised off-road parking, for a few vehicles, at a private garden plot in Water Lane. She felt that creating off-road parking at 6 Godfreys Garden was potentially dangerous given that it was directly opposite the pedestrian entrance to the CP School, which was a particularly busy location with much pedestrian (children) traffic. Vehicles needed to reverse in/out of the newly created site as it was too small for vehicles to turn around on site, with the attendant risk of reversing over children. There was concern that a precedent was being created. Members agreed that a letter be sent to DCC, with copy to Cllr Way and Cllr Hughes DCC Cabinet Member for Highway Management, saying that the matter had been raised at Parish Council, that Members had concerns, enquiring whether account had been taken that 6 Godfreys Gardens was directly opposite the CP School pedestrian entrance and to say that in such cases it would be useful to consult with parish councils.

(ii) The Clerk had been requested to convey two possible fly tipping incidents, reported on Bow News Desk Facebook site, to Parish Council. Members were aware of occurrences, confirming that it was not fly tipping.

(iii) A.E.D. situate Bow Village Hall. The local resident who carried out regular checks on the equipment and reported accordingly, anticipated moving away from Bow. He had arranged for another local resident to carry out routine checks, etc.

12. Date of Next Meeting. Wednesday 9 January 2019 at 7.30p.m. at the Community Room of Bow Village Hall.

This concluded the business and the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.30p.m