

Bow Parish Council Minutes 12.10.2016
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 12 OCTOBER 2016 AT 7.30P.M.
IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM OF BOW VILLAGE HALL

Present: Mr V Steer in the Chair,
Mrs D M Pritchett-Farrell,
Messrs R P Edworthy, C D Nicks, T J Vanstone, M C Williams and R J Yelland.
Cllr J Squire and Cllr N Way.
Members of the public: Nil.
Clerk: Miss B D Ware.

Apologies: Mr C R McAllister.

PARISH COUNCIL

1. **Public Open Forum.** No members of the public present; nothing raised.
2. **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2016, having been circulated in advance, were approved as a complete and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.
3. **Matters Arising:-**
 - (i) Den Brook wind farm. Final turbine installed mid September with testing commenced 1/10/16 (turbines not running at full speed or constantly during commissioning phase). Work across the site, land reinstatement and drain installation were ongoing with ecological mitigation works commenced 10/10/16. A Community Liaison Group meeting, North Tawton primary school 13/10/16, would be held; publicity and agenda received. Mr Nicks, C.L.G. representative, plus Mr Williams and the Clerk would attend.
 - (ii) Community helipad, proposal. Devon Air Ambulance Community Helipad Development Officer had offered to attend a Parish Council meeting to talk through detail and discuss next steps. Chairman, Mr Steer, confirmed Bow A.A.C. Chairman, Mr R Bowden, was agreeable to electricity supply being used. Parish Council agreed to proceed. D.A.A.T. Helipad Development Officer and Bow A.A.C. representatives, Mr R Bowden & Mr A Bowden, would be invited to next meeting. Funding applications, with apportionments, were discussed with Cllr Way. Parish Council agreed to submit a Town, Parish & Community Fund appln. for £2,500 and an Invest in Devon appln. for £2,500. A contribution from Devon Vintage Car Club in November 2017 may be a possibility.
 - (iii) M.D.D.C. grass cutting of D.C.C. verges, Bow. In the interests of clarity, to define the differences, M.D.D.C. had been requested to supply information/map to distinguish grass cut 2016/17, against that which would have been cut just to comply with legal requirements. M.D.D.C. advised cutting for visibility standards only would require consultation with D.C.C. Highway Safety Officer, advising that for 2016/17 Bow Parish Council had funded four cuts with M.D.D.C. meeting cost of two cuts also that Bow's total square metres (4,842 sq m) would be checked (with a credit raised if square metres fewer than quoted). From information supplied, most Mid Devon parishes were not contributing towards grass cutting of D.C.C. verges. M.D.D.C. Grounds Maintenance Supervisor thanked Parish Council for the opportunity to complete the work, trusted the work met Parish Council satisfaction and invited a meeting to discuss requirements for 2017 season. A reminder for the unpaid invoice at £815.76 had been received. Following discussion, Parish Council agreed to make payment but given lack of clarity (maps incorrect) and as it involved public money, Members did not feel in a position to commit to next season, agreeing that the legal minimum only be provided for 2017. The response to be sent to M.D.D.C. Estates and Property Services (Mr Busby) and Grounds Maintenance Supervisor (Mr Moore).
 - (iv) Notice board, the Square. The board had been reinstalled in the bus shelter. Parish Council wished to record it's thanks to Mr Vanstone.
4. **Planning**
APPLICATIONS
Nil

M.D.D.C. DECISIONS
Nil
5. **Traffic Speeds (& Children's Highway Safety Awareness) Through Bow – Pedestrian Crossing at the Square and Average Speed Cameras either end of Main Street Requested (via Bow News Desk).** Recent posts on Bow News Desk Facebook related to some local children's lack of highway safety awareness and perceived speed of some traffic through Bow with provision of a pedestrian crossing at the Square suggested, prompting a request that it be a Parish Council agenda item. The Public Open Forum for residents to voice concerns to Parish Council

had been publicised via Bow News Desk but no one had attended. Parish Council discussed, commenting that a full pedestrian crossing at the Square had not been achievable (criteria re. proximity to road junctions not met) when Parish Council campaigned for and achieved installation of the safe crossing place at the Square, some years previous. Parish Council felt it had obtained the best achievable and kept road safety, coupled with traffic speeds, under review. It was felt pedestrian education could be beneficial and the matter of children's highway safety awareness could be addressed, via Bow CP school, with a Highways Safety Officer. Cllr Way advised self-help is available for concerned parishioners/parents who could form a Community Speedwatch and receive Police training in using speed detection devices. He further commented that some speed cameras were being removed. A few checks at Bow's western approach (A3072) had been carried out by the Police in recent years, with speeds recorded being largely within range.

6. **Burston Meadow Sports & Recreation Ground, Update + Request for Funding (additional planning appn. fee).**

Ahead of convening the Parish Council meeting, most Members, Cllr Way and the Clerk had met with Burston Meadow Recreation Ground Committee Members and Trustee Dr Selley, on site, to view progress. The football pitch, recently seeded, had greened up, with the objective expressed of it being in use from autumn 2017. New quotations, from All Timber Frames Ltd, for the revised changing rooms, provided costs for various options (insulation & wall thickness); the preferred option had yet to be identified by the Committee. Given size (sq.m.) of the structure a higher planning fee of £385.00 was required, for which a further £192.50 was being requested of Parish Council. It was agreed to fund additional £192.50, the balance of planning fee required. M.D.D.C. had yet to respond to request for allocation of Sect. 106 funding.

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

Re-align and paint carriageway white lining at traffic island, A3072 nr Iter Park. Work had been carried out 5/10/16. Repainting of other white lines (except line at junction of Junction Rd with Churchlands, which would be reported) in village carried out 29/9/16. Thanks expressed to Cllr Way.

Proposed extension of 30m.p.h. limit, A3072 west of Bow village. A S.C.A.R.F. meeting had been held 12/10/16; information/feedback from that meeting anticipated by next meeting.

Proposed street lighting – junction of Bow Mill Lane with A3072 to Southern Co-op shop. No further info. rec'd. *Devon Highways Parish & Town Council Conferences, November 2016.* Details had been announced with invitation to register (max. two representatives per town/parish council) received for conference at Hatherleigh on 22/11/16, agenda also received.

D.C.C. main contractor. Cllr Way advised D.C.C. had awarded it's highways term (April 2017–March 2024) maintenance contract to Skanska Construction UK Ltd (replacing South West Highways as main contractor). Cllr Way commented D.C.C. would be interested in any feedback on performance/problems.

D.C.C. Road Warden Scheme. D.C.C. viewed the pilot scheme a success; thus far some 20 parishes had joined the scheme for which D.C.C. had allocated £100,000 budget. Road wardens could now also repair potholes. Road wardens required chapter 8 training (provided free, at Westpoint). D.C.C. encouraged parishes to consider joining the scheme and nominate suitable volunteers – Mr Vanstone and Mr Nicks may consider volunteering. Publicity, inviting local interest, would be provided via Bow and Arrow.

8. **Monitoring of Services.**

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

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

9. **Correspondence.**

M.D.D.C. Council expands trade recycling service to include Crediton area.

M.D.D.C. Extraordinary meeting of the council, agenda, on 22/9/16.

M.D.D.C. Local Plan, Council voted to allocate land at Junction 27 of M5 for leisure, tourism and retail.

M.D.D.C. Refuse Storage for New Residential Properties, Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) Consultation, (M.D.D.C. carrying out a second stage of consultation). Parish Council did not wish to comment.

M.D.D.C. New 2016/17 recycling and waste collection calendars issued in September.

M.D.D.C. Planning, changes to public access during October (ICT migrating all planning docs. into IDOX DMS).

M.D.D.C. Planning, updated area contact details.

M.D.D.C. Head of Communities & Governance and Monitoring Officer, Amy Tregellas, leaving the Council, info.

M.D.D.C. Notification of key decisions October/November 2016, publicly available information [link](#).

M.D.D.C. social media training (free), 16/11/16, places to be booked.

M.D.D.C. Planning Committee agenda for 5/10/16.

M.D.D.C. Scrutiny Committee agenda for 10/10/16.

M.D.D.C. Funding application made for preservation of Cullompton's historic town centre.

M.D.D.C. Tiverton pannier market hosted Mad Hatter's Tea Party, 30/9/16, supporting Macmillan Cancer.

D.C.C. WeAreDevon Community Survey and Community Insight Survey [results](#).

D.A.L.C. monthly newsletter (Becoming Resilient, Transparency Code, Sustainable Communities Act Toolkit,

D.A.L.C. Consultation: The 2017/2018 Local Government Finance Settlement, overview re. 'capping'.

D.A.L.C. training and events bulletin (incl. AGM & conference info, planning, CiLCA, budgets and Precepts, etc.)

D.C.T. Rural Futures Conference, 6/10/16 at Ivybridge, info.

Publications: Local Council Review, D.C.C. Connectme, Mid Devon Talk, Healthy People (NHS NEW Devon CCG's monthly newsletter), Your Future Care (NEW Devon's Success Regime newsletters) and D.C.C. Smokefree Alliance newsletter.

10. **Finance.**

Bank balances brought forward: Deposit a/c £7,837.41, Current a/c £15,162.30

ACCOUNTS AUTHORISED FOR PAYMENT

M.D.D.C. (grass cutting of verges 2016/17 – 4 cuts @ £169.95 + vat) £815.76

GDM Cleaning (bus shelter glass clean 20/9/16) £6.00

Clerk (salary £749.00 + admin/expenses £84.01 qtr. ending 30/9/16) £833.01

H.M.R. & C. (P.A.Y.E. income tax) £187.25

M.D.D.C. (planning application Burston Meadow Sports & Recreation Ground) £192.50

11. **Any Other Business.**

Nil

12. **Date of Next Meeting.** Wednesday 9 November 2016 at 7.30p.m. at the Community Room of Bow Village Hall.

This concluded the business and the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.45p.m.