

Bow Parish Council Minutes 9.3.2016
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD 9 MARCH 2016 AT 7.30P.M.
IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM OF BOW VILLAGE HALL

Present: Mr V Steer in the Chair,

Messrs R P Edworthy, C R McAllister, C D Nicks, T J Vanstone, M C Williams and R J Yelland.

Cllr Squire (part only).

Members of the Public One (part only).

Clerk Miss B D Ware.

Apologies: Mesdames L A Hamilton and D M Pritchett-Farrell.

PARISH COUNCIL

1. **Public Open Forum.** Parishioner Mr Backhouse addressed Council. Circulating copies of maps depicting the proposed linking of footpaths, Tarka Trail just west of Bow to Two Moors Way just east of Bow, he said the link would be beneficial to the community and leisure industry. He suggested the community fund arising from Den Brook wind farm could be utilised for the scheme which entailed creation of additional paths across local fields, which he said relied upon the goodwill of local landowners and farmers. The suggested route would cross the A3072 and he suggested it cross near Bow bridge which he said should require a form of traffic management/ calming thereby reducing traffic speeds at western approach to village. Parish Council deferred consideration; all projects requiring Den Brook community funding would be considered together in due course.
2. **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held 10 February 2016, having been circulated in advance, were taken as read, approved and signed.
3. **Matters Arising:-**
 - (i) Den Brook wind farm, update. The Community Liaison Group had met at Spreyton on 16/2/16. Mr Nicks, Mr Williams and the Clerk had attended. Main items included: Mr Bostock re-elected CLG chairman, type of turbine selected confirmed as Vesta V90 Mk7, members of the public questioned siting a turbine 90m from the railway line expressing concern given turbine height 120m, the Whiddon Down new link road posed a pedestrian safety issue and the link road new street-lighting was said to be unbalanced with existing lighting. Noise control complaint procedure had been queried (W.D.B.C. was working towards a strategy) – it was enquired, given North Devon District Council had spent £60,000 on Fullabrook wind farm noise issues, whether W.D.B.C. had sufficient budget to deal with level of anticipated noise complaints. Construction progress had been supplied – 6½km site roads being built (completion due end Feb.), civil work due to be completed end of April with turbine components (3 tower sections, 3 blades, nacelle & hub per turbine) delivered from Teignmouth dock in July, with a trial run mid March. R.E.S. expected energisation 25/11/16. CLG meetings would continue to be convened.
 - (ii) Town, Parish & Community Fund (T.A.P.) 2015/16. Zeal Monachorum Parish Council had endorsed the T.A.P. application which had been submitted and was being considered by M.D.D.C.
 - (iii) Jackman Car Park. The Regulations signboard had been amended to a good standard by Jerry Williams of Touchwood Signs. A letter of thanks would be sent, an invoice had not (yet) been received. The untaxed vehicle remained in situ, it's owner had not been identified. Mr Williams had researched, ascertaining the vehicle was insured and via the Police established that it was not stolen. M.D.D.C. would be instructed to remove it.
 - (iv) Parish Council Notice Board, situate the Square. D.C.C. had no objection to notice board being relocated in the bus shelter as an alternative option. The board was being removed, Mr Vanstone would refurbish ahead of affixing it in bus shelter.
 - (v) Proposed public seat in memory of the late Mr & Mrs Brett. The preferred position, proposed pedestrian access to Burston Meadow recreation field, being in Zeal Monachorum parish, the family would need to seek approval of Zeal Monachorum Parish Council.

4. **Planning**

APPLICATIONS – Nil

M.D.D.C. DECISIONS

APPROVALS

15/01995/LBC – Easterbrook, Bow (Mr G F Ramsey). Listed Building Consent for conversion of barn to dwelling (Revised Scheme).

16/00103/FULL – Littlecombe Farm, Hillerton (Mr V Bennett). Construction of roof over existing dung midden.

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5. **M.D.D.C. Landscape Implications of Solar PV Panels – Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), Consultation.**
Given M.D.D.C. Members' concerns over the number of renewable energy planning applications being submitted and lack of consistent advice against which to assess landscape impacts, M.D.D.C. had commissioned preparation of an Assessment of Landscape Sensitivity in Mid Devon in 2013, then resolved to consult with a view to adopt it as a SPD. Scope consultation in 2014 produced initial responses which had been taken into account in preparation of the new draft out for further consultation (15/2/16 - 29/3/16). Information and links reference draft SPD to assist consideration of planning applications for large-scale photovoltaic development had been circulated electronically to Parish Councillors 13/2/16. Bow Parish Council would not make a submission.
6. **Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities, Grant Funding.** Mr Edworthy declared a personal interest (family) and left the meeting. Edworthy Computing Ltd had quoted Acer laptop (+ software & AVG) £423.17 +vat, approx 2hrs at £45.00 covering website manual and 2hrs at £45.00 working with Clerk on website. DALC stated councils needed own equipment including a scanner/printer (funding appln. remained in hand, the deadline removed).
7. **Bank Accounts View Only Access Online.** Facility needed by Clerk and agreed, Mr Williams (signatory) to set up.
8. **D. C.C. Highways Matters.**
Carriageway white lining (concrete bollard), nr. entrance to Iter Park. Work still awaited, no further info. to hand.
Potholes, Bow Mill Ln (between Mill Bank & vehicle repair garage) and Godfreys Gdns estate road to be reported.
A3072, tarmac surrounding manhole covers. A S.W.W. cover nr Reeves still awaited attention. To report again.
30mph speed limit extension A3072. Limit needed extending west to include garden centre and Burston Meadow. To invite relevant D.C.C. officer to a site meeting with Chairman and reps. of garden centre and Burston Meadow.
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.**
D.C.C. Devon Minerals Plan. Following consultation, submitted to Secretary of State for DCLG for examination.
M.D.D.C. survey (changes in level of services since austerity began) feedback, including areas of concern.
D.A.L.C. Highways conference, 16/3/16 at Exeter, information.
Tiverton Town Council, Flood Warning Training (free), 10/3/16 at Town Hall, Tiverton, information.
Devon Communities Together, introducing the 2016-17 training hub programme.
Wiser£Money Project (help/support people in rural communities with free money/debt advice also mental health issues) launch, publicity.
Tinder Foundation's Be Online campaign, information.
Tower Mint Ltd, HM Queen Elizabeth II 90th birthday commemorative medal for schools and councils, advert.
Publications: D.A.L.C. newsletter (National Living Wage, DALC training & events, Devon Rural Archive, Transparency Code funding, Get up to Speed digital workshops, Neighbourhood Plan Roadshow, NALC bulletin re. local government finance settlement, Queen's Garden Party 2016, etc) Clerks & Councils Direct, Healthwatch Devon newsletter, Healthy People NHS NEW Devon CCG's newsletter and Junk Mail.
11. **Finance.**
Bank balances brought forward: Deposit Account £7,798.36, Current Account £8,507.35
ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT
Bow Village Hall (hire of meeting room 1/10/15 – 31/3/16) £63.75
GDM Cleaning (bus shelter glass clean 3/3/16) £6.00
Clerk (salary + admin/expenses qtr. ending 31/3/16) £818.02
H.M.R. & C. (P.A.Y.E. income tax) £170.25
12. **Any Other Business.**
(i) Parish Council logo. Mr McAllister kindly offered to produce a draft based on a design suggested by the Clerk.
(ii) Theft(s) from local farm outbuildings were reported. Several similar incidents had occurred over last 1-2 years.
(iii) Chief Executive Mid Devon District Council. Newly appointed Mr Stephen Walford wished to visit all parishes, provisionally he would be at Bow 21/4/16 for 45mins.
13. **Date of Next Meeting (Annual Assembly).** Wednesday 13 April 2016 at 7.30p.m. at Community Room of Bow Village Hall.

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