

BOW PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of BOW PARISH COUNCIL will be held on Wednesday 15 April 2026 at 7:30pm
at the Community Room of Bow Village Hall, Station Road, Bow, EX17 6HS

BOW PARISH COUNCILLORS are hereby summoned to attend

for the purpose of transacting the business itemised in the agenda set out below.

Signed ...*Brenda Ware*... (Parish Clerk)

A G E N D A

Members are reminded of the need to declare any interest, including the nature and reason for that interest, prior to any discussion which may take place.

1. **To Receive Apologies for Absence.**
2. **Public Open Forum** (max. 10 minutes).
3. **Minutes.** To agree the minutes of the meetings held on 11 February 2026 and 11 March 2026 as complete and accurate records.
4. **Matters Arising:-**
Nil
5. **Planning**
APPLICATION
[26/00440/FULL](#)
Proposal: Installation of prescription dispenser and associated works to include CCTV camera and new footpath
Location: Bow Medical Practice, Bow, CREDITON
Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 272799 / 101769
Information conveyed electronically to Bow Parish Councillors, email dated 26/3/2026

MDDC DECISION
APPROVALS
[26/00138/CLU](#)
Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of a building for a period in excess of four years
Location: Land and building at NGR 272724 100370 (Upper Barn) Nymet Farm, Bow, CREDITON
Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 318270 / 117089

[26/00140/CLU](#)
Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of a building for a period in excess of four years
Location: Building at NGR 272662 100274 (Lower Barn) Nymet Farm, Bow, CREDITON
Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 272662 / 100274
6. **DCC (Crediton Rural Division) Monthly Report.**
7. **MDDC (Upper Yeo & Taw Ward) Monthly Report.**
8. **Annual Audit, Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2025-2026 Form 2.** To consider self-certifying as exempt from external auditor's Limited Assurance Review. To submit no later than 30 June 2026.
*Please refer to annexe for qualifying criteria.

9. **Bow Parish Council IT (email addresses, website etc), Practitioners Guide Assertion 10.** IT Policy to be agreed.
10. **Bow Village Centre.** The BVC committee recently met “with a view to winding it up”, Bow Village Centre email queries Bow Parish Council taking on the role.
11. **D.C.C. Highways Matters.**
Including:-
Parish Road Wardens. Devon County Council Agreement, between DCC and Bow Parish Council, to be agreed and signed. Volunteers invited via Bow and Arrow (May-June issue).
Vehicle Activated Speed Sign (VAS).
Any other highway issues.
DCC Highways Roadmap bulletin, March 2026 (circulated, refer email dtd 31/03/2026).
12. **Monitoring of Services**
D.C.C.
M.D.D.C.
13. **Correspondence**
MDDC, the Lifeline Alarm Service, provided by MDDC, info leaflet.
MDDC, Press Release, Let’s Talk Mid Devon resident survey: results <https://www.middevon.gov.uk/let-s-talk-mid-devon-resident-survey-the-results/>
MDDC, Press Release, Mid Devon Landlord Networking Event 2026: 13 May at Cullompton.
MDDC, Press Release, Creative Communities: success stories and grant applications now open.
MDDC, Press Release, Local stories power national growth, Mid Devon celebrates English Tourism week 13-22/3/26
MDDC, Press Release, Full council set the budget for financial year 2026/2027 and council tax (2.99% increase).
MDDC, Press Release, New social housing - energy-efficient, council homes delivered at Eastlands, Hemyock.
EDF Energy, lower unit rate charges, effective 1 April 2026.
Office of Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly, new affordable council homes at Hemyock, Zed Pods, partly built by prisoners elsewhere, is part of award-winning national initiative.
Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, newsletter (March 2026).
BT, road closure Winslade Farm to Coxmoor Cross, 20/05/26 - 21/05/26 08:00 – 18:00 (for cabling works).
Devon and Cornwall Alert, Police work with sports clubs in Cornwall to help deter high value equipment theft.
Devon and Cornwall Alert, Cryptocurrency investment fraud information, red flags and reporting fraud.
Devon and Cornwall Alert, Criminals stole over £879 million through investment fraud in 2025, warning.
Devon and Cornwall Alert, Ticket Fraud scam warning.
Devon and Cornwall Alert, how to spot a suspicious message (SMS/WhatsApp/email or other messaging service) information and warning.
Devon and Cornwall Alert, bogus callers (pretending to be a police officer/bank/fraud department) named courier fraud, calling for the public to remain vigilant.
Devon and Cornwall Alert, Devon & Cornwall Police dogs dominate at Regional Police Dog Trials 2026.
Devon and Cornwall Alert, Illegal drugs and child criminal exploitation targeted by Police in South West.
Devon and Cornwall Alert, Devon & C’will Police help develop national guidance on protecting historic shipwrecks.
Network Rail, forthcoming engineering works, 21-29 March, Exeter/Barnsaple & Exeter/Okehampton, lines closed.
NALC, new Engaging Parliament Toolkit to help town/parish councils engage with MPs and parliamentarians.
Publications: DALC E-bulletin, NALC newsletter, NALC chief executive bulletin, NALC Events newsletter, RDUH One Devon (March) bulletin and DCC news round-up Connectme.
14. **Finance.**
Bank balances brought forward: Deposit a/c £8,189.14, Current a/c £27,569.21
ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT
MDDC (Non-Domestic Rate Bill 2026/2027 Jackman Car Park) £0.00 (invoice issued at £723.60, Transitional Relief, Small Business Relief and Transitional Relief Supplement reduced bill to nil)
Nymet Tracey Contractors Ltd (supply one post) £133.96
EDF Energy (electricity for DAAT community landing light) £ (invoice awaited)
15. **Any Other Business.**
16. **Date of Next Meeting.**
? Wednesday 13 May 2026 at 7:30pm at the Community Room of Bow Village Hall.

“There are certain circumstances in which an authority will be **unable to certify itself as exempt**, so that a limited assurance review will still be required. If an authority is **unable to confirm the statements below then it cannot certify itself as exempt** and it **must** submit the completed Annual Governance and Accountability Return Form 3 to the external auditor to undertake a limited assurance review for which a fee of **£210 +VAT** will be payable.

By signing this **Certificate of Exemption** you are confirming that:

- The authority was in existence on 1st April 2022
- In relation to the preceding financial year (2024/25), the external auditor **has not**:
 - issued a public interest report in respect of the authority or any entity connected with it
 - made a statutory recommendation to the authority, relating to the authority or any entity connected with it
 - issued an advisory notice under paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 8 to the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 (“the Act”), and has not withdrawn the notice
 - commenced judicial review proceedings under section 31(1) of the Act
 - made an application under section 28(1) of the Act for a declaration that an item of account is unlawful, and the application has not been withdrawn nor has the court refused to make the declaration
- The court has not declared an item of account unlawful after a person made an appeal under section 28(3) of the Act

If the above statements apply and the authority neither received gross income, nor incurred gross expenditure, exceeding £25,000, then the Certificate of Exemption can be signed and a copy submitted to the external auditor **either** by email **or** by post (not both).”