



A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Bratton Fleming Village Hall on Wednesday 16 January 2013 at 7:30pm.

Present: Cllrs T Shapland (Chairman), F Benbow, M Huxtable, Mrs P Kellaway, A Ridd-Jones, R Steele, G Tribe, Mrs V Worms and Miss S Wyatt.

In attendance: 5 parishioners, Parish Clerk

120. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr M Prowse, and County Cllr R Edgell,

121. Police Report

None – Police officer not present.

122. Public Participation

Cllr Mrs Worms explained that the school had the opportunity of purchasing a 9 seater mini bus. This would be maintained and belong to the school, but would be made available to community groups when not needed by the school. The bus would be available for hire at a charge to cover costs, on a not for profit basis. Groups would need to purchase an annual permit for £11. The cost of the mini bus was £8k, of which £3.5k - £4k had been raised. She appealed to the council for help in purchasing the vehicle.

Mr Ashdown reported on Share-the-Road. there was a need to progress with the 20mph speed limit. It may be possible to work with Atherington and other parishes. It was reported that a lot of interest had been shown at the open evening.

It was noted that the bottom of the village was due to be resurfaced in 2014.

Mr Ashdown was thanked for his work.

It was reported that there were blocked drains on own roads, and that farmers were willing to accompany workmen in fields if necessary.

123. Approval of Minutes of the meeting held 19 December 2012

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

124. Matters Arising from Minutes of meeting held 19 December 2013

Min 108. It was agreed that a request from parishioners at the last month for a blanket recommendation of refusal for turbine and solar park planning applications was not possible. All applications would be considered on their own merit.

It was agreed to insist on a meeting with South West Water, and to invite a representative to the next meeting to discuss the position.

125. Planning

1. Applications: None.

2. Decisions

1. Approval:

54861 Siting of 10kw ground mounted solar array at Exmoor Zoological Park
Bratton Fleming

54944 Extension to dwelling & part conversion of garage to living accommodation
at 10 Homer Close Bratton Fleming

2. Refusal:

54908 Outline application for erection of one single storey dwelling at garden of
Parsloes Bratton Fleming

3. Withdrawn

54922 Erection of one 50kw wind turbine (height 34.2m, height to hub 24.6m,
blade diameter 9.6m) at Friendship Farm, Bratton Fleming

126. Correspondence

1. A letter had been received from a parishioner referring to flooding at Treefield, which had been circulated to councillors. It was noted that the hump in the road coped with normal rainfall, but was insufficient during recent heavy rain. It was noted that the present drainage through the village was unable to cope in heavy rain.
It was agreed to forward the letter to Highways.
2. Details of the Best Kept Village Competition had been received. It was agreed to enter.
3. Details of Buckingham Palace Garden Parties had been received. Cllr and Mrs Shapland were nominated to be entered into the draw to attend.
4. Details of the first NDC Rural Seminar on 12 March had been received.

Other items of correspondence were noted.

127. Highways

A letter had been received regarding the state of Haxton Lane. It was agreed to pass the letter to Martin Stoddart.

It was agreed to request Highways to contact landowners whenever work was needed to drains or culverts. Most were willing to assist and allow access to their land.

It was reported that the road at Ridge Gate flooded again shortly after the problem was reported at the last meeting.

It was agreed to enquire what was planned at Collard Bridge and the stretch of road between Chelfham and New Mills.

128. Town and Parish Fund

Cllr Benbow gave a report at the recent Countryside Alliance meeting, when the result of the Housing Needs Survey was given.

No decision was made regarding an application for funding.

129. Reports

1. County Councillor's Report

Cllr Edgell had advised that his councillor grant to the Village Hall has been authorised. Cllr Shapland reported that a grant had also been received from North Devon Council. Tenders for the work at the Village Hall were due to be opened on Friday.

2. District Councillor's Report

Cllr Prowse had advised that the shop was on track, with funding being sought.

3. Composting Group

Cllr Shapland reported that there had been no receipts or payments during the past month.

4. Woodland Group

It was reported that a group of children from the school had visited the woodland to plant oak trees.

Cllr Steels suggested that the Woodland Group should cancel the order for 150 oak trees, and replace them with a variety found in western England.

Cllr Shapland offered to speak with the supplier to see if a change was possible. Costings to be provided at the next meeting.

5. Chairman's Report

Thanks were extended to all who had helped in any way during the flood before Christmas.

130. Finance

1. To agree Precept for 2013/2014

The clerk explained that due to changes in the way the Council Tax Relief was to be paid, this would reduce the tax base resulting in a smaller Precept than had been requested. The exact figures were not known.

It was resolved not to increase the Precept for 2013/2014.

2. Request for Grant

Cllr Mrs Worms declared an interest and left the meeting after explaining the project.

It was resolved in principle to support the project and to award a grant of £1000, subject to approval of accounts.

3. Payments:

1. Parish Clerk's salary & expenses £115.08

The account was agreed for payment.

131. Items for the next Agenda.

Housing Needs; Biodiversity

132. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 20 February 2013

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:25pm.

Signed
Chairman

Date