



The Annual Parish Council Meeting was held in Bratton Fleming Village Hall on Wednesday 14 May 2013 at 7:30pm.

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

In attendance: 11 parishioners, County Cllr R Edgell, PCSO Gareth Woolway, Parish Clerk

1. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Cllr Benbow took the Chair for the Election of Chairman.

Chairman.

Cllr Shapland was proposed as Chairman by Cllr Prowse, seconded by Cllr Benbow. There being no other nominations Cllr Shapland was unanimously elected,

Vice Chairman

Cllr Benbow was proposed as Vice Chairman by Cllr Shapland, seconded by Cllr Prowse. All in agreement.

2. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs V Worms

3. Police Report

PCSO Gareth Woolway reported that no incidents had been logged during the past month.

It the same period 3 crimes had been reported: 1 possession of drugs; 1 theft of a bicycle; 1 domestic incident.

He reported that speed checks would be conducted shortly, and that the police would be increasing its visibility in the village in an attempt to deter vandalism etc.

It was reported that speeding traffic continued to be a concern for parishioners, both motor traffic and bicycles.

4. Public Participation

1. Mr St Clair enquired if the parish council had been in contact with the Planning Dept regarding the recently erected building at the Solar Park. The Chairman replied that the planners were dealing with it.

2. Mr St Clair why it was necessary to choose between a development boundary or a criteria based response to the Local Plan, and why not have both.

Cllr Prowse explained why he considered a development boundary inappropriate.

3. It was noted that sites put forward for development appear on the SHLAA report.

5. Approval of Minutes of the meeting held 17 April 2013

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

6. Matters Arising from Minutes of meeting held 17 April 2013

Min. 164. Cllr Prowse reported that the gritter had been purchased for £400 + VAT

Min. 168. Cllr Steele reported that the website had not yet been completed.

7. Planning

1. Applications – None received

2. Decisions:

Approval: 53519 Installation of 49.92kW solar photovoltaic panel array (6 rows, 208 panels) at The Coach House, Bratton Fleming.

Refusal: 55156 Retrospective application for siting of residential mobile home at Hilltop Field Grange Hill Bratton Fleming

8. Correspondence

- 1. Notification of a Fun Run on 13 October in aid of Care for Kids had been received.
- 2. A letter had been received from a parishioner concerned that the top interactive sign was not working correctly. It was thought that there was not a problem with the sign. Concern was also expressed over the safety of the footpath joining the road just above The Old Workshop. The matter was referred to the Footpath Group.

9. Highways

It was reported that some road repairs had been carried out on the Bratton Fleming – Barnstaple road.
 Cllr Benbow reported that the grass in Furze Park Rd had again not been cut. Cllr Prowse to pursue.
 It was reported that the ditch alongside the road below Rye Park had not yet received attention. Clerk to contact Highways.

10. Local Plan

Cllr Benbow reported that there would be a Drop-In session the following Tuesday, in the Village Hall 4:30 – 6:30pm.

11. Village Shop

Cllr Prowse reported that the original proposal was for an 100 year lease of the land, with the parish council paying to remove the covenant on the land.
 In order to move the matter on it was agreed to accept the offer from Mr Cotton for him to pay for the lifting of the covenant for a reduced rent, subject to the agreement of the District Valuer.

12. Reports not received in Annual Parish Meeting.

1. Composting Group.

Cllr Shapland reported that receipts during the past month had been £479.53 for 9.12 tonnes material removed from site during March, and £1205.92 for 22.935 tonnes in April. The balance stood at £19996.46.

13. Finance

1. Adoption of accounts for 2012/13

The accounts were adopted as a true record of the council’s financial affairs.

2. Completion of Annual Return

The Annual Return was completed and signed.

3. Receipts

50% Precept and Grant £6976.16

4. Payments:

1.	Bratton Fleming Village Hall	£ 48.75	Cheque No. 867
2.	Parish Clerk’s salary & expenses	£116.28	Cheque No. 868
3.	Audit Commission (re-issue of cheque)	£372.00	Cheque No. 869

The three accounts were agreed for payment.

14. Items for the next Agenda.

Village Shop; School.

15. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 19 June 2013

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:10pm.

Signed

Chairman

Date