



A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Bratton Fleming Village Hall on Wednesday 19 June 2013 at 7:30pm.

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

In attendance: 10 parishioners, County Cllr R Edgell, PCSO Gareth Woolway, Parish Clerk.

16. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs F Benbow and M Prowse.

17. Bratton Fleming Primary School

Cllr Mrs Worms, as Chair of the Governors of the Gateway Federation reported that the school was full to capacity, with 120 pupils. Six children had already been turned away, with three on a waiting list. The governors had looked at the provision of a temporary classroom, which had provisionally costed at £70k. full detailed costings would be carried out next term, when it would be discussed further.

Councillors expressed their gratitude to the governors and staff for all their work in making the school so successful. Cllr Mrs Worms stated that this was mainly due to the work of Mrs Denham, the head teacher.

Cllr Mrs Worms left the meeting.

18. Village Shop

Mrs Parker reported that rumours that the shopkeeper was currently looking to purchase the Portimore Arms were correct, but that the shop would remain open, with herself as manager. The owner of the current shop was happy for the shop to remain. It was still hoped to build a new shop in the village.

Mrs Parker was congratulated upon her appointment, noting that parishioners and visitors would be pleased and relieved that the shop would continue to trade.

19. Police Report

PCSO Gareth Woolway reported that during the past month 10 calls from the parish had been logged: 3 domestic incidents; 1 suspicious circumstance; 2 road related incidents; 1 highway disruption; 1 anti-social behaviour; 1 violent incident; 1 concern for welfare.

During the same period four crimes had been recorded: 2 domestic incidents; 1 harassment; 1 criminal damage.

20. Public Participation

1. It was reported that the defibrillator cabinet lock had not yet been changed. Clerk to contact South West Ambulance.
2. In answer to a question, it was confirmed that parish council agendas and minutes would be placed on the new parish website.
3. Mr St.Clair expressed his disappointment that Cllr Benbow was not present at the meeting, as he had expected some replies to his questions. He was unsure why the Bratton Fleming Local Plan was being produced by planners at North Devon Council. He had asked Cllr Benbow if the final version of the response from the parish would be made available to the public.
He felt that the Bratton Fleming Local Plan should challenge the North Devon Plan.
Mr St Clair queried why Goodleigh Parish Council appeared to so much further on than Bratton Fleming. Goodleigh had a good website with council agendas and minutes available to everyone, whilst it was still not known when the Bratton Fleming site would be online. He also felt that any website should have the ability for parishioners to have an input.
4. Cllr Mrs Kellaway reported that gates were being left open by walkers crossing her land. It was noted that the gates in question were not on the official footpath.

21. Approval of Minutes of the meeting held 15 May 2012

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

22. Matters Arising from Minutes of meeting held 15 May 2013

1. It was reported that the present sound system in the village hall would not facilitate meetings. Chairman to liaise with Mr Dallyn, who had knowledge of the system.
2. Cllr Miss Wyatt reported that the footpath warden was happy to install either a single barrier, or two barriers to form a chicane. It was important to ensure that access to private property would not be affected. It was questioned whether the path was wide enough to accommodate a chicane. Chairman to speak to local residents.

23. Planning

1. Applications:

55589 Retrospective application for siting of one mobile home to serve as a dwelling in association with the established motor related business at Highlands, Stowford, Bratton Fleming.

Cllr Ridd-Jones declared an interest and left the meeting while the application was being considered.

It was resolved to recommend approval.

55774 Extension & alterations to dwelling at Hillside, Bratton Fleming.

It was resolved to recommend approval.

55787 Erection of conservatory & alterations to dwelling at Buckle Down, Bratton Fleming.

It was resolved to recommend approval.

55800 Erection of one agricultural building (sheep shed) at field OS 5157 (264500, 138601) Button Lane, Bratton Fleming.

Cllr Mrs Kellaway declared an interest, and left the meeting while the application was being considered.

It was resolved to recommend approval.

2. Decisions – approval:

55442 Approval of details in respect of discharge of conditions 3 (design, number and position of solar panels and inverters) 4 (fencing) 12 (traffic management agreement) and 14 (visibility splays) attached to planning permission 51698 (amended plans) at land adjacent to Four Cross Way Bratton Fleming.

55514 Extension to dwelling to form dependant relatives annexe at Copse Hill Bratton Fleming

3. Notice of Appeal

Site at Hilltop Field, Grange Hill, Bratton Fleming.

24. Correspondence

1. Details of land to be submitted under the SHLAA process had been received from two landowners.
2. Highways had confirmed that work on the A399 had now been rescheduled to take place 4-29 November
3. A letter of thanks had been received from the owners of Exmoor Zoo for all the work in getting the A399 roadworks rescheduled.

25. Highways

It was noted that the road at the bottom of the village had been resurfaced, and some white lining carried out. There was no indication when the rest of the work would be carried out.

Highways had acknowledged the council's suggestions for lining throughout the village, and would consider the requests.

26. Reports

1. County Councillor's Report

Cllr Edgell reported on the recent HATOC meeting, which had raised the need for clarification to be given why some roadwork's were being carried out, sometimes on roads that appeared to be in good order. It had been stressed that it was important that the public were aware why the work was necessary.

2. District Councillor's Report

None. Cllr Prowse not present, having given his apologies.

3. Composting Group

Cllr Shapland reported that receipts during the past month had been £273.42 for 5.2 tonnes material removed from the site during May.

Expenses had been £12.74 to Mr B Williams for a new greenhouse cover for growing plants for the village flower beds.

The balance was currently £20257.14.

4. Woodland Group

Cllr Shapland reported that the Woodland Group AGM would be on Wednesday 26 June at 8:00pm, immediately after the Millennium Green AGM.

5. Chairman's Report

Nothing to report.

27. Finance

1. Payments

1.	Mr S Shapland – grass cutting	£ 40.00	Cheque No. 870
2.	Parish Clerk's salary & expenses	£115.68	Cheque No. 871

The two accounts were agreed for payment.

28. Items for the next Agenda.

Village Hall sound System; Village Shop; north Devon Local Plan; Parish Website.

29. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 17 July 2013

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:15pm.