



A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Bratton Fleming Village Hall on Wednesday 19 March 2014 at 7:45pm.

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

In attendance: 10 parishioners, Parish Clerk

The Chairman welcomed Cllr East to his first meeting since being co-opted to the council.

157. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from County Cllr R Edgell,

158. Police Report

A report had been received from the police:

During the past months three incidents in Bratton Fleming had been logged: 1 suspicious male selling Generators (completely legitimate); 1 highway disruption; 1 domestic incident.

Four crimes had been reported: 3 Harassment; 1 Theft

The police would continue to use the speed gun to monitor speed throughout the village with enforcement were necessary.

Everyone was asked to ensure that their garages and sheds are left secure during the evening. There had been a spate of shed and garage breaks in the Bratton Fleming (one shed break this month) and Goodleigh areas where high value power tools had been taken. The offenders used bolt cutters to remove padlocks and then taking only power tools.

It was suggested that people make a list/photograph of any power tools they had including the serial numbers and if possible put some sort of personal mark on the equipment as a way of indentifying it.

159. Public Participation

1. It was reported that a street light in Homer Close was not working, and that DCC had been unhelpful when the fault had been reported to them. As the light was the only one that illuminated the steps it was agreed that the fault posed a serious safety risk. Clerk to report to DCC.
2. It was reported that the half barrier at the end of footpath was ineffective, and that it was still possible for children to run directly into the road. Clerk to report to Public Rights of Way.
3. a letter had been written to the council regarding the Local Plan, and had been circulated to councillors. This would be discussed later in the meeting.
4. It was reported that one of the Treefield signs had fallen down. Clerk to report to NDC.

160. Approval of Minutes of the meeting held 19 February 2014

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

161. Matters Arising from Minutes of meeting held 19 February 2014

Min. 144. No response had been received from North Devon Homes.

Min. 147. It was agreed that the draft minutes should be posted on the website as soon as they were available.

It was reported that the defibrillator cabinet had been moved to the shop, and that the handle/lock had been replaced.

It was agreed that a new burial ground should be discussed in relation to the Local Plan.

Min. 153.3 Two more volunteers had come forward to join the Composting Group.

162. Planning

1. Applications –

57001 Removal of condition (3) attached to planning permission 36081 to allow for use as a separate unit of accommodation Oxenpark Bratton Fleming

It was agreed to recommend that the application be refused

It was considered that the property should remain as one unit, in single ownership, as had been assured at the application stage.

2. Decisions – Approval:

55798 Erection of a ground mounted solar photovoltaic panel array together with access tracks, power stations, substation & associated ecological & landscape enhancements at land at Capelands Farm Bratton Fleming.

56869 Extension of time limit for implementation of planning permission 51771 (extension of time limit for implementation of planning permission 45911- extension to dwelling & formation of site reception & games room at Greenacres Farm Touring Caravan Park Bratton Fleming.

56851 Rerespective application for construction of agricultural workshop / rest room / toilet facilities at the Old Racecourse Farm Benton Road Bratton Fleming

163. Biodiversity Audit

Cllr Benbow biodiversity project would be a good opportunity for other groups to become involved.

He proposed that the parish council employed someone who was suitably qualified to run the project. This was agreed.

Cllr Benbow to obtain quotations and report back at the next meeting.

164. Correspondence

1. A letter from a parishioner requesting a public meeting to discuss the new Local Plan had been circulated to councillors.

It was agreed that as the publication date was not yet known, nothing definite could be arranged at this time.

Cllr Shapland proposed that an exhibition should be held, which should be widely publicised. This was agreed.

Clerk to enquire if a probable publication date was known.

2. Update on High speed Broadband in Devon and Somerset.

165. Highways

It was noted that the patching work between Loxhore Cross and Chelfham had been completed, making a great improvement to this stretch of road.

It was not yet known when the work would be done at Snapper.

Clerk to report a large pothole on Benton Road.

It was reported that fog fouling was a problem in Furze Park Road and Homer close. Cllr Shapland to report the matter to the dog warden.

166. Reports

1. District Councillor's Report

None.

2. County Councillor's Report

None.

3. Composting Group

Cllr Shapland reported that during the past month a payment of £482.93 had been received for 8.92tonnes of material removed during January and February.

Expenses had been £54.00 for diesel.

The balance currently stood at £3970.11.

4. Woodland Group

Cllr Shapland reported that no date for the judging of the woodland for the Devon County Show Woodland Competition had yet been received.

5. Chairman's Report

Cllr Shapland reported that the Village Hall Flat had been completed, and that an Open Day would be held on Friday 28 March, 4 – 6pm.

167. Finance

1. Payments

Came & Co – insurance	£ 553.23	Cheque No. 893
Parish Clerk's salary	£ 115.08	Cheque No. 894

The two accounts were agreed for payment.

168. Items for consideration for the next Agenda.

Burial Ground; biodiversity Audit.

169. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 16 April 2014 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45pm.