



The Annual Parish Council Meeting was held in Bratton Fleming Village Hall on Wednesday 21 May 2014 at 8:00pm.

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

In attendance: 14 parishioners, County Cllr R Edgell, Parish Clerk

1. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Chairman

Cllr Tribe proposed Cllr Shapland be re-elected as Chairman. Seconded by Cllr Huxtable. All in favour.

Vice Chairman

Cllr Shapland proposed Cllr Benbow be re-elected Vice Chairman. Seconded by Cllr Ridd-Jones. All in favour.

2. Apologies

There were no apologies for absence, all councillors being present.

3. Police Report

None – report given at the Annual Parish Meeting.

4. Public Participation

1. It was reported that the street lights in Homer close were working satisfactorily. Thanks were extended to Cllr Edgell for his assistance.

2. Concerns were expressed over amended planning application 56097.

It was noted that whilst the number of open market houses had been retained, the number of affordable dwellings had been reduced.

Three dwellings would still overlook Farm Gates. Street lights and car lights would also shine directly into the bedrooms.

The site was not in accordance with the draft Local Plan.

No change had been made to the access, which was still considered to be a danger to other road users.

There were no grounds for any change to the recommendation for refusal already made.

The applicant stated that soakaway tests had confirmed that the land was suitable and that Highways were happy with the proposed drainage and entrance. No objection had been raised by the Landscape Officer. Should the application be approved he would be willing to transfer ownership of his section of the Community Woodland to the parish council. He requested that the parish council recommend approval.

3. The Parish Council was asked to arrange a meeting to raise awareness of the Local Plan. It was important that the public be invited to make their comments.

The Chairman explained that nothing could be done until the date was known when the draft plan would be published, and the dates of the public consultation period.

5. Approval of Minutes of the meeting held 16 April 2014

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

6. Matters Arising from Minutes of meeting held 16 April 2014

Min. 172.1 No response had been received from North Devon Homes.

Min. 172.4 The pot-holes reported at the last meeting had been reported to Highways.

Min. 161. The North Devon Local Plan was due to be published at the end of May for a six week consultation period. The exact date was not known.

7. Planning

1. Applications –

56097 Erection of six dwellings & two flats (plots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9) & alterations to one dwelling (plot 1) together with associated highway & landscaping works (amended plans) land adjacent to & to the south of Beechcroft Bratton Fleming

Cllr Huxtable declared an interest and left the meeting while the application was considered.

Cllr Mrs Worms proposed that the application be recommended for refusal, due to other, more suitable, sites being available. She saw no reason why the council should change its decision from that made at a previous, similar, application.

Seconded by Cllr Ridd-Jones. Seven councillors in favour of recommending refusal.

57307 Extension to existing 33/11kv substation to accommodate 33kv regulators to control the voltage sub station at Beara Lane Bratton Fleming

It was resolved to recommend approval.

2. Decisions – Approval:

57128 Retrospective application for the conversion of barn to form carer's accommodation for dependent relatives. at South Stowford Farm Bratton Fleming

3. Application Withdrawn:

49175 Outline application for erection of one fisheries manager's dwelling at Southwood Fish Farm Chelfham

57174 Erection of permanent agricultural workers (managerial) dwelling the Old Racecourse Farm Benton Road Bratton Fleming

8. Correspondence

1. DALC Newsletter – May 2014

2. TAP Fund update from North Devon Council

3. Notification of Road Closure Stowford Cross to Narracott Cross, 22-26 May 2014

4. Notification of next Parish Forum on 4 June, in the Council Chamber at the Civic Centre.

9. Highways

It was reported that the hedge near the bus stop outside Meadow Close had become overgrown. The potholes reported at earlier meetings had still not been repaired. Clerk to report hedge and potholes to Highways.

10. Quarry near Four Cross Way

It was noted that should the parish council proceed with exploring the possibility of placing solar panel on land near Four Cross Way, it would seriously compromise its ability to consider any future planning applications for similar schemes.

Cllr Benbow offered to explore the possibility of it being a community project.

11. Reports

1. Composting Group

Cllr Shapland reported that expenses for the past month were: £112.65 for new signs and £150 for transport for the workers' dinner (2 years).

Income totalled £465 for 8.6 tonnes material removed during April.

The balance stood at £4761.75.

12. To consider any matters raised at the Annual Parish Meeting

None.

13. Finance

1. Adoption of accounts for 2013/14

The accounts for 2013/14 were agreed as a true record of the council's financial affairs.

2. Completion of Annual Return for Audit Commission

Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Return were agreed and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

3. Receipts

50% Precept and Grant £6635.87

4. Request for financial assistance towards cost of public meeting regarding the future of the White Hart.

A request had been received for assistance in paying for the hire of the Village Hall for a public meeting to consider the future of the White Hart. Cllr Prowse proposed that the council should pay for the meeting already held and the one planned for the following week this was agreed.

5. Payments:

1.	Parish Clerk's salary & expenses	£116.88
2.	Mr S Shapland – grass cutting.	£ 40.00

The two accounts were agreed for payment.

14. Items for consideration for the next Agenda.

Pre-School; Primary School; Publication of Minutes/Agendas

15. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 18 June 2014

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.50pm.