



A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Bratton Fleming Village Hall on Wednesday 18 June 2014 at 8:00pm.

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

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

**16. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs F Benbow, M Prowse and Mrs V Worms.

**17. Police Report**

A report had been received from PCSO Adam Berry:

During May there had been three reported incidents in Bratton Fleming:

1 broken down vehicle; 1 RTC Hit and Run, and one report of dangerous driving through the village.

No crime had been reported.

The police were looking to run a speed operation in the more rural areas of Barnstaple over the next month

**18. Public Participation**

An enquiry was received into the process of the North Devon Local Plan, which was explained. It was noted that the Glebe Field was not on the original SHLAA report, but had been added following North Devon Council's Call for Sites. Concern was expressed that parishioners had not been informed.

It was noted that the Clerk had received an email from Cllr Prowse confirming that the Consultation period would run for six weeks commencing 26 July.

It was confirmed that there would be two presentations taking place within the consultation period, on dates that were convenient for Planning Dept staff, probably between 4 and 7 or 8pm.

It was explained that the Bratton Fleming chapter was prepared by North Devon Council, and that the parish council did not express a view that the Glebe Field should be the preferred site for development.

It was noted that the road at Snapper was due to be closed the following week for surface dressing.

An enquiry was received as the possibility of moving the interactive sign opposite the shop to a new location where it could not be turned. Clerk to report to Highways.

It was noted that the barrier on the footpath opposite the shop had not been erected as had been agreed, and that the exit on to the road was still dangerous. Cllr Steele to ensure that the agreed work is carried out.

It was noted that the post box in the village needed painting. Clerk to make enquiries.

**19. Approval of Minutes of the meeting held 21 May 2014**

Min. 7.1 It was noted that letters of objection had been received for application 56097 which circulated to councillors.

The amended minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

**20. Matters Arising from Minutes of meeting held 21 May 2014**

Min. 10 A report had been received from Cllr Benbow advising that he had spoken to those with expertise in community projects and there were a number of issues that needed to be resolved before it was possible to determine whether the scheme might be viable. The exact location (grid references) and size of the 3 Parish Quarries, liaison with Western Power to establish whether there is access to the grid and whether there is sufficient grid capacity. There may be a charge for Western Power's input but he hoped to advise further when known.

## **21. Planning**

### **1. Applications –**

57279 Conversion of loft space to form additional living accommodation together with insertion of six velux windows to roof & two windows to gables View Farm Bratton Fleming

**It was resolved** to recommend approval subject to the increased floor area being within that permissible for an agricultural dwelling.

Councillors were unsure if the holding was still in operation.

57459 Erection of new dwelling Sentry Cottage Bratton Fleming

**It was resolved** to recommend approval.

### **2. Decisions – Approval:**

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

### **3. Application Withdrawn**

57391 Prior approval application for change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling at Southwood Fisheries, Bratton Fleming.

## **22. Correspondence**

1. The result of the consultation on the future of Day Services had been received from DCC.
2. The result of the consultation on the future of 20 DCC Residential Care Homes had been received.
3. Minutes of the last meeting and agenda for the next Rural Alliance meeting on 1 July had been received.
4. The programme of the first cut of roadside verges had been received from DCC.
5. Care for Kids had advised that this year's Bratton 7 Challenge Fun Run would take place on Sunday 19 October.
6. The June newsletter from DALC had been received.

## **23. Highways**

It was reported that Japanese Knotweed was growing at Button Hill Cross, and opposite the Sports Club and Pease Park. Clerk to report to Highways.

The hole in the road below Hillside had not been repaired. A pothole opposite Grange Close was reported. The brambles just above the bus stop had not been cut.

Flooding was still a problem outside the Sports Club, where it was thought a larger pipe was required.

It was reported that work to replace Collard Bridge would be starting shortly.

## **24. Bratton Fleming Pre-School and Primary School**

It was reported that the school was talking with Marwood School with a view to one of their surplus units, to enable more pupils to attend the school.

## **25. Publication of Minutes/Agendas**

It was suggested that Minute highlights be published in the Bratton Fleming News. Cllr East to make enquiries.

Clerk to check if agendas and minutes were being posted on the website.

## **26. Reports**

### **1. District Councillor's Report**

None.

### **2. County Councillor's Report**

Cllr Edgell reported that he had attended the Scout's event in the village, and had been very impressed with everything.

He reported that County councillor Grants were available for suitable projects.

**3. Composting Group**

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

**4. Woodland Group**

No report.

**5. Chairman's Report**

No report.

**27. Finance**

**1. Payments**

1.	Mr S Shapland – grass cutting	£ 40.00	Cheque No. 903
2.	Parish Clerk's salary & expenses	£115.08	Cheque No. 904
3.	Mrs M Dickson - hire of hall	£ 28.00	Cheque No. 905

The three accounts were agreed for payment.

**28. Items for the next Agenda.**

Village School and Pre School; Parish Quarry.

**29. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 16 July 2014**

There being no further business, the chairman declared the meeting closed.