



A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Bratton Fleming Village Hall on Wednesday 16 July 2014 at 7:30pm.

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

In attendance: 25 parishioners, County Cllr R Edgell, Parish Clerk

30. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs P Kellaway and Mrs V Worms.

31. Police Report

A report for June had been received from the Police

One incident had been logged for Bratton Fleming: Anti-social behaviour in the recreational ground (fireworks and a bonfire)

No crime had been reported.

Other Operations: the police were looking to run a speed operation in the more rural areas of Barnstaple over the coming month.

Other incidents to be aware of: There had been a few shed breaks again in the Bishops Tawton area so everyone was asked to ensure all sheds and outbuildings were kept as secure as possible and to staying vigilant. However there was some good news as 3 arrests had been made in connection with the shed breaks.

32. Public Participation

1. Cllr Steele reported that he had spoken to Simon Houghton who had organised the work on the barrier on the footpath to the church. He would be willing to meet someone on site to discuss what needed to be done. Cllr Shapland agreed to meet Cllr Steele.
2. An offer of help to fundraise for repairs to the play equipment was received. Cllr Prowse reported that a report had been received from Rospa, which identified several items needing attention. Cllr Shapland reported that one swing had been removed. He would inspect the rest of the equipment. Cllr Edgell reported that he had some County Councillor funding available to help with the repairs.
3. Local Plan. The Chairman stated that 30 minutes would be allocated to raise matters concerning the Local Plan, and noted that there would be a presentation the following evening.

Concern was raised over the lack of publicity and consultation. Bratton Fleming should be designated as a village, and not as a Local Centre. The road was not suitable for large vehicles. It was important to maintain the character of the village. It was understood that the parish council was against any development in the upper glebe field.

Cllr Prowse replied that he was in favour of Bratton Fleming to continue to be designated a Local Centre. The proposed growth of the village was in line with that over the past 25 years. The parish council did not believe that there should be an allocated site for development, but the Planners did not agree, and believed the Glebe field to be the preferred site.

Concern was raised over the increase in the number of proposed houses, as the road was already dangerous for pedestrians.

Parishioners requested support from the parish council over the location of any development. It was stated that most people were not against additional housing, just the location.

It was noted that the parish council owned the ransom strip at the turning head, and that at present there was only agricultural access to the upper field.

As no planning application had been received, the possible sale of the ransom strip had not been considered by the council.

33. Approval of Minutes of the meeting held 18 June 2014

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

34. Matters Arising from Minutes of meeting held 18 June 2014

Min 18. Cllr Prowse apologised for the error in the date for the commencement of the public consultation on the Local Plan.

35. Planning

1. Applications –

57637 Householder planning application for internal reordering, new entrance porch, new glazing to the rear, new rear entrance & aga flue Down Farm Brayford

57638 Listed building application for internal reordering, new entrance porch, new glazing to the rear, new rear entrance & aga flue Down Farm Brayford

It was resolved to recommend approval.

57658 Erection of one agricultural building together with associated works & alterations to the existing access land north east of Oxenpark Bratton Fleming

Serious concern was raised over the safety of the entrance to the site, being on a blind corner. It was considered to be in an unacceptable location.

It was resolved to recommend refusal on safety grounds.

2. Decisions

Appeal Decision – dismissed.

54508 78m wind turbine at Knightacott

36. Correspondence Received

1. Advance notice of road closure – Bear Street & Goodleigh Rd. Date to be advised.
2. Care for Kids. Change of date of Bratton 7 Challenge Fun Run. Now 12 October 2014.
3. Notice that work to rebuild Collard Bridge was due to start 28 July. To be finished by mid January 2014.
4. DALC Newsletter – July 2014.

37. Highways

Potholes were reported t the entrance to Church close and outside Sentry House. The hole outside Hillside had not been repaired. Clerk to report to Highways.

38. Bratton Fleming Pre-School and Primary School

It was reported that the school had been successful in acquiring a second-hand double mobile classroom.

DCC was not willing to finance the upgrading of schools if there was spare capacity in neighbouring schools. It was noted that as Kentisbury had capacity for more children it was not willing to contribute to addition capacity at Bratton Fleming.

39. Parish Quarries

Cllr Benbow reported that little progress had been made. The grid references of the quarries were needed before anything else could be done. Cllr Steele agreed to supply Cllr Benbow with the grid references.

40. North Devon Local Plan

Cllr Huxtable declared an interest and left the meeting while the Local Plan was discussed.

It was reported that a meeting, organised by the Rural Alliance, had been arranged for the following day. It was agreed to wait for the outcome of that meeting before possibly arranging a further meeting.

41. Reports

1. District Councillor's Report

Cllr Prowse reported that North Devon Council had been successful in securing Assisted Area Status for a larger area, which now covered the main employment areas.

It had been agreed that most of the town centre car parks would change from Pay and Display to Pay on Exit.

Most NDC staff would be moving from the civic Centre to Brynsworthy and Lynton House, which would result in an annual saving of £300k.

2. County Councillor's Report

Cllr Edgell reported that Devon County Council had secured an additional £9.1m towards the cost of repairing winter damage to the roads. He stressed the importance of reporting all potholes.

3. Composting Group

Cllr Shapland reported that receipts during the past month totalled £824.01 for 15.22 tonnes material removed from site during May.

A grant of £53.99 had been given to the Village Hall for new doors and paint. The balance stood at £5531.77.

4. Woodland Group

Cllr Shapland reported that the new oak trees were growing well.

5. Chairman's Report

Nothing to report.

42. Finance

1. Payments

1.	Mr S Shapland – grass cutting	£ 40.00	Cheque No.
2.	Parish Clerk's salary & expenses	£115.08	Cheque No.

The two accounts were agreed for payment.

43. Items for consideration for the next Agenda.

None.

44. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 20 August 2014

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15pm.