



A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Bratton Fleming Village Hall on Wednesday 20 August 2014 at 7:30pm.

Present: Cllrs T Shapland (Chairman), B East, M Huxtable, Mrs P Kellaway, R Steele, G Tribe and Mrs V Worms

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

45. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs F Benbow and A Ridd-Jones.

46. Police Report

A report had been received from PCSO Adam Berry.

During July two incidents had been logged from Bratton Fleming: 1 Missing Person; 1 report of cows in the road.

During the same period one crime had been recorded: Criminal Damage (windows smashed at the pub). The police would be continuing to monitor and enforce the speed limits in the area.

Parishioners were asked to be aware of various scams that were targeting the elderly members of public.

47. Public Participation

It was reported that the salt bin at the top of the White Hart car park had been damaged. Clerk to report to Highways.

A parishioner enquired if there had been any approach regarding additional industrial units, as assurances had originally been given that the units would be for local people. The Chairman advised that the parish council had not been approached, but it would have an input if any planning application was received. Cllr Edgell reported that he had been approached by an existing operator.

It was stated that literature regarding the recent public meeting did not make it clear that the Local Plan referred to the upper glebe field, and not the Millennium Green.

Concern was expressed over the amount of consultation that had taken place, and that the views submitted by parishioners could have been strengthened by the parish council.

The view was expressed that the parish council had failed the parish by not holding public consultations

It was not known if any approach had been made to South West Water, but it was thought that there was sufficient capacity to cope with current demand.

Cllr East reported that the parish council would in future be submitting regular reports for inclusion in the Bratton Fleming News.

Cllr Mrs Worms left the meeting.

Concern was expressed over the state of the play equipment on the Millennium Green. The Chairman reported that a safety inspection had been carried out recently. He also reported that funding was available from S106 funds through North Devon Council. Cllr Edgell reported that he had County Councillor funding available for this purpose

The Chairman confirmed that the minutes of the public meeting had been signed by Mr Freeman and himself and delivered to North Devon Council prior to the deadline.

It was confirmed that the Housing Needs Survey was available on the parish website.

Cllr Steele reported that he had received requests from parishioners to have sight of the deeds concerning the ransom strip. Consequently he had collected the deeds from the solicitor, and had passed them to the Clerk.

It was reported that the definition of Local Centres and Villages were on the NDC website, and it should be checked if it was appropriate for Bratton Fleming to be a Local Centre.

48. Approval of Minutes of the meeting held 16 July 2014

It was noted that Public Participation had lasted until 8.35pm
The amended minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

49. Matters Arising from Minutes of meeting held 16 July 2014

- Min. 32.1. It was reported that the gate on the footpath from the church, opposite the shop, had been rehung on the opposite post. A latch was due to be fitted.
- Min.32.3. Cllr Shapland reported that the damaged swing on the Millennium Green had been removed.
- Min.36.3 Cllr Edgell reported that work to rebuild Collard Bridge had started. Although traffic lights had been placed at Collard Bridge Cross during the initial period of work, these had now been removed. They would only be put in place when large deliveries were expected.

50. Planning

1. Applications –

57776 Loft conversion & extensions to dwelling Hartland View, Bratton Fleming

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

It was resolved to recommend approval.

2. Decisions

1. Approval:

57637 Householder planning application for internal re-ordering, new entrance porch, new glazing to the rear, new rear entrance & aga flue (amended plans) at Down Farm Brayford

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

57672 Approval of details in respect of discharge of condition 3 (archaeological work) & condition 9 (traffic management plan) attached to planning permission 55798 at Capelands Farm Bratton Fleming

2. Refusal:

56097 Erection of five dwellings & two flats & alterations to one dwelling (plot 1) together with associated highway & landscaping works (amended plans) at land adjacent to & to the south of Beechcroft Bratton Fleming

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

57582 Prior approval of proposed change of use of agricultural building to a dwellinghouse (use class c3) at Building 1 Greenacres Farm Bratton Fleming

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

51. Correspondence

1. Request from Goodleigh Parish Council for a joint application for TAP funding for bark for the play areas. It was agreed that this would be a suitable project. Clerk to make enquiries.
2. Notification from DCC that work at Collard Bridge was scheduled to commence 28 July. Work was due to be completed in December/January.
3. Notification from DCC of Public Consultation on Devon Waste Plan
4. DALC Newsletter – August 2014.
5. Healthwatch Voices – Summer 2014 edition

52. Highways

It was reported that the Knightacott finger was missing from the signpost at Button Hill Cross. Potholes were reported opposite Haxton Lane and near the bus stop.

The road near the Sports Club was still prone to flooding. It was believed that a larger pipe would cure the problem.

It was reported that Haxton Lane was in a very poor state of repair.

The above problem to be reported to Highways.

53. Reports

1. District Councillor's Report

None.

2. County Councillor's Report

Cllr Edgell stated that e had nothing further to report.

3. Composting Group

Cllr Shapland reported that receipts totalled £242.55 for 4.48 tonnes of material removed during June. No claim had been submitted for July. The balance stood at £5774.32.

Volunteers were still needed to help with the work in chipping material etc.

4. Woodland Group

Cllr Steele enquired if it would be possible for the scout group to plant some trees in the Community Woodland.

It was agreed that the scout leader should contact Cllr Shapland to make any arrangements.

5. Chairman's Report

Cllr Shapland reported that Bratton Fleming had been allocated £6354.40 from S103 funds, to be split between the Millennium \Green Trust (£3354 for play area enhancement) and the Sports Club (£3000 towards football and cricket pitch enhancement).

54. Finance

1. Payments

1. Mr S Shapland – grass cutting		£ 40.00	Cheque No. 908
2. Bratton Fleming Village Hall – hire Apr-Jun	£48.75		
Bratton Fleming Village Hall – hire July	£45.50	£ 94.2	Cheque No. 909
3. Parish Clerk's salary & expenses		£172.62	Cheque No. 910.

The three accounts were agreed for payment.

55. Items for consideration for the next Agenda.

Site for Scout Hut.

56. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 17 September 2014

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.42pm.