



A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Bratton Fleming Village Hall on Wednesday 17 September 2014 at 7:30pm.

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

In attendance: 9 parishioners, County Cllr R Edgell, PCSO Anthony Charles, Parish Clerk.

57. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs V Worms.

58. Police Report

PCSO Anthony Charles introduced himself to the meeting. He reported that no replacement for the new NBM had yet been announced.

During the past month four incidents had been logged for Bratton Fleming: 2 Domestic Incidents; 1 Highway disruption; 1 Suspicious vehicle seen in a field.

During the same period two crimes had been reported: 1 Harassment; 1 theft of sheep and lambs from a field.

The police would continue to monitor traffic speed through the village. He confirmed that the police no longer possessed pneumatic speed measuring devices, but suggested that the county council may be able to help.

59. Public Participation

It was reported that an encouraging report had appeared in a newspaper where traffic speed had reduced following the removal of the central white line. This was something that had been requested for Bratton Fleming.

It was stated that whilst people were looking out for instances of dog fouling, nothing was being done about horses. It was understood that horses were not allowed to use the footpaths, but riders were ignoring this.

It was reported that the behaviour of some adults recently with regard to their opposition to the Local Plan was discouraging young people from becoming involved.

It was noted that the interactive sign opposite the shop was repeatedly being turned. It was agreed to request Highways to secure the sign in order that it could not be moved.

It was reported that the Cubs would not be planting any trees in the Community Woodland this year. Instead the trees would be planted elsewhere until the trees were a more suitable size.

It was noted that North Devon Council were selling some land in the village, and that the parish council had not been made aware of this. Cllr Prowse explained that several parcels with no strategic value were to be auctioned, as the council had a duty to sell for the highest possible price. It was agreed to request to be informed of any sale in the future.

60. Approval of Minutes of the meeting held 20 August 2014

Min 53.4 was amended to read 'cubs' not 'scouts'

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

61. Matters Arising from Minutes of meeting held 20 August 2014

It was reported that work had been carried out to the gardens at Church Close. A letter of thanks to be sent to North Devon Homes.

Min. 47 It was noted that the salt bin had been replaced.

The Clerk confirmed that he now held the deeds relating to the ransom strip at The Glebe which Cllr Steele had withdrawn. These were to be returned to the solicitors.

Min. 49 It was not known if a latch had been fitted to the gate on the footpath opposite the shop. Cllr Steele to make enquiries.

62. Planning

1. Application –

58092 Listed building application for replacement of 3 first floor windows together with re-slating of south elevation Middle Knightacott Bratton Fleming

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

It was resolved to recommend approval.

2. Decisions

1. Approval:

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

2. Appeal - Dismissed:

55546 Wind Turbine at Friendship Farm

3. Notification of Appeal

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

63. Correspondence

1. Notification had been received of a Road Closure from Goodleigh Cross to Collard Bridge Cross 6-7 October 9.30am – 3.30pm to allow the delivery of beams for the new bridge.
2. Barnstaple Town Council were holding a Planning and Environment School on 11 October.
3. DALC newsletter
4. DALC Annual Report

64. Highways

It was reported that the White Hart hedge had become overgrown, causing a safety issue. Landowner to be requested to cut the hedge.

It was reported that Haxton Lane had become very rough. Highways to be requested to carry out the appropriate work.

A pothole and loose manhole cover opposite the shop were reported. Highways to be informed.

Concern was expressed over repeated flooding at Skew Bridge, and debris that had washed down the track through the wood onto the road. It was noted that the water on the road near Valley Cottage was possibly caused by a blocked grating in the field. Highways to be informed..

65. Reports

1. District Councillor's Report

Cllr Prowse reported that it was hoped to roll out the Pay on Exit to include the Cattle Market car park. It was hoped that this would help the economy.

Both North Devon Council and Devon County Council hope to have moved out of the Civic Centre by Easter 2015. NDC front office staff would be moving to Lynton House.

Over 4000 responses had been received in connection with the Local Plan. The council would be recommending changes which would be published in a report due out in October.

On 2 September Executive had confirmed S106 payments to the Millennium Green Trust and Sports Club.

2. County Councillor's Report

Cllr Edgell stressed the importance of reporting all potholes and other defects.

It was hoped that the new Lengthsman timetable would be available shortly.

3. Composting Group

Cllr Shapland reported that receipts during the past month had been £93.12 for 1.72 tonnes material removed during July and August, and £48.03 payment update.

Payments had been £100 for a 'Fruit Trophy' for the garden club, £500 to the flower club, £500 to the cubs and £72 for diesel.

The balance stood at £4743.47.

4. Woodland Group

Cllr Shapland reported that it was hoped to plant more trees next year.

5. Chairman's Report

Nothing to report.

66. Finance

1. Request for Donation – Fawn Lodge

Cllrs Ridd-Jones, Benbow and Prowse declared an interest and left the meeting while the item was considered.

A letter had been received from the Pre-School requesting a donation towards the cost of providing a all weather surface for the outside area to allow it to be used throughout the year.

Before making a decision it was agreed to hold a site meeting the following Monday at 6pm.

2 Funding for Security Camera

Cllr Shapland reported that parishioners were concerned over the about of dog fouling that appeared to happen at night/early morning. It had been suggested that a security camera could be used to gather information, and that the camera could also be used at the composting site.

It was noted that there were restriction on how and where cameras could legally be used, especially on public land.

It was noted that the Composting Group had agreed to make a donation.

A donation was agreed in principle. Cllr Shapland to make further enquiries.

3. Payments

1. Mr S Shapland – grass cutting	£ 20.00	Cheque No. 911
2. Bratton Fleming Village Hall – hire Aug	£ 32.50	Cheque No. 912
3. Parish Clerk's salary & expenses	£115.08	Cheque No. 913.

The three accounts were agreed for payment.

67. Items for consideration for the next Agenda.

Parish Quarries.

68. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 15 October 2014

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.05pm.