



A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Bratton Fleming Village Hall on Wednesday 15 October 2014 at 7:30pm.

Present: Cllrs F Benbow, B East, M Huxtable, Mrs P Kellaway, M Prowse, A Ridd-Jones and G Tribe.

In attendance: 7 parishioners, County Cllr R Edgell, PCSO Anthony Charles, Parish Clerk

In the absence of the Chairman, the Chair was taken by Cllr Benbow, vice Chairman of the council.

72. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs T Shapland, R Steele and Mrs V Worms.

73. Police Report

A report had been received from PCSO Adam Berry.

During September four incidents had been logged for Bratton Fleming: one concern for welfare; suspicious male seen in front garden described as a white male approx late teens, early twenties, very dark thick short hair, wearing navy fleece hoody, bright green lining on hood dark trousers possibly jeans.

During the month two crimes had been reported: 2x Thefts from motor vehicle, where fuel has been taken by cutting the pipes (these both happened on the same night)

The police would continue to monitor and enforce the speed limits in the area.

Everyone was asked be aware that between the 3rd of October and the 4th there was another 5 fuel thefts reported, all cars being parked in a communal car park in Furze Park. Motorists were asked to make sure their vehicle where possible was parked on a driveway or somewhere that is well lit.

Everyone was also asked to be aware that as it was coming up to winter again which is a prime time for fuel tanks to be broken into please be aware of this and report any suspicious behaviour.

74. Public Participation

1. Mrs Lyons introduced herself and the background to planning application 58124 submitted for two dwellings in Haxton Lane.
2. The play equipment on the millennium Green had been repaired. Cllr Prowse explained that the planned meeting to discuss future plans had not taken place.
3. Concern was expressed over the appearance of the houses in Church Close. Letter to be sent to North Devon Homes.
4. a complaint was received over the height of the trees between Homer close and Church Close, which completely shaded the gardens of numbers 5, 6 & 7 Church Close. North Devon Homes, who were responsible for the hedge, had cut come of the hedge, but had stopped about half way along. It was agreed to contact ND Homes to request that the hedge is cut.
5. Concern was expressed over cars parked at the front of the White Hart where they often protruded into the highway, causing a danger to motorists and pedestrians. It was agreed to write to the owner.
6. Cllr Prowse reported that the White Hart had been registered as a Community Asset. The owner had now registered the site in the SHLAA process, for 6 or 7 dwellings.
7. The interactive sign opposite the shop was still facing the wrong direction.
8. No latch had yet been fitted to the gate on the footpath to the church

75. Approval of Minutes of the meeting held 17 & 22 September 2014

The minutes of the meetings were agreed and signed as a true record.

76. Matters Arising from Minutes of meeting held 17 & 22 September 2014

Min. 61 The Clerk advised that he had not yet returned the council's deeds to the solicitors.

77. **Planning**

1. **Applications –**

58104 Erection of permanent agricultural workers (managerial) dwelling The Old Racecourse Farm Benton Road Bratton Fleming

It was resolved to recommend approval.

58124 Outline application for one open market dwelling and one local need dwelling land off Haxton Lane Bratton Fleming

Cllr Huxtable declared an interest and took no part in the discussions.

One letter of objection had been received and circulated to councillors. It was agreed to hold a site meeting on Friday 17 October.

58145 Retrospective application for siting of mobile home for residential use Hilltop Field Grange Hill Bratton Fleming

Cllr Mrs Kellaway declared an interest, and took no part in the discussion.

It was resolved to recommend refusal, on the grounds of the lack of supporting information.

58182 Outline application for demolition of commercial garage/workshop & erection of 4 dwellings White Hart Garage Bratton Fleming

Cllr Ridd-Jones declared an interest and left the meeting while the application was being considered.

From looking at the plans it appeared that the entrance crossed land owned by the parish council, although the council had not been served notice.

This would preclude the council from making a recommendation. Planners to be notified accordingly.

2. **Decisions**

1. **Approval:**

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

3. **Notification of Appeal**

57001 Removal of condition (3) attached to planning permission 36081 to allow for use as a separate unit of accommodation Oxenpark Bratton Fleming

78. **Correspondence**

Notification from north Devon Council of next Parish Forum on 3 December,
Rural Alliance Minutes of meeting held 17 August 2014, and agenda for meeting 21 October.
2015 mobile library timetable from DCC
Healthwatch Voices – Autumn 2014 edition

79. **Highways**

It was noted that DCC were rolling out a scheme similar to the existing Snow Wardens which would enable parishes to carry out its own pothole repairs. Full details were awaited.

It was reported that the existing stock of salt had picked up some moisture, resulting in it being unable to use in the spreader. It was agreed to request 3 tonnes in 25kg bags for this winter, and to offer the existing stock to Highways.

Following a number of near accidents at Four Cross Way, it was thought that a higher sign warning of the crossroads may help. The poor visibility for vehicles joining the A399 from Bratton Fleming was also noted, together with a need for a bigger splay which would enable large vehicles to manoeuvre more easily. Clerk to contact Highways.

80. Reports**1. District Councillor's Report**

Cllr Prowse reported that north Devon had been successful in securing £2.2m funding from LEADER.

Due to the immense amount of work needed, the Local Plan was likely to be 6 months behind schedule.

2. County Councillor's Report

Cllr Edgell reported that consultation was being carried out on the A361 Link Road, in particular various junctions. It was proposed that these be enlarged/improved to accommodate large housing developments that were being planned.

He would be pleased to contribute some funding towards work to be carried out on the Millennium Green.

3. Composting Group

No report available.

4. Woodland Group

No report available.

5. Chairman's Report

Cllr Prowse reported that parish council's could grant itself dispensation in order that councillors who were trustees of the Millennium Green were able to discuss the matter. It was agreed that he should make further enquiries.

81. Finance

1. Receipt	50% Precept & Grant	£6635.86	
2. Payments:			
1.	Mr S Shapland – grass cutting	£ 40.00	Cheque No. 915
2.	Grant Thornton – external audit	£300.00	Cheque No. 916
3.	Mr G Bayard – internal audit	£ 15.00	Cheque No. 917
4.	Parish Clerk's salary & expenses	£124.67	Cheque No. 918

The four accounts were agreed for payment.

82. Items for consideration for the next Agenda.

Dispensation for Councillors; Millennium Green Play Area.

83. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 19 November 2014

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:15pm.