



A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Bratton Fleming Village Hall on Wednesday 15 July 2015 at 7:30pm.

**Present:** Cllrs F Benbow (Chairman), B East, P Freeman, Ms N Henry, A Kellaway, Mrs P Kellaway, M Prowse, and G Tribe,

**In attendance:** 12 parishioners, County Cllr R Edgell, Parish Clerk

**35. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs M Huxtable and T Shapland.

**36. Public Participation**

- It was stressed that a channel of communication was most important when preparing a Neighbourhood Plan.
- Concern was expressed that the Bratton Fleming website was underused, and could contain a lot more information. It was agreed that a request for any information should be included.
- Concern was expressed that Giant Hogweed was possibly growing on the Millennium Green and in the Community Woodland. Mr Steele commented that he had never seen Giant Hogweed in the parish.
- It was reported that Japanese Knotweed was growing near Bratton Cross. It was agreed to inform Highways and request that it received attention.
- A view was expressed that the laurel on the Community Woodland should be removed.
- It was reported that cars parking alongside the churchyard wall and in Furze Park Rd sometimes caused an obstruction. Cllr East to highlight the problem in the Bratton Fleming News.
- It was reported that some grass in the village was not being cut. It was noted that although DCC and NDC used the same contractor, the grass was not all cut at the same time.
- It was reported that recently a boulder had been dislodged by workers on the Lynton & Barnstaple Railway, damaging a car and almost causing an accident. It was agreed to contact the railway company.
- Cllr Prowse reported that prices were being obtained for fencing around the play area on the Millennium Green and was talking to contractors. bark was being funded through the TAP Fund, in conjunction with Goodleigh. He had contacted the supplier with regard to supplying replacement swing parts.

It was intended to paint some of the wooden equipment. It was also acknowledged that new equipment was needed for younger children.

**37. Declaration of Interests.**

Cllr Prowse declared an interest in the Rye Park planning application.

**38. Approval of Minutes of the meeting held 17 June & 1 July 2015**

Min. 28 was amended to read that the list of parish council assets was read, not circulated.

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

**39. Matters Arising from Minutes of the last meeting**

It had been suggested at a site meeting at the Recreation Ground to move the gate away from the main road. This may involve the removal of a section of hedge. The Trust would meet after the next parish council meeting.

The Information Commissioner's Office had replied regarding whether a group email would be permissible with regard to keeping parishioners involved with the Neighbourhood Plan. This would only be allowed if email addresses had been volunteered, and if recipients were blind copied.

It was noted that this would still not contact everyone. It was suggested that leaflets would be the best means of communication.

**40. Planning**

**1. Applications –**

59397 Demolition of existing & erection of new dwelling Chumhill Bratton Fleming  
**It was resolved** to recommend approval.

59531 Prior approval application for change of use from barn to dwelling (class qa) barn at Hilltop Field Grange Hill Bratton Fleming  
As far as councillors were aware there was livestock on the holding, but details were unknown.

59561 Change of use of Annexe to holiday accommodation Rye Park Bratton Fleming  
**It was resolved** to recommend approval.

59517 Extension & alterations to dwelling together with erection of raised decked area Flower Down Bentons Road Bratton Fleming  
It was agreed to defer making a recommendation to give parishioners the opportunity to voice any views. It was noted that a recommendation would need to be submitted by the end of the month.

**2. Decisions** None

**41. Correspondence**

1. Letter from Cllr Freeman regarding the Neighbourhood Plan. This had been circulated to councillors.
2. Letter from Mr Philip Milton advising a public meeting on 20 August regarding the future of the White Hart.
3. Details of new North Devon Communities Fund from NDC.
4. DALC Newsletter
5. Healthwatch Voices – Summer 2015.
6. Devon Senior Voice – Summer 2015.

**42. Highways**

No matters raised.

**43. Emergency Plan**

Deferred to the next meeting.

**44. Neighbourhood Plan – Update**

It was noted that it would be necessary to talk to the LPA and obtain their approval. It was important that all consultations were front end loaded.

**45. Additional Bridge in the Community Woodland**

Deferred to the next meeting.

**46. Biodiversity Audit**

The Chairman reported that he had not spoken to the company since the last meeting.

**47. Grange Hill Units**

It was noted that the Units had been included in the Local Plan.

**48. Reports**

**1. District Councillor's Report**

Cllr Prowse reported that the planning application at Landkey for 77 dwellings would be considered by Planning Committee. There was still a lack of a five year housing land supply. At present it was still about one year short.

NDC was willing to assist with the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan, but this would depend on there being spare capacity.

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**2. County Councillor's Report**

Cllr Edgell reported that DCC had received £1m from the government to fund studies into improvements to the A361 Link Road.

The Portmore roundabout was the next area to be improved.

**3. Composting Group**

No report received.

**4. Woodland Group**

No report received.

**5. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman expressed his pleasure in the return of the Festival which has raised £2000. Thanks were extended to all involved.

Another successful event had been the recent Brat Fest. Thanks were extended to all those who had organised the event.

**49. Finance**

**1. Receipt: S106 payment** (BF Sports Club & Millennium Green) £5083.20

**2. Payment since last meeting:**

Bratton Fleming Sports Club (S106)	£3000.00	Cheque No. 951
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**3. Payments:**

1. Mr S Shapland – grass cutting	£ 24.00	Cheque No. 952
2. Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£ 134.26	Cheque No. 953

The two accounts were agreed for payment.

**50. Items for consideration for the next Agenda.**

Allotments; Play Equipment update; Emergency Plan; Grange Hill Units; New Bridge on Community Woodland; Biodiversity Audit.

**51. Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 16 September 2015.

It was noted that it may be necessary to call a meeting in August if a planning application was received.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.50pm.