



A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Bratton Fleming Village Hall on Wednesday 19 August 2015 at 7:30pm.

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

In attendance: 14 parishioners, Parish Clerk

52. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr A Kellaway and County Cllr R Edgell.

53. Declaration of Interests

Cllr Mrs Kellaway declared an interest in planning application 59712 and took no part in the discussion, and did not vote.

54. Public Participation specific to planning application 59712

It was reported that Devon County Council would be submitting a planning application for its site at Beara Down farm, on the opposite side of the road, in the near future.

A letter of objection to the application which had been sent to the parish council was read by its author.

Concern was expressed over the capacity of the sewerage system in the village to cope with the proposed additional dwellings.

The view was expressed that the proposed development was in the wrong location, being bounded on two sides by fast and dangerous roads, despite the speed limits.

The site would result in increased traffic through the village, in addition to residents accessing the local facilities.

Serious concern was expressed over the likely increase in flooding to neighbouring properties should the development go ahead. Properties in Grange Close and both sides of Benton Road were already prone to flooding from the run-off from the field. It was not considered that not enough consideration was being taken into relieving the problem.

55. Correspondence specific to application 59712

The clerk reported that one letter of objection had been received, and had been circulated to councillors. This letter had earlier been read to the meeting.

56. Planning Application:

59712 Outline application for erection of 25 residential dwellings, land off Grange Hill/Benton Road Bratton Fleming.

It was noted that properties in Grange Close and along Benton Road, including Treefield, were prone to flooding from run-off from the field, and that there were Easements on Grange Hill channeling water from the highway into the field. Serious attention would need to be given to drainage as the existing system would be unable to cope with additional water.

Flooding had been a major issue for over 25 years. The application had failed to properly address the problem.

The development was considered to be in the wrong location, both for young and elderly people. The steep gradient of the hill, and the dangerous road with no pavement, made it unsuitable for people to be able to walk to the village amenities – shop, school, village hall, church etc.

Concern was expressed that the development would extend the footprint of the village village.

Cllr Shapland proposed that the application be recommended for refusal on the grounds of its location and drainage issues.

Seconded by Cllr East. All in agreement, with one abstention (Cllr Mrs Kellaway).

57. Finance

1. Payments:

1.	Bratton Fleming Village Hall - hire	£ 48.75	Cheque No. 954
2.	Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£ 115.08	Cheque No. 955

The two accounts were approved for payment,

58. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 16 September 2015

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.50pm.