

He still had funds available for suitable community projects during the present financial year. He would be happy to support the PV project for the village hall if this went ahead. The County Council was continuing with its sale of surplus property, which was anticipated to rise a total of £80m.

3. Composting Group

Receipts totalled £454.53 for 10.44 tonnes material removed during October. The overpayment from North Devon Council had now been cleared. Payments had been £78.90 for two padlocks, keys etc. The balance stood at £9908.30.

4. Woodland Group

The two new seats would be fixed when the weather was suitable.

5. Emergency Plan

Cllr Freeman reported that the first draft was complete. The Plan would need to include names of those with specialist knowledge and would be willing to help. More committee members would be welcomed.

6. Chairman’s Report

Cllr Benbow declared an interest in the suggested PV installation at the Village Hall. It was noted that an Energy Performance Assessment would need to be carried out before 6 January. It was agreed that the parish council would finance the survey at a cost of £200. Due to the council not being quorate to discuss the installation, it was agreed to defer the decision, to obtain the views of the other councillors.

It was agreed that the parish council should match the donation of £250 that the District Councillor had made towards the cost of retaining the Record Office in Barnstaple.

117. Finance

1. Payments:

1. Clerk’s Salary & Expenses	£115.08	Cheque No. 965
2. Bratton Fleming Village Hall – hire	£ 42.25	Cheque No. 966

The account was agreed for payment.

118. Items for consideration for the next Agenda.

Emergency Plan

119. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 20 January 2016

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Note – Min. 116.6

Subsequent to the meeting councillors agreed by 7 votes to 1 against, with 2 abstentions, to agree to financing the installation of the pv panels on the village hall.

It was reported that the application was the subject of legal process due to it being submitted without any public consultation.

It was agreed to defer any recommendation until the legal situation had been determined.

60296 **Erection of dwelling, land adjacent Barnfield Cottage Bratton Fleming**

It was noted that there was already the maximum number of dwellings off a private road.

The position of the proposed dwelling would result in the foundations cutting through the roots belonging to a neighbouring property.

Cllr Freeman proposed that the application be refused. There was no seconder.

It was agreed to hold a site meeting before making a recommendation.

2. Decisions

1. Approval:

60140 Erection of conservatory at 1 Peters Close Bratton Fleming Barnstaple

60158 Conversion of detached garage/stble/store to form 1 unit of holiday accommodation at Bragan, Station Road, Bratton Fleming.

60208 Prior approval for change of use from agricultural building to one dwelling (Class Q(A)(B)) at Stone Linhay (barn), Rye Park, Bratton Fleming.

112. Correspondence

1. Road Closure. Notification had been received that the A399 would be closed 4 January – 31 March, between Hanson quarry entrance and Brayford to address highway stability issues.
2. Notification had been received from a local architect of a Public Consultation for a proposed development of 30 dwellings (30% affordable) on the Glebe Field. Consultation to take place 2 – 7pm in the Village Hall on 7 January.
3. A letter had been received from Bratton Fleming Church clarifying that it was in no way connected with the proposed development on the Glebe, and would not receive any financial benefit.
4. Parish Forum Minutes of meeting held 11 November 2015.
5. DALC Newsletter – December 2015.

113. Highways

1. Potholes were reported in, and opposite Haxton Lane. To be reported to Highways.
2. It was reported that the possible cause of flooding near the Sports Club was the height of the verge. A complaint had been submitted to Highways.
3. it was reported that debris had washed down the lane, across the road near Barton Ground. Highways to be notified.
4. it had been suggested at the Rural Alliance meeting that the Communities Fund could be used to employ a lengthsman. This was agreed.
5. Mr Peter Heaton-Jones MP had contacted DCC regarding the repeated closure of the A399. It was now common for the council to close roads as a safety precaution whenever repairs were needed.

114. Commemoration of The Queen's 90th Birthday

It was agreed to enquire if any arrangements were already planned.

115. Neighbourhood Plan

The Chairman reported that four people were required for the Steering Committee. The committee should consist a broad cross section of the committee. Notices would be posted in the village asking for volunteers.

116. Reports

1. District Councillor's Report

None – District Councillor not present.

2. County Councillor's Report

Cllr Edgell apologised for not being present at the last meeting, due to problems with his car.



A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Bratton Fleming Village Hall on Wednesday 16 December 2015 at 7:45pm.

Present: Cllrs F Benbow (Chairman), P Freeman, Ms N Henry and G Tribe.

In attendance: 11 parishioners, Cllr R Edgell (DCC), Parish Clerk

106. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs B East, M Huxtable, A Kellaway, Mrs P Kellaway, M Prowse and T Shapland.

107. Public Participation

Local residents voiced their objections to planning application 60296. It was considered that the proposed dwelling would cause serious traffic and access problems to the existing properties which would be devalued. The dwelling would also have a detrimental effect on the trees belonging to the neighbouring property.

The applicant stated that the dwelling would not increase the amount of traffic over that which existed before the business at one of the properties was relocated. He had taken the concerns of neighbours and the parish council into account when resubmitting the current application.

At the last meeting inaccuracies in the transport assessment in connection with the Beara Down Farm application had been identified. A revised assessment had now been submitted, and a public consultation would take place in the new year.

Concern was expressed that the traffic assessment was still too low for a rural settlement such as Bratton Fleming, and that it was based on an urban location.

The Chairman explained that there was a proposal to install a 4kw PV system on the village hall, at a cost of £7000. As the government was proposing to reduce the feed-in tariff early in the new year there was a need to submit the application as soon as possible.

108. Declaration of Interests

Cllr Benbow declared an interest on proposed installation of PV panels at the Village Hall.

109. Approval of Minutes of the meeting held 18 November 2015

Minute 102.4 was amended to read that both seats had been donated.

Minute 103.4 was amended to include donation of £100 to the Poppy Appeal.

The amended minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed as a true record.

110. Matters Arising from Minutes of meeting held 18 November 2015

Min 98.2 It was noted that the report at the last meeting should have referred to a copy of the Tithe Map that was missing, not the original. It was understood that Cllr Prowse had the copy in his possession.

Min. 96 The work at the Millennium Green should be complete by Christmas. The Trust would need to purchase some more bark to complete the work.

Min. 93.1 The work to the bus shelter was larger than expected, with work also needed to the front of the roof. Cllr Prowse was willing to donate the slates. It was agreed in principle for the parish council to finance the repair.

111. Planning

1. Applications:

60222 Outline application for erection of up to 40 dwellings (all matters reserved except access) (amended transport statement) Beara Down Farm Grange Hill Bratton Fleming

Cllr Edgell declared an interest in the application.

Four letter of objection had been received and circulated to councilors.