



A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Bratton Fleming Village Hall on Wednesday 16 March 2016 at 7:45pm.

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

In attendance: 5 parishioners, Cllr R Edgell (DCC), Parish Clerk.

153. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs P Kellaway and M Prowse.

154. Public Participation

1. Deep potholes were reported on Benton Road, near Ditch End.
2. It was reported that some of the fence posts on the Haxton Lane allotments were rotten and in need of replacement. Cllr Shapland to arrange for the work to be carried out.
3. The life ring post at the pond in the Community Woodland was also rotten.
4. Cllr East thanked Mr Laurie for maintaining the parish website. Unfortunately he had received complaints regarding the times of posting the minutes and agenda. It was noted that Mr Laurie had no control over this, but posted them as soon as possible after receiving them. Although he was often away at the time of receiving the agenda, the delay was minimal.
5. A complaint was received of overgrown trees behind Homer Close. North Devon Homes to be contacted, asking them to attend to the trees as a matter of urgency.

155. Declaration of Interests

Cllr Benbow declared an interest in item 164.5

156. Approval of Minutes of the meeting held 17 February 2016

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

157. Matters Arising from Minutes of meeting held 2016

Min.115. It was reported that obsolete items of play equipment were still on the Millennium Green, and that the dumper had not been removed. Both could be a hazard to children. It was also reported that there was no spring on the gate.

Min.125.2 Gate at Recreation Ground. It was noted that it was originally thought work to reposition the gate could be a conflict with the proposed development at Beara Down. It was agreed to review the quote for moving the gate at the next meeting.

Min.125.9 Cllr Freeman stated that he supported the view that organisations should hold meetings in order that new people could become involved.

Min.134.2 Cllr Kellaway reported that he had turned the interactive sign opposite the shop to face the correct direction, and was now working.

Min.145 The road defect below the industrial units had not yet been repaired.

Cllr Edgell outlined the 20s Plenty scheme at Atherington. It was noted that a scheme had been prepared for Bratton Fleming, which had been agreed in principle by DCC. It was agreed to enquire the present position, and if a date had been set for its implementation.

158. Planning

1. Applications:

60425 Siting of two temporary mobile homes for farm manager(s) at Chelfham Barton

It was resolved to recommend approval.

60824 Change of use of agricultural land to form domestic curtilage barn adjacent Barton Bungalow Bratton Fleming

It was resolved to recommend approval.

60770 Prior approval for change of use of agricultural building to dwelling (class qa&b) barn at Hilltop Bratton Fleming

It was resolved to recommend approval.

- 60803 Installation of solar panels, alterations to external appearance (including timber cladding & new doors & windows); & conversion of garage to form additional living accommodation Cowshed Cottage Chelfham Barnstaple
- 60804 Listed building application for installation of solar panels, alterations to external appearance (including timber cladding & new doors & windows); & conversion of garage to form additional living accommodation Cowshed Cottage Chelfham Barnstaple

It was resolved to recommend approval.

- 60839 Retrospective application for erection of one composting toilet Bratton Fleming Solar Farm land adjacent to Four Cross Way Bratton Fleming

It was resolved to recommend approval.

Neighbouring Parish Applications (Exmoor National Park):

- 62/50/16/001 Proposed re-instatement of railway line and ancillary development, land between Killington Lane and Blackmoor Gate, Parracombe.
- 62/50/16/002 Proposed erection of engine shed (2052m²), formation of railway sidings and change of use of agricultural barn to railway workshop, Rowley Moor Farm, Kentisbury.
- 62/50/16/003 Proposed change of use of former hotel to railway car park with 162 car parking spaces and pedestrian underpass to station, site of former Blackmoor Gate Hotel, Blackmoor Gate, Barnstaple.
- 62/50/16/004 Proposed demolition of public toilets and shelter, relocation of public car park, erection of new toilets and interpretation building and change of use of land from agricultural to public amenity space.
- 62/50/16/005 Proposed erection of two semi-detached dwellings replacing bungalow demolished to allow re-instatement of railway line – one local needs affordable and one for occupation by railway staff, The Halt, Parracombe.

It was resolved not to raise any objection to the five applications. It was thought that the restored railway would be a tremendous asset for North Devon.

2. Decisions

None received.

159. Correspondence

1. North Devon Council planning department were conducting a Planning Enforcement Review, and was asking parish councils what was considered to be a priority. It was agreed that there should be no priority, and that all cases of planning enforcement should be treated equally.
2. A letter of thanks had been received from Bratton Fleming Village Hall Committee for the support given in obtaining solar panels for the village hall roof
3. Clerks & Councils Direct

160. Highways

Pot holes were reported on Benton Road; at the junction of Furze Park Road and the village street; on the brow of Barn Hill; at the Haxton Land junction, and between the school and Knightacott (9). It was reported that ash saplings were growing in the water table on Grange Hill. Clerk to report to Highways.

161. Emergency Plan – Update

Cllr Freeman reported that the first draft was complete, and would be pleased to receive any comments. He passed a copy to the chairman. Cllr Freeman was thanked for all his work in producing the Plan.

162. Neighbourhood Plan – Update

Cllr Benbow reported that an appeal was being made for people to join the Steering Committee. The initial survey had been produced which included tourism and community energy projects.

It was agreed that Cllr Benbow should send a letter to Mr Kelly at NDC stating the Bratton Fleming Parish Council had decided that it did not want wind turbines within the parish, and that this would be included in the Neighbourhood Plan.

163. Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations

It was reported that the Risk Assessment had been carried out and application for a Road Closure submitted. Most of the required items had been ordered.

It was agreed that the parish council would be giving medals or mugs.

164. Reports

1. District Councillor's Report

None – District Councillor not present.

2. County Councillor's Report

Cllr Edgell reported that the District Councillor's Community Grant had not been cut, but retained at £1000.

As a result of lobbying by MPs, North Devon Council had received an additional one-off grant of £233,000.

3. Composting Group

Cllr Shapland reported that the chipper was in need of an overhaul.

It was agreed that the parish council would pay the costs.

Payment received during the past month had been £120 from the Combeposters for the use of the chipper.

Payments made had been £50 to Mrs Worms for a new printer for community use, and £100 to Mr Symons in connection with the use of the chipper at Combe Martin.

The balance stood at £9572.84.

4. Woodland Group

Cllr Shapland reported that the large trees against Haxton Lane had now been removed. And that the two new seats were now in place.

5. Chairman's Report

Cllr Benbow reported that he had funded £350 cost of the Sports Club survey for the Neighbourhood Plan himself. The survey had received 68 responses on-line through Survey Monkey, and three from the shop. The cost of the survey Monkey account had been £300.

Cllr Benbow declared an interest, and left the meeting whilst the matter was discussed.

It was agreed unanimously to reimburse Cllr Benbow the full £650 costs incurred. Cheque No. 977

165. Finance

1. Future of North Devon Record Office

It was agreed to make a further donation of £250, in addition to the £250 previously agreed.

Cheque No. 978

Payments:

Bratton Fleming Village Hall – hire	£ 32.50	Cheque No. 975
Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£115.08	Cheque No. 976
Came and Company – insurance premium	£568.40	Cheque No. 979

It was agreed to accept the quotation from Hiscox, this being £87 cheaper than that from Aviva, the present insurer.

The three accounts were agreed for payment.

166. Items for consideration for the next Agenda.

None.

167. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 20 April 2016

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.35pm.