



A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Bratton Fleming Village Hall on Wednesday 17 August 2016 at 6:00pm.

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

In attendance: 9 parishioners, Cllr R Edgell (DCC), Parish Clerk

51. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Ms N Henry, M Huxtable and A Kellaway.

52. Public Participation

Concern was raised over an inaccurate statement in the minutes of the June meeting. The Chairman explained that although the information may have been incorrect, it did reflect what was said at the meeting.

Concern was raised over the forthcoming road closure at Goodleigh Road, Barnstaple. There appeared to be conflicting information on what was planned, and as was the case on the previous occasion it was impossible to get any information. Both DCC Highways and South West Water referring callers to the other organisation.

53. Declaration of Interests

Cllr Mrs Kellaway declared an interest in the planning application.

54. Planning Application:

61489 Outline application for the erection of 8 detached dwellings and associated infrastructure (all matters reserved) land off Grange Hill/ Benton Road Bratton Fleming

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

Two letters of objection had been received and circulated to councillors. It was reported that there were 11 letters of objection on the NDC website.

There were concerns that the applicant had not addressed the points raised of possible flooding of neighbouring properties voiced in response to the previous application. These properties were subject to flooding from run-off from the existing field. The proposed development would increase the risk to these properties. The problems experienced by the neighbouring properties needed to be reduced, not increased as they would be if the development were permitted.

It was considered that the application will result in ribbon development, extending the size of the village in a very visible position. The site of the development was away from the centre of the village and all the amenities, and could only be reached by roads which had no pavement. This would result in increased vehicular traffic to the shop, school etc.

The access to the development would be beyond the 30mph speed limit, on a narrow lane with no pavement. It was considered that this would present a danger, for both pedestrians and motorists.

Cllr East proposed recommendation of refusal for the reasons given. Seconded by Cllr Shapland. All in agreement.

55. Forthcoming Road Closure at Goodleigh Road.

Cllr Edgell reported that the proposed road closure of 6-8 weeks had been reduced to 2 weeks, although the contractor hoped to complete the work in one week.

The reduction in time had been made possible by putting the sewer under the grass verge instead of under the road. This would result in some of the roadside trees being felled.

Work would commence on 12 September, with traffic controlled by two-way traffic lights until 23 September, and three-way lights until 21 October. The road closure would commence on 22 October which had been timed to coincide with school half-term.

Whilst this was better than had originally been stated, it was agreed that any road closure was unacceptable. It was important that public transport should not be interrupted, as this was needed for people to get to work as well as shopping, doctors appointments etc,

56. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 21 September 2016

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6:45pm.