



A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Bratton Fleming Village Hall on Wednesday 21 September 2016 at 7:45pm.

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

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

**57. Apologies**

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

**58. Public Participation**

1. It was reported that the gate post at the end of the footpath opposite the shop was rotten, and broken. Public Rights of Way to be notified..
2. It was reported that the bottom churchyard path was slippery. It was noted that this was being addressed.
3. It was reported that although the Road Closure in Goodleigh Road was for two weeks commencing 22 October (school half-term week) the contractor hoped to complete the work in about a week.
4. A parishioner enquired into the names of those on the Woodland Group, and requested that the names be included in the Bratton Fleming News. The Chairman informed the meeting of those on the Group. The possible inclusion in the Bratton Fleming News to be raised with the Group.
5. A parishioner requested the parish council to take action to remove Japanese Knotweed. The problem had been referred to DCC, who own the land.
6. Concern was expressed over the cost of play bark in the Millennium Green car park, which was not being used. It was explained that the bark was the property of Goodleigh Parish Council, who had already moved it to Goodleigh. It had been purchased by both councils through the TAP Fund.
7. A parishioner raised concern over the height of the trees between Church Close and Homer Close. He was advised to raise his concerns with North Devon Homes, who were responsible for the hedge.

**59. Declaration of Interests**

Cllr Ms N Henry declared an interest in item 66 Village Shop.

**60. Approval of Minutes of the meeting held 20 July & 17 August 2016**

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

**61. Matters Arising from Minutes of meeting held 20 July & 17 August 2016**

None.

**62. Planning**

**1. Applications:**

61684 Change of use from ancillary living accommodation to one unit of holiday accommodation Oxenpark Bratton Fleming

**It was resolved** to recommend approval.

**2. Decisions**

**1. Approval:**

61445 Extension to dwelling The Nook Bratton Fleming

**2. Refusal:**

61321 Outline application for 2 open market dwellings and 1 affordable dwelling & parking (all matters reserved) at 11 South View Bratton Fleming

**63. Correspondence**

1. A thank-you letter had been received from the Sports Club for the donation towards the cost of the fireworks.
2. Notification of a road closure from Distant Point to Bratton Cross 14-31 October (week-days only).

3. Loxhore Parish Council were arranging a Drop-in session at Loxhore Village Hall on 20 October 11:15am – 12:30pm for anyone interested in affordable housing.
4. Local Plan Consultation. North Devon and Torridge District Councils were holding further Local Plan Public Consultation for amendments to wind energy provision. It was agreed to support the amendments stating that wind turbines should only be permitted in areas that are both suitable and which is allocated in a Neighbourhood Plan.
5. DALC Newsletters. Noted.
6. Healthwatch Devon. Noted.
7. DALC Annual Report. Noted.
8. Clerks & Councils Direct – Sept 2016. Noted.

**64. Air Ambulance Landing Site**

The Trust had confirmed that it would be necessary to remove two trees on the Millennium Green to provide sufficient room for a landing site.

The Composting Group would be willing to contribute 40% of the cost for installing the lighting. All councillors were in favour with proceeding with providing a landing site in the village. It was agreed to invite representatives to meet councillors to discuss the next step.

Cllr Freeman stated that the Millennium Green could only be accessed via a section of private road in the ownership of the three houses in The Glebe. He considered that the three householders should be consulted before continuing, adding that he had no objection himself.

**65. Skate Park**

No response had been received from those requesting a Skate Park..

**66. Village Shop**

Cllr Ms Henry declared an interest and took no part in the discussion.

**A report had been received from Cllr Prowse:**

The Parish Council resolved to apply for permission on the site that was approved for Steve Cotton back in 2011 which had lapsed. He had consulted the relevant planning officers who were supportive and had made the formal planning application on 8th August. As the application is from the PC there may be no need for a special meeting. I would stress that this (and the application makes this clear) may only be a short term solution and is not intended to shut the door on the White Hart Community option.

He had obtained quotations for the electricity connection, water connection and an estimate for the sewer connection. It looks as though these could all be achieved without disturbing the adopted turning head.

**67. Wildlife**

There was nothing to report.

**68. Highways**

The Chairman reported that Cllr Shapland had visited the Wain Homes site in Goodleigh Road and had met the acting site manager and sub-contractor working for Kier. Although the site manager had been sympathetic to the problems that a road closure would create, the sub-contractor was not interested. It was explained that any interruption to the bus service was unacceptable.

It was noted that DCC Highways was distancing itself from any decision making, referring all enquiries to South West Water.

It was agreed to enquire from Filers the cost of a temporary bus service to Barnstaple via Blackmoor Gate.

**69. Reports**

**1. District Councillor's Report**

In tendering his apologies, Cllr Prowse had sent a report:

**Air Ambulance.** He would furnish Cllr East Brian with a copy of the position of the existing electric cable which could possibly be used for the landing light..

**Planning.** The South View planning application had been refused. There was a possibility that the applicant may appeal or submit another amended application.

Grange Hill - Highways were sustaining an objection to this proposal (even with the alternative access). There were still concerns about 'connectivity' and the thrust of growth in this direction.

**Waste - black bins.** There had been an exchange of e mails about the problems on Monday - NDC really needed to do more on communications an e mail or 'phone call could have stopped a lot of worry.

The Executive of NDC had agreed to pilot the famous 3 weekly collection system and the green bin service will probably go to charging. He was still arguing that the real solution was to empower (with money and professional help) local communities to do it for themselves - using the Composting Group model.

**2. County Councillor’s Report**

Cllr Edgell reported that at a time when libraries were closing all over the country, he was pleased to report that none had closed in Devon. Devon’s libraries had been moved to a Community Interest Company which had just been given charitable status. DCC would continue to give funding to the libraries, but as a CIC founding would be able to be sought elsewhere. The Arts Council had made a grant of £200k towards providing services in libraries. It was hoped to open more libraries in the future.

**3. Composting Group**

Day to day running of the Group had been passed to Alan Williams due to the poor health of Mr Shapland, who was still dealing with all the paperwork.

Receipts had been £626.70 for 10.92 tonnes material removed from site during July, and £120 from Combeposters for the use of the chipper.

Payments had been £100 to Mr Symons in connection with taking the chipper to Combe Martin etc., and £500 donation to the Thursday Club.

The balance stood at £11903.00.

**4. Woodland Group**

No report received.

**5. Chairman’s Report**

Cllr Benbow reported that the Neighbourhood Plan consultation had been extended. A total of 191 responses had been received, of which all had been in favour of the identified assets. A meeting had been arranged with a consultant. It was hoped to get him on board by the end of November.

A public consultation event was being planned.

Grant funding of £8700 had been approved, although costs were expected to be in excess of this.

**70. Finance**

**1. Request for Grant – Bratton Fleming Village Hall**

A request for a grant towards running costs had been received from the Village Hall Committee. It was agreed to make a grant of £400. Cheque No. 1005

**2. Payments:**

1. North Devon Council – planning app.	£192.50	Cheque No. 1002
2. Bratton Fleming Village Hall – hire	£ 29.25	Cheque No. 1003
3. Clerk’s Salary & Expenses (2 mths)	£230.16	Cheque No. 1004
4. Mr S Shapand	£ 24.00	Cheque No. 1006
5. Mr S Shapland	£ 48.00	Cheque No. 1007

The five accounts were agreed for payment.

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

None.

**72. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 19 October 2016**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:00pm.

Signed .....  
Chairman

Date .....