



A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Bratton Fleming Village Hall on Wednesday 19 October 2016 at 7:45pm.

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

**In attendance:** 3 parishioners, Cllr R Edgell (DCC), Parish Clerk

**73. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs P Freeman, Ms N Henry and A Kellaway.

**74. Public Participation**

1. The hide on the Community Woodland had been checked, and although there were signs of use, no damage had been caused.
2. An offer of help to maintain the Grange Hill flower box was received. It was noted that the box at the bottom of the village was maintained by the Sports Club, and other parishioners were looking after the box at Sentry Cross. It was agreed to finance the maintenance of the Grange Hill box to a maximum of £100.  
It was agreed to ask Mr Kellaway to repair the Benton Road box.
3. There was a feeling that some of the Neighbourhood Plan questions were difficult to answer as they were in two parts. The Chairman explained that this was done in order to keep the number of questions as low as possible.
4. In answer to a question it was noted that there had been no news of the possible development on the glebe field. Cllr Prowse understood that the developer was contacting neighbouring residents.
5. A request for a toilet on the Woodland Allotments was received. It was noted that there may be an outside toilet at the new shop.

**75. Declaration of Interests**

All councillors present declared an interest in Planning Application 61815

**76. Approval of Minutes of the meeting held 21 September 2016**

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

**77. Matters Arising from Minutes of meeting held 21 September 2016**

Min. 64. It was noted that the stretch of road adjacent to the Millennium Green was owned by the parish council, not the residents of The Glebe, although they held a right-of-way over it.

**78. Planning**

**1. Application: (To note only)**

61815 Erection of a single storey mobile building to house the village shop car park adjacent to the Millennium Green Bratton Fleming

It was agreed to respond that, although the parish council could not comment on the application, it should be noted that it had the support of the parish.

61762 Retrospective application for siting of bus to provide living accommodation, siting of caravan to provide tea hut/guest accommodation, erection of three sheds & use of land as smallholding, Honey Hill, Snapper. (Neighbouring parish application).

It was considered that the new access was extremely dangerous. Although NDC were taking enforcement action, this was now 'on hold' until the planning application had been considered.

It was agreed to respond, requesting a prompt decision, in order that the enforcement action could continue.

**2. Decisions - Approval:**

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

**79. Correspondence**

1. NDC were conducting a consultation on behalf of BT who were proposing to remove 52 public payphones in North Devon, including the one at Bratton Fleming, which had only been used on one occasion during the past twelve months.
2. DCC had advised that during the Goodleigh Road closure, a shuttle bus would operate between Bratton Fleming and Barnstaple. This was being funded by South West Water. A time table had been attached which had been placed on the parish council notice boards and at the shop.
3. Filers Travel had confirmed the shuttle bus service between Bratton Fleming and Barnstaple. The service would operate via Sepscott Lane. Clerk to confirm with Filers that they had driven the proposed route.
4. NDC advised that the next Parish Forum would be at Brynsworthy on Tuesday 15 November at 7pm. An agenda would be issued nearer the date.
5. DCC advised the road closure between Distant Point and Bratton Cross had been rescheduled to 31 October – 4 November, and 7 November.

**80. Air Ambulance Landing Site**

**1. Report on site meeting**

A site meeting had been held with Devon Air Ambulance where it had been confirmed that the Millennium Green had been the favoured site in the village. A possible site at Loxhore had been ruled out due to overhead power lines. It was possible that Bratton Fleming could serve the surrounding parishes.

The cost of the floodlight was approximately £4500. The light would be angled downward to just illuminate the landing site with very little effect to neighbouring properties. It would only be operated when the helicopter was approaching.

One tree would need moving, and the benches secured in order that they were not placed on the landing site.

**2. Application for DCC Locality Grant**

Cllr Edgell offered £1000 from his Locality Grant. Clerk to complete the application form. It was agreed to seek financial help from the neighbouring parishes that would be served by the site. Devon Air Ambulance had agreed to forward a list of parishes to be served.

**81. Village Shop**

Cllr Prowse reported that quotations had been received to connect the shop to the various services.

**82. Wildlife**

Nothing to report. In view of the lack of items to discuss under this topic, it was agreed to remove it from all future meetings.

**83. Highways**

Cllr Tribe expressed his concern over the size of the trees down the hill from Bratton Cross. It was noted that this was a matter for the landowners.

At the recent Rural Alliance meeting a presentation had been made on the Road Warden scheme, whereby road repairs could be carried out by volunteers.

**84. Reports**

**1. District Councillor's Report**

Cllr Prowse reported on problems with the waste collection, with many areas experiencing missed collections. This had been partly caused by staffing levels being cut. He expressed his dissatisfaction with the problems not being posted on the council's website to keep residents informed.

The Local Plan would be going before the Inspector soon.

**2. County Councillor's Report**

Cllr Edgell stressed the importance of the parish council writing to complain of the proposed cuts to services at North Devon District Hospital. It was agreed that letters be sent.

**3. Composting Group**

Cllr Shapland reported that claims for 5.2 tonnes material removed from site in August, and 5.8 tonnes in September had been submitted but no payment had yet been received.

Expenses had been £59.35 for stationary etc.

The balance stood at £11843.65.

**4. Woodland Group**

Cllr Shapland reported that the last of the donated seats had been installed.

Thanks were extended to whoever had strimmed the path.

The hedge that been laid was in need of trimming. The Composting Group were willing to contribute towards the cost.

The Chairman reported that he had been contacted by 361 Energy who would like to give a presentation to the council, and a further presentation to parishioners. This was agreed.

The hedge between Church Close and Homer Close had become overgrown with brambles. It was agreed to contact North Devon Homes to ask that the brambles were cut, and that the hedge should cut, especially the section not cut on a previous occasion.

**85. Finance**

**1. Receipts:**

1. WPD Wayleave	£ 2.90
2. NDC 50% Grant & Precept	£6521.80
3. NDC Balance of S106 payment	£ 600.00
4. NDC Grant – Play Bark	£ 500.00
5. HMRC – VAT Refund	£ 795.10
6. Groundwork UK	£8075.00

**2. Payments:**

1. Bratton Fleming Village Hall – hire	£ 16.25	Cheque No. 1009
2. Mr S Shapland	£126.40	Cheque No. 1010
3. Parish Clerk’s salary & expenses	£115.08	Cheque No. 1011
4. Mr M Prowse – reimbursement for costs relation to the shop	£ 90.00	Cheque No. 1012

The four accounts were agreed for payment.

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

Road Warden Scheme; Presentation by 361 Energy.

**87. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 16 November 2016**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:07pm.