



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

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

**In attendance:** 10 parishioners, Cllr R Edgell (DCC), Parish Clerk

**88. Presentation by 361 Energy**

The Chairman introduced 361 Energy, an organisation covered the biosphere area, promoting energy saving and renewables in North Devon.

They were happy to visit people in their own home to ensure that they were on the cheapest energy tariff. This was important, as at 13.7% energy poverty was very high in North Devon.

They were happy to give a presentation to the school and in the village hall, offering one-to-one advice.

The aim in the UK was for every home to have a smart meter by 2020, These would help everyone to reduce their energy bills, and send an accurate meter reading to the energy provider..

**89. Apologies**

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

**90. Public Participation**

1. Concern was raised over the brightness of the lights at the Sports Club. Cllr Prowse advised that the Club was looking at making a change to the angle of the lights to resolve the problem.
2. A request was made for wildlife shrubs to be planted in the Community Woodland, and for a wildlife pond on the Millennium Green. The parishioner would be happy to advise.
3. It was reported that the gate at the end of footpath 16 had not been replaced.
4. A report was received on the recent Devon & Cornwall Resilience Forum, who would like to give a presentation to the council. There was still some work to be done on the Emergency Plan. A presentation would be made when the Plan was complete.
5. Concern was expressed over schoolchildren sometimes not being allowed on the school bus if they did not show their bus pass. On occasion the children have been told to go home, despite explaining that this was not possible due to their parents now having gone to work. It was noted that drivers had a duty of care to ensure the safety of the pupils.

**91. Declaration of Interests**

None.

**92. Approval of Minutes of the meeting held 19 October 2016**

Min. 74.2 was amended to read that Mr Kellaway was being asked to repair the Grange Hill box.

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

**93. Matters Arising from Minutes of meeting held 19 October 2016**

Min. 77. Cllr Freeman had sent a message stating that the situation was more complicated than as stated in the Minutes. This was noted.

Min. 78. It was noted that an Enforcement was due to be served on the unauthorised development opposite Collard Bridge.

**94. Planning**

**1. Applications:**

61967 Change of use of land from agricultural to residential 1 Chelfham Barton Cottages, Chelfham Barnstaple

**It was resolved** to recommend approval.

**2. Decisions - Approval:**

60910 Application for consent for works to trees covered by a tree preservation order in respect of crown reduction & selective branch removal of two yew trees Bratton Fleming Churchyard Station Road Bratton Fleming

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

**95. Correspondence**

1. Details of a revised bus service had been received, which would be in force during the closure of the A39 at Parracombe.
2. NDC were asking parish councils for details of their Sandbag Policy. It was noted that the council did not have such a policy.
3. Healthwatch Voices – Autumn 2016. Noted.
4. Clerks & Councils Direct – November 2016. Passed to Cllr Shapland.

**96. Air Ambulance Landing Site**

No news had been received from Devon Air Ambulance since the site meeting. It was noted that the DCC Locality grant had been received.

**97. Village Shop**

Cllr Prowse reported that planning permission for the new shop had been granted for an initial term of 10 years. Everything was now ready to move with obtaining a structure to be placed on site. Volunteers were ready to help with the groundwork.

**98. Highways**

it was noted that water was still running across the road at Riversmead. It was agreed to advise Mr Sables of the problem, and that Mr Stoddart had been informed. It was also agreed to request ice warning signs be placed to warn motorists of possible ice on the corner.

Cllr Benbow reported that the new Roads Act did not mention road closures. Road Closures were at the discretion of the Highways Authority.

Cllr Edgell reported that he had asked that the problems encountered at Goodleigh Road be studied in order that it is not repeated, and that Emergency Access should be maintained at all times.

**99. Road Warden Scheme**

Deferred to the next meeting.

**100. Reports**

**1. District Councillor's Report**

Cllr Prowse reported that the Local Plan enquiry opened the following week.

He had been chasing the Community Benefit payment in respect of the solar park. He had been advised that it would be paid as soon the legal agreements had been made.

The Parish Grant was guaranteed for the next financial year, but may be withdrawn in the future.

He was concerned at DCC's proposals to cut recycling credits from £58 to £25 per tonne, which would seriously affect North Devon Council.

**2. County Councillor's Report**

Nothing to report.

**3. Composting Group**

Cllr Shapland reported that no payment had yet been received for material removed during August, September or October.

A payment of £36 had been made for diesel.

The balance stood at £11807.65.

**4. Woodland Group**

Cllr Shapland reported that the road hedge had now been trimmed.

**5. Chairman's Report**

Cllr Benbow thanked the parish council and Composting Group for their help towards the cost of the village firework display which had been well supported.

**101. Finance**

**1. To Set the Budget for 2017/2018**

Copies of a draft budget had been circulated to councillors. It was agreed to amend ‘Burial Ground and Allotments’ to ‘Capital Projects’. The amended budget was agreed.

**2. To agree the Precept and Parish Grant for 2017/2018**

It was agreed to apply for the maximum Parish Grant.

It was agreed to defer setting the Precept to the next meeting.

**3. To consider donation to the Poppy Appeal**

It was agreed to make a donation of £100 to the Poppy Appeal Cheque No. 1017

**4. Receipt:**

Locality Grant	£1000.00
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**5. Payments:**

1. Bratton Fleming Village Hall – hire	£ 17.50	Cheque No. 1013
2. Mr S Shapland – grass cutting	£ 24.00	Cheque No. 1014
3. Parish Clerk’s salary & expenses	£115.08	Cheque No. 1015
4. Grant Thornton	£240.00	Cheque No. 1016

The four accounts were agreed for payment.

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

Devon Air Ambulance; Road Warden Scheme; Setting of Precept.

**103. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 14 December 2016**

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed.