



A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Bratton Fleming Village Hall on Wednesday 19 April 2017 at 7:45pm.

Present: Cllrs F Benbow (Chairman), B East, Ms N Henry, M Huxtable, Mrs P Kellaway, M Prowse, and G Tribe,

In attendance: 6 parishioners, Parish Clerk

159. Recycle More presentation by Ricky McCormack from North Devon Council

Ricky McCormack, head of Waste and Recycling introduced himself and explained the new arrangements for collecting waste. Bratton Fleming was included in the trial area which would be starting in June and would run for approximately six months. The trial area, a mix of rural and urban areas will affect 3500 properties. If successful the scheme will be rolled out across the whole area. New caddies would be delivered to all properties shortly for food waste, these will be collected weekly.

The free garden waste collection will be withdrawn and replaced by a fortnightly collection for an annual fee of £36.

The trial will see an enhanced recycling service, with an unlimited weekly collection.

Collection of the black wheely bins will move to a three-weekly collection.

Four new recycling vehicles will be equipped with new technology and will result in a quicker response to problems.

At present the recycling equipment at Brynsworthy is unable to cope with tetra packs, but when the equipment is replaced in a few years time, it will be possible to recycle drinks cartons.

Advisors will be visiting the trial area to answer any questions and discuss any problems that residents may have.

160. Presentation by NPS Group on proposals for Beara Down Farm site

NPS were unable to attend the meeting.

161. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs A Kellaway, T Shapland and R Edgell

162. Public Participation

It was reported that Japanese Knotweed was present on the roadside verge near Bratton Cross.

It was reported that the rope on the lifebelt at the pond in the Community Woodland had been cut and the lifebelt thrown into the water. The latches on the hide had been broken, but there was no other damage.

163. Declaration of Interests

Cllr Prowse declared an interest in planning application 62907.

164. Co-option of Parish Councillor

No nominations had been received.

165. Approval of Minutes of the meeting held 15 March 2017

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

166. Matters Arising from Minutes of meeting held 15 March 2017

A meeting had taken place at the White Hart, with the owner, agent, planning officer, DCC Highways and Cllr Prowse attending. It had proved to be a difficult meeting, with little progress being made. The current planning application was considered to be unacceptable. It was understood that the Community Group was moving forward.

Mr Milton had been made aware of the concerns over the abandoned car in the car park.

167. Planning

1. Applications:

62759 Variation of condition 6 (life of the solar farm) attached to planning permission 51698 installation of a 5 mw solar energy park (amended plan & supplementary documents) to allow an additional 5 years land adjacent to Four Cross Way Bratton Fleming.

It was resolved not to raise any objection to extending the life of the solar park, but to request that any planning consent should include a community benefit package.

62907 Prior approval for a change of use of agricultural building to a dwellinghouse (qa & b) The Linhay Rye Park Bratton Fleming

There were no objections raised.

2. Decisions

NDC had advised that the appeal against enforcement action at Honey Hill would be dealt with by a Hearing. Date of the Hearing to be advised.

168. Devon Air Ambulance Landing Site

It was noted that the consultation period for the planning application for the light column had closed the previous Friday.

The planning decision was awaited.

169. Eagle Community – update on offer of help

No response had been received from DCC regarding the use of volunteers.

170. Correspondence

1. North Devon Council advised that with effect from 3 July paper copies of planning applications would no longer be sent to parish councils. From that date applications would only be available via the website.
2. DCC advised a Road Closure from Narracott Cross to Stowford Cross 24-28 April for surface dressing.
3. Minutes of the Rural Alliance meeting held 24 January 2017 had been received, together with the agenda for 25 April.
4. Healthwatch Voices – Spring 2017

171. Highways

Concern was expressed over the speed of traffic through the village.

A pothole was reported, next to the manhole cover near the bus shelter.

Fly tipping was reported at the top of Grange Hill and at Knightacott.

172. Reports

1. District Councillor's Report

Cllr Prowse offered his apologies over the decision by NDC to remove Pay on Exit at Barnstaple car parks. Attempts of getting the decision reversed had been unsuccessful. There had been little movement on lifting the covenant to allow the siting of the shop at the entrance to the Millennium Green. The decision from the Exeter Diocese was still awaited. NDC had purchased all the fixtures and fittings at the two theatres. Parkwood Theatres would be running the theatres on behalf of the council as a short term measure until a more permanent agreement can be made.

An application had been submitted for phase II development by Wainhomes. This had been submitted on the basis that there was still a shortage of housing land. Planning approval would mean that it would be necessary to dig up Goodleigh Road again. It was hoped that any inconvenience could be kept to a minimum. DCC had incorrectly stated that utility companies had a right to close the road.

2. County Councillor's Report

No report received.

3. Composting Group

No report received.

4. Woodland Group

No report received.

5. Chairman's Report

It was agreed to send a letter of thanks to Cllr Edgell for all help and support during his time as county councillor. Under changes made by the Boundary Commission, Bratton Fleming would no longer be in the Chumleigh and Swimbridge ward. After the County Council election on 4 May the parish would form part of the Combe Martin Rural ward.

173. Finance

1. Receipts

District Councillor Community Grant	£ 600.00
TAP Fund	£1072.50
Loxhore Parish Council	£ 300.00

2. Payments:

Came & Co – Insurance renewal	£489.47	Cheque No. 1029
Advisio Ltd – website development	£720.00	Cheque No. 1030
Mr S Shapland – grass cutting	£ 24.00	Cheque No. 1031
DALC – subscription	£220.43	Cheque No. 1032
NDC – Rent of allotment site	£ 10.00	Cheque No. 1033
WPD – New electricity connection	£711.74	Cheque No. 1034
Parish Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£115.08	Cheque No. 1035

The seven accounts were agreed for payment.

174. Items for consideration for the next Agenda.

Co-option of Parish Councillor; Eagle Community, DAA night Landing site.

175. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 17 May 2017

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.55pm.