



A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Bratton Fleming Village Hall on Wednesday 16 January 2019 at 7:45pm.

Present: Cllrs F Benbow (Chairman), B East, J Balman, M Huxtable, Mrs P Kellaway, Mrs L Miller, M Prowse and T Shapland

In attendance: 5 parishioners, Cllr Mrs Davis (DCC) Parish Clerk

110. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs N Catmore.

111. Public Participation

Concern was expressed over the amount of debris washed into the road at Honey Hill, and vehicles using the dangerous entrance. It was reported that the site was still occupied and that North Devon Council was taking legal action to ensure compliance of the Planning Inspector's findings.

112. Declaration of Interests

None.

113. Approval of Minutes of the meeting held 19 December 2018

It was noted that Cllr Mrs Davis was not present at the last meeting.
The amended minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed as a true record.

114. Matters Arising from Minutes of meeting held 19 December 2018

The Clerk reported that the dig bins had been delivered.
The Chairman reported that since the last meeting the Clerk had offered his services to help maintain the website. A training session was still awaited.

115. Planning

- 1. Applications:** None.
- 2. Decisions:** None.

116. Correspondence

- DCC advised a road closure on 22 February at Station Rd for patching work.
- NDC had confirmed funding for a Housing Needs Survey for the area covered by the Rural Alliance.
- The Motor Cycling Club advised that the Lands End Trial on 19-20 April would be passing through the parish, climbing Kipscombe Hill at approximately 2.30am
- DALC Newsletter. Noted.
- DALC Royal Garden Party. It was agreed that Cllr and Mrs Shapland should be nominated.
- Clerks & Councils Direct. Noted.

117. Highways

Cllr Mrs Davis reported that she had not received any information as to when work would be carried out on the roads at the entrance to Furze Park Road, the Knightacott road, or Benton Road.
Potholes were reported at the top of Barn Hill. Those repaired above Knightacott in November had already washed out.
It was reported that the drain under the road at Lanceybrook was blocked.

118. Traffic Calming

No update had yet been received from the government.

119. Defibrillator

Cllr Benbow reported that the current contract on the defibrillator was soon due to expire. The options were to either renew the contract or for the council to purchase a defibrillator. If a defibrillator was purchased from another source, it would be necessary for the council to arrange training sessions, and pay for pads etc. He proposed that the contract be renewed for £1800 for a further 4 years, which would include training and parts. Seconded by Cllr Mrs Miller. All in agreement.

120. Reports

1. District Councillor's Report

Cllr Prowse reported that NDC Executive had agreed to prepare a report on possible compulsory purchase of the White Hart. This work had already started.

A new company had taken over the running of the Queens and Landmark theatres.

2. County Councillor's Report

A report had been received from Cllr Mrs Davis and circulated to councillors, ad is attached to these minutes,

3. Composting Group

Payments during the past month had been £45.61 for diesel.

No payment had yet been received for 6.52 tonnes material removed during December.

The balance stood at £17269.69'

4. Woodland Group

Cllr Shapland reported that the wooden bridge was showing signs of repair. A number of slats had kindly been replaced by a parishioner, who had observed that the main beams were soft along the top 5cm.

Repairs would be carried out later in the year.

5. Chairman's Report

Cllr Benbow reported that he hoped to attend a forthcoming Resilience meeting, together with Mrs Maxfield.

He had been offered a place on training course on Community Land Trusts, which he would also be attending.

121. Finance

1. Request for Donation

A request for a donation had been received from South West Heritage Trust to help keep the North Devon Record Office in Barnstaple.

Cllr East proposed a donation of £500. Seconded by Cllr Prowse. All in agreement.

2. Payments:

1. Bratton Fleming Village Hall	£ 37.00	Cheque No.1136
2. Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£115.75	Cheque No.1137
3. South West Heritage Trust	£500.00	Cheque No. 1138

The three accounts were agreed for payment.

122. Items for consideration for the next Agenda.

Traffic Calming

123. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 20 February 2019

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:15pm.

Signed

Chairman

Date

County Councillors report

A361 roadworks North Devon Link Road

Work on the first phase of the £5 million project ended on Thursday 20th December and all lane closures were removed from the A361 for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

When the scheme resumes on Monday 7 January, the outside lanes of both the eastbound and westbound carriageways will be closed, from east of Gornhay Cross to west of Sampford Peverell, for one week.

There will also be overnight closures from 7pm until 7am each evening during this first week. Overnight on Monday 7 and Tuesday 8 January, the westbound carriageway will be completely closed, between east of Gornhay Cross to Junction 27 of the M5. Then on the evenings of Wednesday 9, Thursday 10 and Friday 11 January the eastbound carriage way will be closed from east of Gornhay Cross to west of Sampford Peverell. On the night of Saturday 12 January, the eastbound carriageway will be closed until 1am, before the closure is switched to the westbound carriageway until 7am. Signed diversions will be in place during all night-time closures.

From Monday 14 January to Sunday 3 February, a contraflow will be in place from east of Gornhay Cross to west of Sampford Peverell while work is carried out on the westbound carriageway.

From Monday 4 February to Sunday 24 February the contraflow will swap to the other carriageway while work is carried out on the eastbound side between west of Sampford Peverell and east of Gornhay Cross.

County Council updates streetlighting policy

Devon County Council's Cabinet has agreed an updated streetlighting policy to continue to reduce energy consumption and carbon emissions.

The energy costs of operating more than 88,000 streetlights and other lighting assets across the county is around £3 million this financial year – and it accounts for a significant amount of the County Council's carbon emissions.

Over the past three years, the County Council has converted over 25,000 street lights to low energy LED technology and has replaced more than 5,400 streetlighting columns.

Energy reduction over the past five years has saved over £800,000 – although some of these savings have been used to cover energy price rises.

The continued change in technology to LED lighting will also improve the reliability of the streetlights, and "night scouting", to monitor whether lights are working, will be reduced. More reliance will be placed on public reporting of faulty lights, although regular safety inspections will continue.

In limited locations where it is safe and appropriate to do so, and in line with planning and advertising regulations, the County Council will also explore the possibility of advertising banners to be attached to lighting columns as a potential revenue stream.

The County Council will also look into the possibility of using streetlighting infrastructure for the installation of WiFi equipment and trials of electric vehicle charging locations.

Happy New Year

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