



A virtual meeting of the Parish Council was held via Zoom on Wednesday 15 July 2020 at 7:00pm.

Present: Cllrs F Benbow (Chairman), M Huxtable, Mrs L McLean, Mrs P Kellaway and M Prowse.

In attendance: 4 parishioners, Cllr Mrs Davis (DCC), Parish Clerk

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs J Balman, Mrs N Catmore, and T Shapland.

2. Public Participation

1. It was reported that the obstruction in Deep Lane had been cleared.
2. The tent in the Community Woodland had been removed.
3. Concern was expressed over the provision of off street parking planning application 71642, and whether it was sufficient.

3. Declaration of Interests

None.

4. Approval of Minutes of the meeting held 19 February 2020

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

5. Matters Arising from Minutes of meeting held 19 February 2020

None.

6. Planning

- 71340** Conversion of outbuilding to form ancillary accommodation for use as annexe (amended plans, design & description) The Warren Bratton Fleming
It was agreed to recommend approval.
- 71608** Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 64967 to allow an amendment to design of patio area and formation of new access road Chumhill Bratton Fleming
It was agreed to recommend approval.
- 71642** Sub division of existing dwelling into two dwellings Dale Cottage Station Road Bratton Fleming
Concern was expressed over whether adequate parking provision had been provided in the application. Concern was also expressed on the closeness of the vehicular access to the two properties to the road junction.
It was agreed to recommend approval of the application subject to the off road parking concerns being resolved.
- 71661** Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) planning permission 60296 (erection of one dwelling) to allow for an amended design Land adjacent Barnfield Bratton Fleming
It was agreed to recommend approval.
- 71725** Conversion of redundant rural building to form one dwelling Barn at The Old Stables Bratton Fleming.
Cllr Huxtable declared an interest, and took no part in the discussion.
It was agreed to recommend approval.

7. Highways

1. It was reported that a number of road defects had been marked with white paint, but that no further action had been taken. Cllr Mrs Davis offered to make enquiries,
2. DCC had advised a road closure between Collard Bridge and Goodleigh Cross, 12-15 October. This was to enable Western Power Distribution to carry out tree cutting work at Snapper.

8. Reports

1. District Councillor's Report

Cllr Prowse reported that the council's new senior management team had performed well during the epidemic, in particular the waste and recycling department.

Before the lockdown the council's car parks were generating an income of £9k per day. This was now down to £2000 per day. This would likely result in a £2.9m budget hole.

It was hoped that additional funding from central government would help fill the hole.

The Leisure Centre in Barnstaple was due to open on 25 July.

The two theatres were optimistic in securing some of the funding announced by government,

The council was optimistic in securing funding towards the regeneration of Barnstaple town centre.

Special thanks were extended to the village Resilience Group, for all the help they had provided to parishioners during the epidemic.

2. County Councillor's Report

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

It was reported that Haxton Lane had become very rough, and almost impassable. It was noted that three disabled persons lived along the lane. Cllr Mrs Davis said that she would ask the Highways Officer to inspect the lane.

3. Composting Group

A report had been received from Cllr Shapland:

Payments – Mr M Heywood for site clearance £894; Mr B Thorne for chipper service and repair £893.57; Bratton Fleming Stores towards VE Day cake £100; Sandpark Garage for diesel £43.50; donation to Exmoor Zoo £1500.00.

Receipts for material removed– February £1536.80; March £484.84; April £138.38; May £547.06.

The balance stood at £13806.63.

4. Woodland Group

No report received.

5. Chairman's Report

Cllr Benbow reported that Climate Change activities had restarted. He would be liaising with other parish councils.

The village shop had proposed a number of changes that it would like to make outside the shop. He noted that some was on land which the parish council had no control, including 'no parking' signs.

It was agreed to hold a site meeting, to include other interested parties. It was agreed to hold the meeting on Wednesday 29 July at 6.00pm.

Cllr Mrs Davis reported that she had funding available towards a wooden sign for the Millennium Green/Community Woodland

9. Finance

1. Completion of Annual Audit Return

Section 1 of the Annual Governance Statement for 2019/20 was agreed, completed and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

2. Adoption of Accounts for 2019/2020

Copies of the accounts for 2019/2020 had been circulated to councillors.

Cllr Prowse proposed that the accounts be adopted as a true record of the council's financial affairs. Seconded by Cllr Benbow. All in agreement.

3. To approve Payments:

Parish Clerk's salary (Mar)	£115.08	Cheque No.1194
Bratton Fleming Village Hall	£ 37.00	Cheque No.1195
Acra Creative	£ 13.95	Cheque No.1196
Parish Clerk's salary (Apr)	£115.08	Cheque No.1197
Parish Clerk's salary (May)	£115.08	Cheque No.1198
Mr R Bawden	£ 25.54	Cheque No.1199
Mr A Kellaway	£350.00	Cheque No.1200
Came & Co Insurance	£450.05	Cheque No.1201

DALC subscription	£226.04	Cheque No.1202
Mr A Slattery	£ 40.00	Cheque No.1203
Bratton Fleming Together	£500.00	Cheque No.1204
Bratton Fleming Together	£500.00	Cheque No.1205
Mr A Kellaway	£ 22.50	Cheque No.1206
Bratton Fleming Stores	£140.00	Cheque No.1207
Mr A Kellaway	£ 45.00	Cheque No.1208
Clerk's salary (June)	£115.08	Cheque No.1209
North Devon Hospice	£ 66.00	Cheque No.1210
Advisio Ltd	£270.00	Cheque No.1211
Mr A Kellaway	£150.00	Cheque No.1212
Clerk's Salary and expenses (July)	£119.64	Cheque No.1213

All the accounts were agreed for payment.

10. Items for consideration for the next Agenda.

Report on Village Shop.

11. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 16 September 2020

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.00pm.