



A virtual meeting of the Parish Council was held via Zoom on Wednesday 20 October 2021 at 7:00pm.

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

In attendance: 5 parishioners, Parish Clerk

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Given to his first council meeting.

90. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs A Bell, Mrs N Catmore, M Prowse and T Shapland.

91. Public Participation

It was suggested that, with the number of Covid infections rising, that the Bratton Fleming Together group be reformed. The chairman agreed that this would be a good idea. A meeting after the school half-term break to be arranged.

92. Declaration of Interests

Cllr Mrs Kellaway declared an interest in planning application 73911

93. Approval of Minutes of the meeting held 15 September 2021

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

94. Matters Arising from Minutes of meeting held 15 September 2021

Min. 74. The Composting Group had decided that it was not able to make a contribution to the village hall improvements.

Min. 75.2 Cllr Shapland had understood that the concerns over the Millennium Green barrier formed part of the management plan, and had taken no further action.

95. Planning Applications

73911 Retrospective planning permission for the retention of 1 shepherds hut and the proposed erection of 1 glamping pod Benton Springs Bratton Fleming

It was resolved to recommend approval.

74152 Extension and alterations to dwelling Castle Gate Bratton Fleming

It was resolved to recommend approval.

74068 Replacement garage building at Copse Hill Bratton Fleming

It was resolved to recommend approval.

96. Correspondence

1. Road Closure 10-21 Jan 2022 Leworthy Cross to Fullaford Farm. Noted.

2. Letter from allotment holders requesting the cutting of overhanging branches.

It was agreed that the work to the trees should be carried out by the council's contractor.

3. NDC – availability of Climate and Environment Grants. Noted.

4. DALC Newsletter. Noted.

97. Play Area

The Millennium Green trustees were in the process of arranging the removal of some of the play equipment. These would be replaced as soon as possible, although the cost of this was not yet known.

98. Memorial

Cllr Prowse had received the invoice from the contractor, although the stone was not yet in position on the Millennium Green. The plaque had been ordered as was being made.

99. Highways

A vehicle being parked at the top of Furze Park Road was making it difficult for others to turn without mounting the kerb.

It was thought that marked parking spaces on the road could encourage motorists to park more considerately. Clerk to make enquiries from DCC Highways into the possibility of the road markings

100. Seats

Deferred to the next meeting.

101. Dog Bins

Cllr Prowse had made arrangements for the bins to be emptied by North Devon Council once they have been erected. The siting of the bin in Beara Lane was yet to be decided.

102. Reports

1. District Councillor’s Report

Cllr Prowse reported that he was hopeful that a reduced speed limit could be placed in Furze Park Road as this was classified as a residential street and not a through road.

North Devon Council was working to provide much needed homes in the area for those who desperately need somewhere to live and cannot afford the high prices.

The swings on the Millennium Green were being closed. New play equipment would be supplied as soon possible.

2. County Councillor’s Report

No report received.

3. Composting Group

No receipts or payments since the last meeting. The balance remained at £16953.15, of which approximately £8000 had been allocated.

4. Woodland Group

Nothing to report.

5. Chairman’s Report

Cllr Benbow reported that he had recently attended a Climate Emergency meeting by zoom. He hoped to have a recording of the meeting soon.

The importance of having a councillor on the composting Group was stressed.

103. Finance - Audit Report

Deferred to the next meeting. Report to be circulated to councillors.

104. Items for consideration for the November Meeting.

Memorial; Play Area; Seats; Dog Bins; Christmas Trees/Lights

105. Date of forthcoming meetings:

Finance meeting: Wednesday 27 October 2021. 7.00pm in the Village Hall

Monthly meeting: Wednesday 17 November at 7.00pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7:40pm.

Signed

Chairman

Date