



A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Bratton Fleming Village Hall on Thursday 16 July 2026 at 7:00pm.

**Present:** Cllrs Mrs A Bell (Chairman), T Ellis, P Huxtable, Mrs P Kellaway, E Prouse and M Prowse.

**In attendance:** 4 parishioners, Parish Clerk

**30. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs N Catmore, J Pitkeathly and Cllr Mrs Davis

**31. Public Participation**

A complaint was received from a parishioner regarding a vehicle parked in the bus stop, despite it being marked as a no parking area. This made the exiting Old rectory Lane both difficult and dangerous. The parishioner was advised to either speak to the owner, or to place a note on the windscreen.

In answer to a question, it was noted that the owner of the camper van parked on the Millennium Green car park was actively involved in selling the vehicle.

**32. Declaration of Interests**

Cllr Mrs Kellaway declared an interest in item 42.1.4

**33. Approval of Minutes of the meeting held 17 June 2026**

The minutes of the last meeting were amended.

**34. Matters Arising from Minutes of meeting held 17 June 2026**

Notices asking dog owners to pick up after their pets had been obtained, and were in the process of being erected at specific spots around the village.

**35. Planning Applications:**

81892 Variation of condition 2 (approved plans), 6 (visibility splay) & 8 (ecology measures) attached to planning permission 66726 (Conversion of two linked redundant stone buildings to a single dwelling with lean-to shelter to form log store, new outbuilding to form garage and associated works) to allow design amendments. Leworthy Barn Leworthy Hill Bratton Fleming

There were no objections to the application.

81931 Variation of condition 11 (General Permitted Development) attached to planning permission 80493 (Demolition of rural barn and erection of one replacement dwelling together with associated works (fallback permission 79544)) to allow some permitted development rights. Haxton Down Farm Bratton Fleming

There were no objections to the application.

**36. Co-option of a new Parish Councillor**

Item deferred to the next meeting.

**37. New Local Plan**

The consultation had been circulated to councillors. A response was compiled from the parish council based on the preferences voiced by councillors. In addition to their council's response, everyone was encouraged to submit their own. This was the opportunity for everyone to state what they considered important for Bratton Fleming and the surrounding area. It was noted that the closing date was 11 August.

**38. Community Garden**

It was agreed to hold a meeting with everyone interested in the project invited. It was stressed that community involvement was important. Various grants were available, including one from North Devon Council. It was agreed to apply for funding from NDC.

**39. Highways**

DCC had acknowledged the letter and email from the parish council, and were currently investigating. A full response would be received when the investigation had been completed.

**40. Correspondence**

DALC newsletter. This had been circulated to councillors.

**41. Reports**

**1. Internal Auditor's Report**

The Internal Auditor's report had been circulated to councillors and posted on the website. It was noted that the report was very good overall, with only a few minor areas needing attention, which would be implemented before next year's audit.

**2. District Councillor's Report**

Cllr Prowse reported that NDC were currently housing 70 families in temporary accommodation.

The arcade in Boutport Street would soon be open, with a list of potential occupants.

North Devon Council was now registered as a housing provider.

The government had recently announced its proposals for Local Government Reorganisation in Devon, which had been widely reported. The proposal appeared to favour Exeter, Plymouth and Torbay, leaving the rest of Devon from Lynmouth to Salcombe as a single Unitary with no apparent centre.

**3. County Councillor's Report** No report received.

**4. Composting Group** Nothing to report.

**5. Woodland Group** Nothing to report.

**6. Chairman's Report** Nothing to report.

**42. Finance**

**1. Community Event**

It was agreed to allocate £200 towards the cost of the Community Event in August.

**2. Goal Post**

It was agreed to purchase a second goal post for the Recreation Ground.

**3. Payments:**

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| Bratton Fleming Village Hall            | £ 13.50  |
| Mr T Shapland – Composting Grp expenses | £ 34.53  |
| Lonsdale Print – BF News Aug & Nov 2025 | £ 716.00 |
| Mr A Kellaway                           | £ 105.00 |
| Mr T Squire – Salary                    | £ 117.50 |
| HMRC – Clerk's PAYE                     | £ 20.00  |
| Mr R Turner – bridge handrail repair    | £ 23.69  |

The seven accounts were agreed for payment.

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

Local Plan; Community Garden.

**44. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 16 September 2026**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:40pm.

Signed .....

Chairman

Date .....