



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

Present: Cllrs Mrs A Bell (Chairman), R Bond, Mrs N Catmore, P Huxtable, Mrs P Kellaway, J Pitkeathly, E Prouse and M Prowse.

In attendance: 7 parishioners, Parish Clerk

45. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr T Ellis, and County Cllr Mrs Davis

46. Presentation on the progress of the community resilience plan

Mrs Ellis gave an update on the progress to date, and work still to be carried out. Copies of the report were circulated to councillors.

The Village Hall Committee had agreed that the Emergency Hub pack could be located at the hall.

Cllr Mrs Bell thanked the group for all their work.

47. Public Participation

1. In answer to a question, Cllr Prowse reported that SW Metals were due to collect the van on the Millennium Green car park.
2. It was reported that there were rats in the hedge between Church Close and Homer Close. It was agreed to send a letter to North Devon Homes.
3. Cllr Mrs Bell agreed to enquire from NDC if a litter bin could be placed in the bottom bus shelter.
4. It was agreed to send a letter to the householder regarding the overgrown hedge above the Old Rectory Lane junction.
5. DCC were currently looking at a replacement for the Sentry Cross bus shelter.
6. The village Community Speedwatch would like to use the entrance to the Recreation Ground to monitor the speed of traffic entering the village. This was agreed.

48. Declaration of Interests

Cllrs Mrs Kellaway and Prouse declared an interest in item 57.2

49. Approval of Minutes of the meeting held 16 July 2026

Two typos were corrected.

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

50. Matters Arising from Minutes of meeting held 16 July 2026

None.

51. Planning Applications:

82023 Conversion of agricultural building to dwelling with garage facilities using the fallback position following Class Q permission 77072. Barn at Fernham Brayford Barnstaple Devon EX32 7QQ

It was agreed to recommend approval.

52. New Local Plan

Cllr Prowse reported that four teams had been established from NDC and TDC to look at different aspects to the new Plan, which needed to be completed within 30 months.

Parish Councils will be involved within the process to help develop their own chapter.

53. Trees at the Recreation Ground

Two Ash trees in the Recreation Ground had become diseased, and were beginning to die. It was agreed that these should be removed as a safety measure. An offer had been received to remove the trees for no cost, in exchange for the timber. This was agreed.

Although it was not thought necessary to replace the trees, no firm decision was made.

54. Highways

No update had been received from DCC regarding the missing white lines. It was agreed to make further enquiries.

55. Correspondence

1. North Devon Council had advised that the next Parish Forum would take place on Thursday 1 October at 6pm at the BEC. Councillors would be able to attend physically or via Teams.
2. The Chief Executive of North Devon Council had contacted councils to give an update on LGR, which had now been paused by the government.
3. DALC Newsletter. Noted.

56. Reports**1. District Councillor's Report**

Cllr Prowse reported that the work in Boutport Street had been completed, with most of the units being let.

A total of 25 properties in Ilfracombe had been purchased and refurbished.

The government had withdrawn the Local Government Review in four counties, and had paused the others, including Devon.

The District Council elections would continue as planned.

2. County Councillor's Report

A report had been received from Cllr Mrs Davis. This had been circulated to councillors and placed on the council's website.

3. Composting Group

The site was currently closed, as the chipper was in need of a service. The cost for this was agreed.

4. Woodland Group

It was reported that a limb from a Beech tree had fallen. As this was a safety matter, a contractor had already been asked to make it safe.

Quotes for felling the tree were to be obtained.

It was agreed that all the trees should be inspected.

57. Finance**1. Request for Grant**

Bratton Fleming Village Hall had requested assistance from the parish council or Composting Group towards costs bringing the electrical system up to standard. The total cost of the work was £2220.00. It was agreed to make a donation of £1000 from the Composting Group, and a further £500 from the council.

2. To approve Payments:

Bratton Fleming Village Hall – hire for June & Festival meetings	£ 33.50
Bratton Fleming Village Hall – hire for July meeting + Festival	£159.00
NDC – dog bin emptying	£177.06
Mr E Prouse – reimbursement for traffic signs – BF Festival	£353.89
Mr E Prouse – reimbursement for event insurance – BF Festival	£ 86.73
Mr E Prouse – reimbursement for goal post	£337.00
Mr A Kellaway – grass cutting & erection of CCTV pole	£ 95.00
Mr A Kellaway – grass, hedge & bramble cutting, village boxes	£315.00
Mr A Kellaway – hedge trimming	£ 55.00
Lonsdale Print – BF News – July 2026	£276.00
Mr Maxfield – charging speed sign battery	£ 10.00
Mr T Squire – Salary – August	£117.50
Mr T Squire – Salary – September	£107.90
HMRC – Clerk's PAYE - August	£ 20.00
HMRC – Clerk's PAYE – September	£ 29.60

The 15 accounts were agreed for payment.

58. Items for consideration for the next Agenda. None.

59. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 21 October 2026

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Signed

Chairman

Date