



# Bratton Clovelly Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting 188, held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 7:30pm in the village hall

Time commenced: 7.30pm

Those present: Cllrs, Wallwork, McNelis, Hughes, Rocket, Waters, Mott (WDBC) Mrs R Ward (Clerk)  
Three members of the public.

Public participation: members of the public spoke in objection to item 3.1.1 on the agenda

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Southcott
2. **Declaration of interests:** None
3. **Planning:** For Decisions –
  - 3.1.1 2295/20/FUL Retrospective application for gate to field for access to livestock, Address: Land at SX 445 910 East of West Headson Farm Bratton Clovelly It was agreed to **object** to this planning application on the following grounds:
    - a) The overbearing nature of the entrance. The entrance gate itself is wide but this is exacerbated by the widening of the total gap. For such a small parcel of land, this entrance is overly large and it's design and appearance is not in keeping with other field gates in the area.
    - b) Loss of ecological habitat – This gate has caused the destruction of a large piece of Devon Bank which has been present for hundreds of years. The unnecessary size has led to even more damage. This habitat is vital to the survival of many small mammals and the higher feeding chain. The turning circle at roadside is also impacting on the verge opposite due to the size of vehicles using such a large gate.
    - c) Access and Highways - We do not believe this gate is sited in a safe position for entering and exiting the field. It is on a bend in the road and on a hill and is dangerous for the, quite speedy, traffic that uses the road, as well as those using the gate.
    - d) Vehicles using the gateway, being very close to a residential property, are causing excessive noise and disturbance where one was tranquillity and the oversized gate allows for very large and noisy vehicles to take advantage of the access point.
    - e) The road the proposed gate is on, is one of the main roads to Bratton Clovelly village. It is a quaint and historic village and this road is the A30 link that takes in beautiful and bucolic views reroute. The proposal deeply affects the visual amenity enjoyed by those driving or cycling to and from the village.
    - f) The proposed gateway is very close to a grade II listed building, South Hill Cottage, and it is the council belief that it is closer than building requirements allow, impacting on the site of this property.
  - 3.1.2 2616/20/HHO Retrospective householder application for installation of garden deck:  
Address: Hazel Cottage, Bratton Clovelly, EX20 4JX – **Supported** - There have been no objections from parishioners and it was felt to improve the property.
4. **Report form West Devon:** Cllr Mott referred to her email, pointing out the various consultations underway at the moment, including two on planning reform.
5. **Agree and sign minutes** from 15th July and 5th August: **agreed**

6. Resignation of Councillor Wallbank: notice of Vacancy posted – there was a vote of thanks for the hard work of Cllr. Wallbank.
7. Co-option of Kara Levy: Kara Levy was welcomed to the council and signed the Declaration of acceptance. Register of interests will be forwarded to the clerk in due course. .
8. **Finances:**
  - 8.1. Receive up-to-date report on finances from RFO **approved**. It was **agreed** that monies held for playground repairs and replacements should be moved to the Playground account. The clerk also asked councillors to start thinking about the precept for next year in light of current spending.
  - 8.2. To approve the new pay award hourly increase from £9.96ph to £10.21ph back dated to 4th April and the annual incremental pay award to £10.41ph from 4th August 2020 **approved**
  - 8.3. Pensions re-enrolment declaration: The Clerk confirmed that this has been completed for the next three years.
  - 8.4. To ratify the below listed payments:
 

Clerk’s wages and working from home benefit (non-taxable £18) and HMRC Payments –	
Totalling £233.80, 4th July to 3rd August 2020	
£190.60 (clerk)	£43.20 HRMC Element <b>ratified</b>

To note and agree payment for Clerks salary including pay award arrears, annual increment and working from home benefit (non-taxable £18) and HMRC Payments – totalling £248.55, 4th Aug to 3rd Sept 2020

£202.55(clerk)	£46.00 HRMC Element <b>agreed</b>
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9. **New accessible web site:** This is ongoing and hopefully will be in place by the end of September. The cost of transferring the old website to the new one would be in the region of £750 but the clerk has looked at the task and can do it instead. **Authorisation** given to go ahead with the new site at a cost of £144 inc VAT pa. The clerk plans to archive the old website as most of the files there are not compatible with new legislation and the new web site will start from the beginning of this financial year.
10. **Snow Warden:** there is still no interest in this role.
11. **Knot weed:** this seems to be under control at the moment but needs monitoring.
12. **Playground:** Cllr Rocket has put “Closed” signs on the playground but it continues to be used. She has had a virtual meeting with Playdales and they have asked lots of questions about what exactly we want to do with the space including the type of surface, the size of the space and what to do with the big climbing frame that was in need of some repairs. It was agreed that Cllr rocket would produce and publish a questionnaire for the parishioners to make their views known. This would be put on the Bratton Clovelly hub on Facebook.
13. **Dog Bins:** The new bin at Eversfield has been added to the collection round and the clerk asked to be kept updated as to whether it was being emptied or not.
14. **Correspondence:** letters objecting to item 3.1.1 had previously been passed around
15. **Date of next meeting:** 14<sup>th</sup> Oct 2020 at 7:30 pm in the Hall

Signed Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_