Bratton Clovelly Parish Council

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**Minutes of** the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting (no.231) held at 7:30pm on Wednesday 12th March 2025 in the School Room

Present: Cllrs W Jellyman, K Huggins, C Bowyer, S May WDBC T Southcott – Clerk Mrs R ward

**Chairman reminded participants that this meeting may be recorded.**

**Public Participation:** Restricted to 15 mins in total.

1. **Apologies:** received from Cllrs Braidwood, Jones and Gilbert and WDBC Mott
2. **Declaration of Interest:** None
3. **Planning:**
	1. Applications: 0592/25/HHO Proposal: Householder application for single storey rear extension in replacement of existing lean-to & conservatories Site Address: Blackbird Cottage Bratton Clovelly EX20 4JF Support: there are no material reasons to object. There is no impact on nearby neighbours and the proposed development replaces and improves an existing structure.
	2. For Noting – None
	3. For updates – None
	4. Housing drop in event – update proposed date is 11/04/25 we are still waiting for posters which will be put on the hub and in the pub when they arrive. Word of mouth will be used to publicise and explain the event.
4. **Agree and sign minutes: -** from the Parish Council Meeting 229 held on 14th January 2025 – this was the wrong date. Minutes from meeting 230 - 12th Feb approved and will be noted next month
5. **Report from WDBC: (Cllr Mott/Southcott)** negotiations on reshaping councils are ongoing.County elections will be taking place this May
6. **Dog bins and payments for collection: (Cllr Jellyman update)** Sill no invoice from WDBC.

 Car parts have been found in one dog waste bin. Bins appear to be being emptied**.**

1. **Clean up day:** 26th April – PC to book school room black bag collection to be arranged by the clerk.
2. **Finance:**
	1. Receive up-to-date report on finances from RFO (Clerk) ***Approved***

There will be £500 underspend due to the mower not being serviced yet and councillor training not taken; this will be carried forward as a cash balance next year as the expenditure is due, and not included in next year’s precept.

* 1. To review the annual insurance policy. Cllr Jellyman asked the clerk to confirm that the PC is covered for the field and car park even though we don’t manage them, but hold them in trust. The clerk will also see if works carried out by volunteers on playground equipment are covered under the insurance, Cllr Bowyer will cost the like for like replacement of the playground equipment to ensure we are adequately covered.
	2. To note Payment in to PC main account of £3.72 way leave payment from national grid ***Noted***
	3. To note the payments listed:

WDBC Dog bin emptying still TBC

Clerk’s salary and HMRC Payments –£332.15 for 4th February 2025 to 3rd March 2025 ***Noted***

1. **P3:** update (Cllr Braidwood) Bridleway 8 will be repaired with planings provided by P3
2. **Diversion signs:** (Cllr May) on going
3. **Snow warden:** (Cllr Gilbert) remove until next winter
4. **West Devon Matters:** Cllrs Jellyman and Huggins will attend on 23rd April
5. **Playground:** update (Cllr Bowyer) The inspection report was discussed. A quote will be requested for the outside fence and gate. The current contractor will finish the outstanding works. Clerk to establish if volunteer work on playground equipment would be covered by PC insurance.
6. **Consider the implications of meeting via teems:** remove from agenda pending more details of what will be required.
7. **Police liaison:** (Cllr Huggins) Operation Ragwort, designed to disrupt the transportation of stolen machinery is taking place. Parishioners are asked to implement crime reduction measures – more information can be found at *alerts.dc.police.uk*. The community support officer will be at Okehampton library at 15:30 on 20th March and 10th April
8. **Roads and ditches:** (Cllr Huggins) some local pot holes have been marked and a few have been filled.
9. **PHMC Report:** (Cllr Gilbert) None
10. **General updates**: Cllr Bowyer and WDBC Southcott spent 2 hours on a midweek day doing a speed check. No car was found in excess of the speed limit – they will do this again later in the year.

Note– bank charges will start form 01/04/25

1. **Items for next agenda:** None

Meeting closed at 21:25

1. **Date of next meeting:** 9th April 2025 7:30pm in the School Room