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Bratton Clovelly Parish Council

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**Minutes of** the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting (no.235) held at 7:30pm on Wednesday 9th July 2025 in the School Room

**Present:**

**Chairman to remind participants that this meeting may be recorded.**

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

1. **Apologies:**
2. **Declaration of Interest: None**
3. **Planning:**
	1. Applications: None
	2. For Noting only – None
	3. For updates – None
	4. Housing drop in event – update
	5. Planning Policy/neighbourhood plan
4. **Agree and sign minutes: -** Meeting 234 meeting held on 11th June 2025 ***Agreed***
5. **Report from WDBC: (Cllr Mott/Southcott) sent via email:**
6. **Finance:**
	1. Receive up-to-date report on finances from RFO (Clerk) ***Agreed***
	2. To approve the new Financial Regulations ***Agreed***
	3. To note the payments listed:

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

1. **P3:** update (Cllr Braidwood) things are starting to happen following the escalation of the situation. Some remedial bridge works and footpath cutting.
2. **Defibrillator training**: training is likely to be £180 plus VAT – looking to book on a Monday or Tuesday in October but need to check availability if the hall. Cllr Gilbert will ask Mrs May to hand over all defibrillator stuff to Cllr Jellyman who has offered to take over the checks etc.

Clerk to email WDBCs Southcott and Mott to see if there is any financial support for this training.

1. **Playground:** update (Cllr Bowyer) a letter was send to the current contractor via registered delivery. There has been no response as yet. The fence needs urgent attention and Cllr Bowyer will try to find someone to look at this. She will also contact Andrew Barton about spraying the weeds.There followed a discussion about setting up a community working party to raise funds to replace the playground equipment. Cllrs Huggins and May will draft a notice about closing the playground in the autumn. Cllr Gilbert will put in some polls to keep the fence up tomorrow.
2. **Police liaison:** (Cllr Huggins) there has been an increase in livestock and machinery thefts. People are reminded to keep equipment securely and too record serial numbers and Ids. More information can be found at: https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/search?q=rural+crime
3. **Roads and ditches:** (Cllr Huggins)Work is underway from Lewtrenchard School to Bratton Clovelly until 27/07/25
4. **PHMC Report:** (Cllr Gilbert) The Parish BBQ raised approx. £900. A Cyber-crime event was attended by 12 people. There is a new secretary but Cllr Gilbert will remain as acting chair until a new one can be found.
5. **General updates**: An email from Halwill PC was circulated. We are not able to help.
6. **Items for next agenda:** Grass cutting on the hall field (Cllr Huggins is doing this for the time being and the parishioner who used to is unable) Mower blades need to be sharpened but this is the responsibility of the PGMC
7. **Date of next meeting:** 17th September 2025 7:30pm in the School Room (Clerk will not be present meeting will be one week late due to Cllr availability)

Meeting closed at