

Brendon & Countisbury Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting (51)

**Held in Brendon Village Hall on
Wednesday 14th February 2024**

- 1. Councillors Present.** Karen Wall (Chair), Nigel Webber, Andrew Hodges, & John Atherton.
John Patrinos (NDDC)
Apologies. Andrea Davis (DCC) & Scott Elliott (Police)
- 2. No declaration of interests relevant to this meeting**
- 3. No public participation**
- 4. The minutes of meeting held on 10th January were approved by the Council and signed by the Chair for publication.**
- 5. There were no matters arising from the last meeting**
- 6. County Councillor's report.** Andrea Davis sent a monthly update prior to the meeting which was distributed to all Councillors and posted on the website.
- 7. District Councillor's report.** No report but would have some input into next items.
- 8. 1.** A discussion was had about the upcoming project to put the power lines to Wilsham under ground. This was for information only and no action will be taken.

2. John Lawrence offered to continue cutting the grass on the village green but with a small price increase. Karen Wall proposed that this should be accepted for another season. Andrew Hodges seconded the proposal and all agreed.

3. Karen Wall expressed concern at the upcoming closing down of the Public Switched Telephone Network (The analog phones that most people in Brendon use). The concern is that, as there is no mobile phone signal in Brendon, when there is a power cut parishioners will not have any way of phoning for help in the case of an emergency.

It was proposed that Karen should write to our MP asking her to put pressure on the mobil phone companies to provide network coverage in the valley. All agreed.

4. A further discussion was had about the future of the Lyn Health Centre. John Patrinos said that the most likely way forward now was that a GP practice in Barnstaple would take on the Lynton practice providing a GP for 2 or 3 days a week. This was generally agreed as unacceptable. Karen Wall proposed that the Council should offer the Lynton PPG up to £300 to help fund an advert for a full time GP in the British Medical Journal. This was seconded by Andrew Hodges and all agreed. John Atherton would contact Tim Hudson, Chair of the PPG.

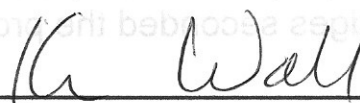
5. Concern was expressed about the loss of the Post Office in Lynton. John Patrinos informed the Council that Costcutter has applied to open a Post Office counter in its store.

6. John Atherton told the Council that there appeared to be a large decrease in Red Deer around the area. Karen Wall said that she has been in contact with the NT and they assured her that the NT had only culled 20 deer a year for the last 3 years. Karen further said that Charles Harding was counting deer on the moor with a heat seeking drone for ENP. Last count approx 3,700 Red Deer on Exmoor. Karen will monitor.

7. Karen Wall proposed that she should write to South Molton town council congratulating them on their recent award for the Pannier Market. This was agreed.

The meeting was closed at 19:55 Next meeting 13th March @ 19:00

Signed  Clerk

Approved  Chair

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