

# **Brendon & Countisbury Parish Council**

## **Minutes of Meeting (52)**

**Held in Brendon Village Hall on  
Wednesday 13th March 2024**

- 1. Councillors Present.** Karen Wall (Chair), Pat Patel (Vice Chair), Nigel Webber, Andrew Hodges, John Atherton.  
**Apologies.** Andrea Davis (DCC), John Patrinos (NDDC), Scott Elliott (Police)
- 2. Declaration of interests.** Pat Patel declared an interest in item 10. Planning application 62/11/24/001.
- 3. Public participation.** None
- 4. Minutes of the last meeting** were unanimously approved as accurate and signed by the Chair for publication.
- 5. Matters arising.**
  - 8.1.** No reply has yet been received from our MP
  - 8.4.** An announcement is expected on 20th March.
  - 8.5.** A consultation is now in progress for Costcutters to take on the running of the Post Office. News so far is positive.
  - 8.6.** Karen Wall said that the NT had informed her that Deer Poachers were now operating in the area and the matter has been passed to the Police.
  - 8.7.** South Molton Town Council thanked the PC for their kind letter and invited them to drop in for a coffee any time.
- 6. Funding of Village toilets.** Nigel Webber informed the Council that, along with help from Andrew Hodges and other Parishioners, he would take on the running of the toilets in the village hall car park.  
He presented a budget showing annual costs and asked the PC if they would consider paying for the emptying of the Septic Tank every 2 or 3 years.  
Estimated cost £330.  
After some discussion, Karen Wall proposed that this should be done and that £180 be set aside each year for this purpose. This was seconded by Pat Patel and unanimously agreed.  
The RFO will budget for and set aside £180 each financial year.
- 7. Finance.** Payment to John Lawrence for Bridge Clearance was approved.

8. County Councillor's report had been received in advance and was posted on the website.

9. District Councillor's report. None

10. Planning.

**Pat Patel temporarily left the meeting.**

1. 62/11/24/001 After discussion, Karen Wall proposed that this should be supported, as it was a good use of an old building. John Atherton seconded and all agreed.

**Pat Patel rejoined the meeting.**

2. 62/11/24/003 & 62/11/24/004LB Both of these applications were discussed together as they are the same building. Karen Wall proposed that they were supported as they would enhance the building. Pat Patel seconded and all agreed.

3. GDO 24/06 This was for information only and no one objected.

4. 62/11/24/005 After discussion, Karen Wall proposed that they had no objection to the removal of the existing visitor shed but, the building of a new shed should NOT be supported, as there are already other buildings that could be used. Also a dog washing area was not required when there is a river close by. Nigel Webber seconded and all agreed.

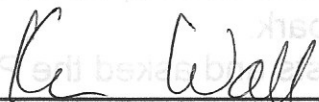
11. AOB The Clerk informed the meeting of the requirement to hold a Parish Meeting before 1st June and asked for suggestions as to how & when this should be held.

Also, the Clerk will seek more information on the proposed talk next month on the public rights of way map review.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed @ 20:00

Signed 

Clerk

Approved 

Chair

Date 10th April 2024 Minute Ref 53/3