

# **Brendon & Countisbury Parish Council**

## **Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting**

**Held in Brendon Village Hall on  
Wednesday 10th April 2024**

Unfortunately, no Parishioners attended this meeting.

## **Minutes of Council Meeting (53)**

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**Public Participation.** Mr Simon Stilwell addressed the meeting about his Planning Application (62/11/24/006) which is to be discussed in item 8

**1. Councillors Present.** Karen Wall (Chair), Pat Patel (Vice Chair), Nigel Webber, Andrew Hodges, John Atherton.  
Andrea Davis (DCC)

**Apologies** were received from Scott Elliot (Police)

**2. No interests** were declared relevant to this meeting.

**3. Minutes** of the last Council meeting were approved by all and were signed by the Chair ready for publication.

### **4. Matters arising**

1. Nigel Webber informed the meeting that the toilets were working well and that some contributions had been made by users. He has not yet heard from the Lions as to the amount they will be contributing.

2. From a previous meeting, Karen Wall suggested the the Council should “register an interest” for the Village green as are maintaining it. The Clerk will investigate.

**5. County Councillor’s report.** Andrea Davis had previously submitted her monthly report and this had been distributed to Councillors and published on the website. A general discussion on the contents was had.

**6. District Councillor’s report.** None.

**7. Finance.**

1. The RFO sought approval for the payment of the monthly grass cutting and the Devon Association of Local Council (DALC) invoices. Karen proposed that they should be paid and it was seconded by Pat Patel. All approved.

2. The “Annual Governance and Accountability Return” (AGAR) forms and Financial statements had previously been sent to all Councillors for their perusal.

3. The Certificate of Exemption (AGAR Form 2) was signed by the Chair & RFO.

4. It was proposed by John Atherton and seconded by Pat Patel that the Annual Governance Statement be approved. All agreed and this was signed by the Chair and the Clerk.

5. It was proposed by John Atherton and seconded by Pat Patel that the Accounting statements be approved. All agreed and they were signed by the Chair and RFO.

## 8. Planning.

1. (62/11/24/006) After some discussion, it was agreed by all that this would be a constructive use of an otherwise redundant building. Karen Wall proposed that the application should be supported and this was seconded by Pat Patel. All agreed.

2. (6/25/24/003) After a lot of discussion, mostly against the application, it was finally agreed to Object to this application because the system was too large. It would therefore have a detrimental impact on the landscape and also that it would be clearly visible from both foot paths along the valley. The Council would approve a 4KW/14 panel system on the roof of the property.

This decision was proposed by Nigel Webber and seconded by John Atherton. All agreed.

9. **AOB** Pat Patel asked why Openreach had been restricting access through the Village when no prior warning was given. Andrea Davis said that Openreach often do this and suggested contacting the Highways department.

**Meeting closed @ 19:50**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Chair

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Minute Ref \_\_\_\_\_