

Brendon & Countisbury Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting (61)

**Held in Brendon Village Hall on
Thursday 16th January 2025**

- 1. Councillors Present.** Karen Wall (Chair), Pat Patel (Vice Chair), Nigel Webber, Andrew Hodges, John Atherton, Andrea Davis (DCC)
Apologies. John Patrinos (NDDC), Scott Elliott (Police)
- 2. Declaration of Interests.** None
- 3. Public participation.** No members of the public were present.
- 4. Minutes of last meeting.** Pat Patel proposed that the minutes of the last meeting (21st November) be approved. This was seconded by Nigel Webber and all agreed. Karen Wall signed the minutes ready for publication.
- 5. Matters arising.** Item 10. The Village hall committee have been asked if they would consider connecting the hall to the Internet. It will be discussed at their next meeting.
- 6. County Councillor's report.** Andrea Davis briefed the Council about the UK government's "Local Government Reorganisation" plan for England. More details on the PC website.
- 7. District Councillor's report.** None. The Clerk will ask John Patrinos if he would send a written report if not attending.
- 8. Finance.**
 1. The Council agreed that the precept request for 2025/26 should remain @ £3,500 as agreed in November's meeting item 8.d.
 2. Karen Wall proposed that the invoice from John Lawrence of £16 should be paid. This was seconded by Pat Patel and all agreed. The Council also accepted that there would be a £1/cut increase next year.
 3. The invoice for the Village hall rent had not been received.
- 9. County Governance Review.** Following discussion in which all the Council spoke as one voice, the Chair (Karen Wall) proposed the following for the record.
"Brendon & Countisbury Parish Council wish to remain as an independent Parish Council".

This was seconded by the Vice Chair (Pat Patel) and all agreed.

10. AOB.

1. Nigel Webber will enquire into the ownership of tree on the river bank which is encroaching on the road opposite Millslade.

2. Karen Wall will enquire into the possibility of ENP making new signs for the Village green.

The meeting closed @ 20:05

Signed _____

Clerk

Approved _____

Chair

Date _____

Minute Ref _____

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