

# **Brendon & Countisbury** **Annual Parish Meeting**

No members of the public attended

## **Annual Parish Council Meeting**

### **Minutes of Meeting (65)**

Held in Brendon Village Hall on  
Thursday 15th May 2025

1. **Councillors Present.** Karen Wall (Chair), Pat Patel (Vice Chair), Nigel Webber, Andrew Hodges, John Atherton, John Patrinos (NDDC).  
**Apologies.** Andrea Davis (DCC), Scott Elliott (Police), Laurie Slade Clerk
2. **No declaration of interests.**
3. **No public attended.**
4. **Last meeting's minutes.** Karen Wall proposed and Pat Patel seconded that the minutes of the last meeting be approved. All agreed so Karen Wall signed ready for publication on the web site.
5. **Matters arising.** Karen Wall updated the meeting on the emergency planing meeting she still has to arrange. It was mentioned that, due to the recent stroke incident, an emergency wheel chair should be a priority.
6. **Audit was successfully completed.**
7. **Finance.** Andrew Hodges proposed that the audit fee of £60, the grass cutting for April of £80 & the Insurance renewal of £128 all be paid. John Atherton seconded & all agreed.
8. **Clerks Salary.** Karen Wall proposed the the Clerk should receive a salary of £12.50/hour for 8 hours a month payable monthly in arrears. The contract will start on 1st April 2025. Pat Patel seconded and all agreed.  
The contract was signed by the Chair & the Clerk.
9. **No County Councillor's report.**

**10. District Councillor's report.** John Patrinos briefed the Council on upcoming changes to recycling. These include an updated fleet of 45 vehicles, an improved IT system and a recruitment drive for more HGV drivers.

The government is introducing new reforms which will result in more items being recycled. This should be implemented by 31st March 2027.

National Parks has been informed by DEFRA that their grant will be cut by £263,000 this year. The grant has remained the same for the last 4 years so, because prices have risen, this is a large cut.

**11. AOB.**

John Atherton proposed that Karen Wall & Pat Patel continue as Chair & Vice Chair. This was seconded by Andrew Hodges and all agreed.

Paul Root & Tony Robins are interested in joining the Parish Council.

The signs for the Village green are still being worked on.

The Clerk will follow up on the South Molton scaffolders hitting the bridge.

Pat Patel will talk with Nigel & Maria Floyd regarding better communication on future Music Festivals.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Chair

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