

Brendon & Countisbury Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting (68)

**Held in The Staghunters Inn on
Thursday 21st August 2025**

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

Apologies. John Patrinos (NDDC), Scott Elliott (Police)

2. Declaration of interests. None

3. Public participation. None present.

4. Approval of last meeting's minutes. Tony Robins proposed that they be accepted. This was seconded by Andrew Hodges and all agreed. Karen Wall signed a copy for publication.

5. Matters arising.

1. Paul Grout updated the meeting on the Resilience plan. A meeting will be arranged in the Staghunters Inn on one Tuesday in September. Once a date has been fixed, a letter will be sent to all parishioners inviting them to attend.

2. The Clerk informed the meeting that some documents had come to light showing that Brendon Parish Council had been registered under the Commons Registration Act 1965 as the owners of the Village greens. DCC still have this registration on their files as unit VG 84. These documents will be forwarded to the Land Registry.

6. Finance. The Treasure asked the Council to approve a payment of £96 for July's grass cutting. Pat Patel proposed that it should be paid, John Atherton seconded the motion and all agreed.

7. County Councillor's report. Andrea Davis informed the Council that there was no report as DCC are on their summer recess. Andrea also said that Watersmeet road and Lynmouth hill will be closed in Sep/Oct for repairs. Dates to be confirmed.

8. District Councillor's report. Had been sent in earlier and distributed.

9. Planning.

1. 62/11/25/006LB The Council objected to this application for 2 reasons.

1. All the new signs and lights have been install, but planning permission has not been granted.
2. The lights are very bright. Much too bright for a building close to the Exmoor Night Sky Reserve.

2. 62/11/25/007 The Council supports this application.

10. AOB. Concern was raised about the number of large trees in the river between Brendon and Watersmeet. The majority of these trees are on land owned by the National Trust, which makes them responsible for their removal. The Clark will send an email to the NT.

Concern was also raised about the very tall fir trees across the river from the Old Chapel. If they should fall towards the Old Chapel, they would hit it.

Meeting closed @ 19:50

Next meeting 18th September @ 19:00

Signed _____

Clerk

Approved _____

Chair

Date _____ Minute Ref _____