

Brendon & Countisbury Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting (73)

**Held in The Staghunters Inn on
Thursday 15th January 2026**

- 1. Councillors Present.** Karen Wall (Chair), Pat Patel (Vice Chair), Nigel Webber, Andrew Hodges, John Atherton, Tony Robins, Paul Grout. John Patrinos (NDDC), Scott Elliott (Police)

Apologies. Andrea Davis (DCC)

- 2. Declaration of Interests.** Andrew Hodges declared an interest in the planning application.

- 3. Public Participation.** None

- 4. Approve minutes of last meeting.** Karen Wall proposed that the minutes of the last meeting be approved. This was seconded by Nigel Webber and all agreed. The Chair signed the minutes ready for publication.

- 5. Matters arising.** None

- 6. Finance.** The RFO asked the Council if they still approved a precept of £3,500 as discussed in November's meeting (71). All agreed that they did, so the RFO will send the precept request to NDDC. The RFO also informed the meeting that the present bank balance was £5,740 and was on course for an end of year balance of around £5,000.

- 7. County Councillor's report.** An email was sent by Andrea Davis saying that the drainage works shortly being carried out on the A39 near Parracombe, will now be done under traffic lights. Also a reminder about the Library consultation period.

- 8. District Councillor's report.** John Patrinos informed the Council that NDDC will no longer be collecting Business Waste as from 31st March. He did forward a link for a petition against this and asking NDDC to reconsider. He also informed the Council of the availability of grants for Parish Council. Details can be found on the NDDC website.

- 9. Police report.** Scott Elliot informed the Council that all was quiet. No crime had been reported in our area.

10. Planning. Andrew Hodges left the meeting for this item.

Application 62/11/26/016 After a short discussion, Karen Wall proposed that the application should be supported. Pat Patel seconded the motion and all agreed.

11. AOB.

1. Paul Grout informed the meeting that the Resilience Plan was coming together and a further meeting had been arranged for the 29th Jan.

2. Karen Wall proposed that the Council should purchase a new defibrillator for the Village. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

The meeting closed @ 20:00

Signed _____

Clerk

Approved _____

Chair

Date _____ Minute Ref _____

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