

Brendon & Countisbury Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting (74)

**Held in The Staghunters Inn on
Thursday 19th February 2026**

- 1. Councillors Present.** Karen Wall (Chair), Pat Patel (Vice Chair), Nigel Webber, Andrew Hodges, John Atherton, Tony Robins, Paul Grout. Andrea Davis (DCC)
- 2. Declaration of Interests.** Nigel Webber declared an interest in planning application EXM/26/038/CLE
- 3. Public Participation.** None
- 4. Approve minutes of last meeting.** Karen Wall proposed that the minutes of the last meeting be approved. Tony Robins seconded and all agreed. The Chair signed the minutes for publication.
- 5. Matters arising.** None
- 6. Resilience plan.** Paul Grout informed the meeting that the National Trust were not replying to his questions and the Environment Agency had still not sent the template, or agreed a date to visit. However, the Assets Register and the Plan were almost ready.
- 7. Purchase of Defibrillator.** Carried forward to next meeting as possible funding is being confirmed.
- 8. Finance.** The RFO asked the meeting to approve a payment of £51 to John Lawrence for bridge clearance. Andrew Hodges proposed that it should be paid. Nigel Webber seconded and all agreed.
- 9. County Councillor's report.** Andrea Davies gave an overview of her previously submitted report which included Lynton Library consultation, Exmoor housing survey, highways repair and Local Government Reorganisation. The full report is on the Parish Council website.
- 10. District Councillor's report.** None.

11. Planning.

EXM/26/007/HH (Alderford Cottage) After a short discussion, all agreed that this application should be supported.

EXM/26/038/CLE (Tippercott Bungalow) Nigel Webber took no part in the discussion or voting for this application.

This application was discussed and points were put forward both for supporting and objecting. The meeting also heard from the bungalow occupants.

Tony Robins proposed that it should be supported and this was seconded by Pat Patel. The vote was 5 for, 1 against and 1 abstaining.

12. AOB Pat Patel informed the meeting that the bridge at Rockford was unstable and in need of repair. No one on the Council knew who owns the bridge, so Andrea Davies said that she will find out.

Meeting closed @ 20:00 Next meeting 19th March 2026

Signed _____ Clerk

Approved _____ Chair

Date _____ Minute Ref _____