

Brendon & Countisbury Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting (76)

**Held in The Staghunters Inn on
Thursday 16th April 2026**

- 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)

Karen Wall (Chair) asked Pat Patel (Vice Chair) to take the meeting as Karen's computer was down, so she was not prepared.

- 2. Declaration of Interests.** Karen Wall & Tony Robins declared an interest in item 9/1.

- 3. Public Participation.** A parish member wishes to speak on item 9/1 & this was approved by the Chair.

- 4. Approve minutes of the last meeting.** Pat Patel proposed that the minutes of the last meeting be approved. This was seconded by John Atherton and all agreed. Pat Patel signed the minutes for publication.

- 5. Matters arising.** item 12. Still waiting for a reply.

- 6. Resilience Plan.** Paul Grout informed the meeting that he has now obtained the Resilience plan template. There are still a few loose ends to tie up, but good progress is being made.

He and Chris Khan from the Environment agency walked the river and identified some fallen trees which could cause damming. Chris will pass this onto the NT. However, the East Lyn river is only Category 4 with Cat 1 being the highest priority, so may take some time too clear.

- 7. Defibrillator.** Carried forward.

- 8. Finance.** Two invoices to be paid.

- 1.** DALC membership £115.72 **2.** John Lawrence for grass cutting £35
John Atherton proposed that they should both be paid. Nigel Webber seconded and all agreed.

The Clerk informed the meeting that John Lawrence wants to increase his charges by at least £2 per cut. After some discussion, Karen Wall proposed an increase to £40. This was seconded by Pat Patel and all agreed.

9. Planning. 1.EXM/26/083/FULL Karen Wall & Tony Robins left the meeting. The proposer addressed the meeting giving details of his proposal. After some discussion, Nigel Webber proposed to support this application. Andy Hodges seconded and all agreed. Karen Wall & Tony Robins returned.

2.EXM/26/007/HH After a very short discussion, Karen Wall proposed to support this application. Nigel Webber seconded and all agreed.

10. County Councillor's report. Andrea Davis spoke about her report which is published on the PC website.

11. District Councillor's report. Previously received and published on the PC website.

12. AOB. None

Meeting closed at 19:50

Signed  Clerk

Approved  Chair

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