

Brendon & Countisbury Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting (78)

**Held in The Staghunters Inn on
Thursday 18th June 2026**

- 1. Councillors Present.** Karen Wall (Chair), Pat Patel (Vice Chair), Nigel Webber, Andrew Hodges, John Atherton, Paul Grout.
Andrea Davis (DCC),
Apologies. John Patrinos (NDDC), Scott Elliott (Police), Tony Robins
- 2. Declaration of Interests.** None
- 3. Public Participation.** Lawrence Showell from the National Trust spoke about the planning application to be discussed in item 8.
- 4. Approval of minutes of last meeting.** Karen Wall proposed that the minutes of the last meeting be approved. Pat Patel seconded and all agreed.
- 5. Matters arising.** None.
- 6. FiPL.** Karen Wall updated the meeting about the progress of informing Riparians. All seem positive at this stage except for the Nation Trust. A meeting is planned for Tuesday 23rd June in the Staghunters Inn.
Defibrillator. £3,000 has been received from Sound System Culture for the purchase of 2 defibrillators. It was agreed that they should be registered with the NHS. Nigel Webber will investigate purchase and training.
Resilience plan. Still a few problems to resolve before completion, but progress being made.
- 7. Finance.** The RFO asked the council to approve a payment of £87 for grass cutting. Nigel Webber proposed that it should be paid, Andrew Hodges seconded and all agreed.
The Clerk informed the meeting that DALC are offering a payroll service which would make the Clerks job a lot easier. The cost is £8.50/month plus VAT. Karen Wall proposed the service should be used, John Atherton seconded and all agreed.
- 8. Planning. EXM.26/118/FULL.** A lengthy discussion was had amongst the Council regarding the application and the information received in item 3.

As a result, a proposal that it should be supported, but with suggestions, was made by Karen Wall was seconded by Nigel Webber. The result was 4 in favour and 1 against.

The suggestions were that the end wall should be stone and the side should be rustic timber or zink.

9. County Councillor's report. Andrea Davis informed the meeting that there was nothing of significance to report.

10. District Councillor's report. Sent by email earlier and published on website.

11. AOB. Nigel Webber informed the meeting that a lot of weeds were growing on the bridge. The Clerk will ask John Lawrence to clear.

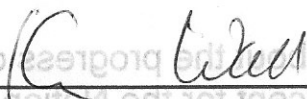
Meeting closed @ 20:10

Signed



Clerk

Approved



Chair

Date

16/07/2026

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