

Brendon & Countisbury Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting (80)

**Held in The Staghunters Inn on
Thursday 20th August 2026**

1. Councillors Present. Karen Wall (Chair), Pat Patel (Vice Chair), Tony Robins, Paul Grout.

Andrea Davis (DCC), John Patrinos (NDDC)

Apologies. Nigel Webber, Andrew Hodges, John Atherton.

2. Declaration of Interests. None

3. Public Participation. None

4. Approve minutes of last meeting. Karen Wall proposed that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted. Pat Patel seconded the proposal and all agreed. Karen Wall signed the minutes ready for publication.

5. Matters arising.

FiPL. The National Trust (NT) are still refusing the removal of trees from the river adjacent to their land. They have recently cut down more trees and put them in the river. They are still demanding an independent survey and FiPL have agreed to fund this.

The bridge at Rockford requires a "Principle Survey" to assess its safety.

The Army is being approached to see if they would like to help.

Defibrillators. One defibrillator has been installed in the porch of the Staghunters inn. This has been registered with the NHS and is available for use. The second will shortly be installed on the front wall of the Rockford inn.

Resilience plan. The local flood plan is the final stage and is being completed.

The Old School house. The land outside the house does not belong to DCC.

6. Finance. The Clerk asked for approval to pay £2,616 for 2 defibrillators and £58 for July's grass cutting. Paul Grout proposed that they should be paid, Pat Patel seconded and all agreed.

7. Notice boards. The notice board at Countisbury will be replaced.
Karen Wall suggested that notice boards should be obtained for
Malmsmead and Bridge Ball. Carried forward to the next meeting.

8. County and District Councillor's report.

The recycling of soft plastics has been delayed.
Elections for the new Devon Council Unitary Authorities will be held
next May.

Signed _____

Clerk

Approved _____

Chair

Date _____ Minute Ref _____

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