Brendon & Countisbury Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting (81)

Held in The Staghunters Inn on
Thursday 17th September 2026

1. **Councillors Present.** Karen Wall (Chair), Nigel Webber, Andrew Hodges, John Atherton, Tony Robins, Paul Grout.
John Patrinos (NDDC)
Apologies. Andrea Davis (DCC) Scott Elliot (Police)

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 approved. This was seconded by John Atherton and all agreed. Karen Wall signed the minutes.

5. **Matters arising.**

FiPL. A contingency from the Environment Agency visited and were looking at the source of the East Lyn river above Malmsmead. They suggested that trees be planted on the slopes leading down to the river to slow the water down. However, this is a long term project.

Defibrillator. Still awaiting electrical installation.

Resilience Plan. Flood planning meeting set for Thursday 24th September at 7pm in the Staghunters Inn

6. **Notice Boards for Malmsmead and Bridge Ball.** Karen Wall suggested that notice boards be purchased for these 2 locations. After some discussion, it was decided not to proceed.

7. **Finance.** The RFO asked for approval to Pay the Staghunters Inn £105 for 7 meetings and Karen Wall £96.84 for travel expenses to Exeter for a Water Conference. Andrew Hodges proposed that they should be paid, Nigel Webber seconded and all agreed.

8. **County Councillor's report.** Sent previously and published on the website. Mainly confirming that Central Government has stopped the current Local Government Reorganisation for Devon. - Even though £ millions of Council tax money has already been spent on this.

9. District Councillor's report. John Patrinos elaborated on the above confirming that elections for the present District and Parish Councils will be held in May 2027.
He also informed the meeting that staffing problems at Barnstaple Hospital go much deeper than the currently closed Maternity unit.

Meeting closed at 7:50 pms

Signed_____ **Clerk**

Approved_____ **Chair**

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