Brendon & Countisbury Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting (82)

Held in The Staghunters Inn on
Thursday 15th October 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)

2. **Declaration of Interests.** None

3. Public Participation. Laurie Slade asked the Council if they would publish the "Unlock Code" for the defibrillators on the Cabinets.
The reason for this request is that there is no mobile phone signal in the village and it is recommended by the British Heart Foundation.
After a brief discussion, Karen Wall proposed that this should happen, Pat Patel seconded and all agreed.

4. Approve minutes of last meeting. Karen Wall proposed the the minutes be approved, John Atherton seconded and all agreed.

5. Matters arising.

FiPL A further meeting has been arranged for Tuesday 17th November @ 7pm in the Staghunters Inn breakfast room. Representatives from the FiPL fund holders, Environment Agency and the National Trust will be in attendance,

Defibrillator Still awaiting installation at the Rockford Inn.

Resilience Plan Paul Grout has now produced the Parish Resilience Plan which has been distributed to all Councillors. This is a draft and can be discussed at the FiPL meeting above and at the next Council meeting.

6. Planning. EXM/26/196/CLE. This was discussed by the Council and, as the original application was approved, there was no objection.

7. Finance. The RFO requested approval to pay John Lawrence £87 for September grass cutting and Vision ICT £226.13 for the annual website fee. Nigel Webber proposed that they should be paid, Pat Patel seconded and all agreed.

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8. County Councillor's report. Andrea Davis spoke about the Consultation on Plymouth's Membership of the Combined County Authority and Proposal for a Mayor, North Devon Hospital and the bridge at Rockford. The full report is on the PC website. **brendonandcoutisburyparishcouncil.org.uk**

9. AOB.

1. The Council was informed that the Village hall is closed until further notice due an unsafe roof.
2. Andrew Hodges and Steve Pugsley have removed some trees from the island above Leeford bridge.
3. John Atherton raised concerns about the wording of the proposed signage to be displayed by ENP on foot paths. The consultation is open to all and can be accessed @ **access@exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk**

The meeting was closed @ 20:10

Signed_____ Clerk

Approved_____ Chair

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