

Pillaton Parish Council

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Tuesday 5th November 2024

Present: Councillor Dolley (Chairman)

Councillors: Bunkum, Floyd, Johnson, Ley, Moore & Warne (Vice Chair)

Also in attendance:

Christopher Cook - Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer.

Members of the public: 0

Members of the public were permitted to speak on each Agenda item for a period of 3 minutes. This meeting was advertised as the Public Meeting of the Parish Council and as such could be filmed or recorded by broadcasters, the media, and members of the public. The public were advised that whilst every effort is taken to ensure that members of the public would not be filmed, it could not be guaranteed.

Minutes 5th November 2024

93. Chair's Welcome & Announcements

Cllr Dolley (Chair) welcomed Councillors to the Meeting, there were no members of the public present.

Health and Safety housekeeping rules were delivered and social distancing (Covid-19) measures where appropriate were observed.

No one intended recording the meeting.

94. Public Participation

None.

95. To receive apologies (LGA 1972 s.85 (1))

No apologies.

96. Declarations of Interest

Councillors Resolved that no Councillors declared any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests.

Councillors Resolved that no Councillors were liable for written Dispensations or Gifts.

97. To approve the Minutes of the Public Meeting 22nd October 2024.



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Cllr Johnson proposed, Cllr Warne (Vice Chair) seconded that the draft Minutes were an accurate record, subject to the amendment as noted at Item 98 below. All agreed.

Councillors **Resolved** to approve the draft Minutes 22nd October 2024.

98. Matters arising from the draft Minutes for report purposes only.

Cllr Johnson proposed the following amendment under item 82 Planning PA24/07985 viz: Councillors noted that the location had not been used for agricultural use *by the current residents* for at least 10 years.

Councillors **Resolved** to note and approve the amendment in italics.

99. Planning

New Planning Applications – None received

Application link <http://planning.cornwall.gov.uk/online-applications>

Planning Application Decisions – None received

Planning Application – For information – None received

Planning Application received after Agenda has been issued – To be advised

Councillors **Resolved** to note all Planning matters.

100. (a) Finance

- (i) Accounts for approval November 2024 = £299.60 as per payment schedule
- (ii) Bank reconciliation balance £5,807 as at 5th November 2024
- (iii) Account 1 = £2,657 / Account 2 = £3,150 (Balance £5,807)
- (iv) Receipts 2024 / 2025 £3,803 / Payments 2024 / 2025 £1,971

Cllr Johnson proposed, Cllr Bunkum seconded, approval of the Payments schedule for November. All agreed.

Councillors **Resolved** to note the Finance report.

(b) Finance - Delegated powers to the Responsible Financial Officer-
The following invoices were presented at the meeting-

- Mr R Hoskin – strimming at Pillaton Play Park - £300
- Dr S McClaughry – Remembrance Day wreath - £20

Cllr Warne (Vice Chair) proposed, Cllr Johnson seconded, that the sum of £320 be settled under delegatory powers. All agreed.

101. Budget & Precept setting 2025 / 2026

A draft Budget form was previously circulated to Councillors, see Item 84 22nd October 2024.



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Councillors were mindful of previous information distributed-

The Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) provided a summary and explanation of the proposed draft Budget and Precept for 2025 – 2026. Mention was made of the forthcoming Local Elections 1st May 2025 noting that the cost of the Elections was unknown at October 2024. Consideration and the likely effect on the Band 'D' rating for Precept purposes would be considered in November when the Cornwall Council Tax Base amount is released for 2025 / 2026.

The Budget level for 2025 – 2026 was proposed at £5,000 (an increase from 2024 – 2025, but bringing the level of Precept in line with that of 2023 – 2024 set at £4,625. Proposed Cllr Johnson, seconded Cllr Moore. All agreed.

The Precept amount for 2025 – 2026 was proposed at £5,000 (an increase of approximately 35% on the 2024 – 2025 Precept set at £3,727, and necessary to meet Budget requirements for 2025 - 2026. Proposed Cllr Johnson, seconded Cllr Moore. All agreed.

*Councillors **Resolved** to note the Earmarked Funds amounts and Asset Register sums insured. A **Motion** to approve the draft Budget figure of **£5,000** and the draft Precept figure of **£5,000** would be finalised at the Public Meeting 5th November 2024.*

Councillors agreed that some Budget headings required increasing relating to the new Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer annual salary, on-going maintenance costs and expenditure associated with Local Election costs 1st May 2025.

The monitoring of budgets would continue on a monthly basis as per the Finance report regularly circulated to Councillors.

MOTION – to set the Budget and Precept levels both at £5,000 for 2025 / 2026

Cllr Johnson proposed, Cllr Ley seconded, acceptance of the Motion. All agreed.

102. Chairman's items

Cllr Dolley (Chairman) stated that there was on-going maintenance work in the Playing Field to the Shelter posts as they were continuing to rot. Remedial repair work could include resetting the posts using metal plates to keep the posts away from ground level. The floor to the play train was now very deteriorated and the equipment should be removed from service imminently (during the winter months). The junior play equipment stainless steel springs require refixing.

Cllr Johnson suggested that the Play Equipment funding group should be reformed to discuss the possibility of grant funding for new playground equipment, and consideration be given to apply for a grant from the Solar Farm project. Councillors agreed with this proposal.

Councillors Resolved to note this report.

103. Clerk's items

Details of the recent fly-tipping incident at the St.Mellion roundabout, details of which were circulated to Councillors, revealed that the incident was a matter for St. Mellion Parish Council to resolve.

Councillors Resolved to note.



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104. Pillaton Village News and website

Clrs Johnson & Ley confirmed that after numerous teething problems, the new website was now live. The new website address is www.pillaton.org

Cllr Ley explained that the Parish Council will need to pay a small fee in November 2025 to renew the annual domain name. Payment will be made to Wix. The renewal of the domain name can be made over a one- to-three-year cycle, with three years being more cost effective.

Cllr Johnson wished to record thanks and appreciation to Mr Patrick McClaughry for the considerable time and effort that he has given to successfully develop the new Village website, ably supported by Mr John Wheeley, and Cllr Chris Ley.

Councillors Resolved to note and to express their thanks.

105. Defibrillator training

Cllr Warne (Vice Chair) advised that he would chase up the outstanding invoice for the recent training session.

Cllr Warne (Vice Chair) and Cllr Johnson advised that Annette Rickard, based at the trauma centre Derriford Hospital, was willing to provide some additional training in respect to First Aid and (CPR). Councillors were grateful to receive this offer

Councillors Resolved to note this report.

106. Councillor's reports

Cllr Warne (Vice Chair) mentioned the difficulty in achieving repair work to the Clapper Bridge. This item was on-going for monitoring.

Cllr Bunkum advised that the road closure was now in place in respect to closures in and around Pound Hill Landrake resulting from water and sewerage works being carried out at Dolbeare during early November 2024.

Councillors Resolved to note these reports.

107. Correspondence

No correspondence.

108. The next Meeting of the Parish Council at the village hall will be on the 3rd December 2024.

109. Meeting closed at 19:45

Signed Chairman Cllr Dolley..... Date.....



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