

Pillaton Parish Council

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Tuesday 3rd February 2026 - PUBLIC MEETING

Present: Councillor Dolley (Chairman)
Councillors: Floyd, Johnson, Moore & Warne (Vice Chair)

Also in attendance:

Christopher Cook - Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer.
Cornwall Cllr Jim Gale.

Members of the public: 3

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 3rd February 2026

332. Chair's Welcome & Announcements

Cllr Dolley (Chair) welcomed Councillors to the Meeting.

There were three members of the public present. No one intended recording the meeting. Health and Safety housekeeping rules were delivered and social distancing (Covid-19) measures where appropriate were observed.

333. Public participation

Cllr Johnson offered apologies for Kirsty Mims who intended to provide the Safeguarding training but was incapacitated.

Cllr Johnson, who had previously received the Safeguarding training, provided safeguarding training to the Parish Clerk & Councillors, highlighting 5 main aspects.

- **What is abuse and neglect**
- **Trustees' duties and Safeguarding reporting (See Village Hall Policy)**
- **Creating a safe culture**
- **Range of further information**
- **Conclusion**



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Cllr Johnson concluded that the Parish Council risk involving safeguarding Council activities was not high and would only be a medium risk in comparison to the Village Hall Committee and their activities.

The Council agreed to add Safeguarding as a standing agenda item for future Parish Council Meetings.

Councillors Resolved to note the training and thanked Cllr Johnson.

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

Cllrs Bridgman (apologies), Bunkum (apologies).

Councillors Resolved that note.

335. 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.

336. To approve the Minutes of the Public Meeting held 6th January 2026.

Cllr Warne (Vice Chair) proposed, Cllr Floyd seconded that the draft Minutes were an accurate. All agreed.

Councillors Resolved to approve the draft Minutes 6th January 2026.

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

No matters arising.

338 A report from Cornwall Councillor James Gale

Cornwall Cllr Jim Gale updated Councillors as follows-

- Clapper Bridge fallen trees blocking road following storm Goretta – Cwll Highways informed to request clearance. Also flooding in the area. Marker post to be introduced.
- National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) draft Policy issued for consultation. The draft excludes Crown properties development. Draft appears slanted towards Housing development.
- Solar Farm local developments under review by the Cornwall Council. Generally Solar Farms will mean a loss of farmland(s).
- Tamar Bridge consultation regarding the increase to admin. Charges under review.
- Cornwall Council Finance budget. Funding reveals a deficit in the budget spread over 3 years.
- Cornwall Councillors voted to retain the ‘Trial by Jury’, opposing the central Government views.
- Introduction of Car parking charges at Kit Hill under review.



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Councillors Resolved to note this report.

339. Finance

Finance

- (i) Accounts for approval February 2026 = £154.25
- (ii) Bank reconciliation balance £4,660.23 as at 3rd Feb 2026
- (iii) Account 1 = £1,478.26* / Account 2 = £3,181.97 (Balance £4,660.23)
- (iv) Receipts 2025/2026 £5,102.80 / Payments 2025/2026 £4,149.37
- Pending bank charges £4.25

Proposed Cllr Warne (Vice Chair), seconded Cllr Moore. All agreed.

Councillors Resolved to approve the payments for 3rd February 2026, and to note the Receipts & Payments list and reconciliation accounts, and delegated payment as follows.

The (RFO) to settle the contested local elections fee of £2,290.94 with immediate effect under delegated authority. Payment to be made from Account 2.

340. Planning

New Planning Applications – None

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

Councillors Resolved to note that there were no new Planning applications.

341. Neighbourhood Development Plan & Parish Plan (not active)

342. Chairman's items – Recreation Field maintenance

Cllr Dolley (Chairman) reported that minor repairs had been completed to equipment where previously identified. Some equipment needs to be treated with anti-rust solution. The Chairman has purchased two tins of solution at £16 in total.

The Activity centre climbing frame to be dismantled.

Councillors Resolved to note this report.

343. Councillor's reports

- (i) Defibrillator – No report.
- (ii) Fly-tipping – No significant fly-tipping to report.
- (iii) Playground equipment - Cllr Johnson advised that the Pillaton Playing Field support Group were submitting an Expressions of Interest Form (EOI) to apply for grant funding to finance the replacement play centre equipment. The estimated replacement cost of a new Activity Centre is £17,500, of which £3,000 has been raised to date. A Solar Farm grant is currently being prepared. Cllr Gale (Cornwall Cllr) advised that a (CIL) EOI request could be made directly through him as part of the funding available under the Community Improvement Programme 2026/29.
- (iv) Other Councillor reports – None not previously covered.
- (v) Neighbourhood Priority Statement (NPS) – No further report from 30th September 2025 Cllr Johnson report.



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(vi) Community Highways Improvement programme 2026/29 – See item 343 (iii).
Councillors Resolved to note the above action points.

344. Clerk's items - none.

345. Correspondence – no Council related.

346. The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be the Public Meeting to be held at the village hall be on the 3rd March 2026 commencing at 7:00pm

347. Meeting closed at 20:10

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



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