

Pillaton Parish Council

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Tuesday 17th March 2026 - PUBLIC MEETING (moved from the 3rd March 2026)

Present: Councillor Dolley (Chairman)

Councillors: Bridgman, Bunkum, Floyd, 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 17th March 2026

348. 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.

349. Public participation

No participation.

Councillors Resolved to note.

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

Cllr Johnson (illness).

Councillors Resolved that note.

351. Declarations of Interest

Councillors Resolved that two Councillors declared a non-pecuniary interests in Planning application PA26 / 01433. No pecuniary interests were declared.



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

352. To approve the Minutes of the Public Meeting held 3rd February 2026.

Cllr Moore proposed, Cllr Floyd seconded that the draft Minutes were an accurate record. All agreed.

Councillors Resolved to approve the draft Minutes 3rd February 2026.

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

No matters arising.

354 A report from Cornwall Councillor James Gale

Cornwall Cllr Jim Gale updated Councillors as follows-

- Cornwall Council full council agreed to 4.99% increase to Council Tax levy 2026 /27. 2% of finance is directed to Social Care support.
- Cornwall Highways addressing pothole repairs. 378 already filled (497 new reports) 5,000 total reported pothole incidents recorded.
- National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) draft Policy issued for consultation. The draft excludes Crown properties development. Draft appears slanted towards Housing development.
- Launceston (Exeter Street medical drop-in hub) now operational. Liskeard, Saltash & Callington hubs under review to be opened to deal with minor injuries etc.
- Solar Farm local developments under review by the Cornwall Council. Generally Solar Farms will mean a loss of farmland(s). Development at Dupath is pending decision.
- 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. £80million cost to run the Bridge & Ferries per annum. 70% Tamar bridge expenditure and 30% for ferries.
- The Planning in Principle aspect being introduced which will affect local planning applications and the (NPPF) which is currently in draft format.
- Introduction of Car parking charges at Kit Hill has been annulled.

Councillors Resolved to note this report.

355. Finance

Finance

(i) Accounts for approval March 2026 = £2,461.17

(ii) Bank reconciliation balance £2,204.40 as 17th Mar 2026

(iii) Account 1 = £1,312.28* / Account 2 = £892.12** (Balance £2,204.40)

(iv) Receipts 2025/2026 £5,102.80 / Payments 2025/2026 £6,610.54

- Pending bank charges £4.25 to Account 1 = £1,308.03
- Account 2 with interest £892.46 (Total balance £2,200.49)

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



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Councillors **Resolved** to approve the payments for 17th March 2026, and to note the Receipts & Payments list and reconciliation accounts.

356. Planning

New Planning Applications – PA26/01025 & PA26/01433

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

Planning application received 23rd February 2026 after the agenda was published.

PA26/01025 – Grid Ref 238623/63345

Proposal – Construction of agricultural building to cover open fouled yard to reduce polluted surface runoff.

Location – Land North of Smeaton Farm Pillaton Cornwall PL12 6LZ

Proposed Cllr Bridgman, seconded Cllr Moore. All agreed.

Councillors **Resolved** to SUPPORT Planning application PA26/01025.

Planning application received 6th March 2026 after the agenda was published.

PA26/01433 – Grid Ref 238485/64148

Proposal – Hedgerow removal notice for removal of two sections of hedgerow

Location – Flowerwood Pillaton Saltash Cornwall

Proposed Cllr Warne (Vice Chair), seconded Cllr Moore. 4 agreed, 2 abstentions.

Councillors **Resolved** to SUPPORT Planning application PA26/01433 subjects to conditions regarding a suitable replacement Cornish stone hedge at a height to be determined by Cornwall Council.

Planning Applications	PILLATON - 2025/26 - Location / Development	Validated	Comments from Cornwall Council
PA25 / 05087	Smeaton Farm - construction of agricultural building	30th July 2025	Approved 23/9/2025
PA26 / 01025	Smeaton Farm - construction of agricultural building	23rd Feb 2026	Awaiting decision
PA26 / 01433	Flowerwood - removal two sections hedgerow	6th March 2026	Awaiting decision

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

358. Chairman's items – Recreation Field maintenance

Cllr Dolley (Chairman) reported that he and Cllr Moore had completed lubrication works and anti-rust minor repairs to play equipment.

The Activity centre climbing frame to be dismantled by the end of April 2026, before the annual RoSPA inspection due in May.

Cllr Dolley (Chairman) thanked Cllr Bridgman for cutting the hedges in the Recreation Field and without charge to the Parish. Councillors were grateful to Cllr Bridgman for this work being completed.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.



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359. Councillor's reports

- (i) **Defibrillator** – No report.
- (ii) **Fly-tipping** – No significant fly-tipping to report.
- (iii) **Playground equipment** – The Playing Field Support Group is managing the purchase of new playing field equipment (especially the replacement activity centre for which a bid for funding has been made to the Howton Solar Farm Fund).
- (iv) **Other Councillor reports / Safeguarding** – No reports.
- (v) **Neighbourhood Priority Statement (NPS)** – No further report from 30th September 2025 Cllr Johnson report.
- (vi) **Community Highways Improvement programme 2026/29** – No further report. The scheme is now closed for applications.
Councillors **Resolved** to note.

360. Clerk's items – Assertion 10 I.T. Policy statement adopted.

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

Councillors **Resolved** to adopt Assertion 10 compliance requirements and signed their own individual statements.

361. Correspondence – no Council related.

The Parish Clerk reminded Councillors of the Annual Parish Meeting commencing at 6pm as listed below. Cllr Warne (Vice Chair) would chair the meeting and provide an annual report in the forced absence of Cllr Dolley (Chairman).

362. The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be the **Annual Parish Meeting (APM)** to be held at the village hall be on the **7th April 2026 commencing at 6:00pm. This will immediately be followed with the Public Meeting at 7.00pm**

363. Meeting closed at 20:10

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



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