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Tuesday 5th May 2026 - ANNUAL MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL

Present: Councillor Warne (Vice Chairman)

Councillors: Bridgman, Bunkum, Floyd, Johnson, & Moore.

Also in attendance:

Christopher Cook - Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer.

Jim Gale – Cornwall Councillor

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 Annual 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 May 2026

380 Chair's Welcome & Announcements

Cllr Warne (Vice Chair) welcomed Councillors to the Meeting.

There were three 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.

381. Election of Chairman

Cllr Dolley was nominated by Cllr Floyd, seconded Cllr Moore.

There being no other nominations, Councillors resolved that Cllr Dolley be elected as Chairman for the year to May 2027. Cllr Dolley was not present at the meeting but expressed an interest with the Parish Clerk that he wished to stand as Chairman.

Cllr Dolley signed the Acceptance of Office form (for completion 2nd June 2026).

382. Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr Warne was nominated by Cllr Moore, seconded Cllr Bridgman.

There being no other nominations, Councillors resolved that Cllr Warne be elected as Vice Chairman for the year to May 2027.

Cllr Warne signed the Acceptance of Office form.



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383. Public participation

No participation.

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

Cllr Dolley (Chairman) (convalescing).

385. 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.

386. To approve the Minutes of the Public Meeting 7th April 2026.

Cllr Bunkum proposed, Cllr Bridgman seconded that the draft Minutes were an accurate record. 6 agreed.

Councillors Resolved to approve the draft Minutes 7th April 2026.

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

No matters arising.

Councillors Resolved to note.

388. A report from Cornwall Councillor James Gale

Cllr Gale updated Councillors over the following issues.

1 Public realm involving the reintroduction of Glyphosate in the parish and the recent vote for consultation.

2 The current situation regarding damage to the clapper bridge which I have now involved all three local parish councils to try and gain a community lead pressure approach to resolving the repairs.

3 The current housing shortages and the fact that 25k are currently registered on the home choice system for housing also the fact that currently 900 people are registered as homeless and therefore temporary accommodation for them is coming in at an annual cost of 12m pounds.

4 The points raised in item three will be further affected by the new landlords/ tenant's act which effectively is already bringing a huge private rental shortage to the market and increasing significantly the monthly rental ceiling height.

5 as the local divisional councillor I currently have raised 5 enforcement cases none in Pillaton parish at present and also dealing with a number of Adult social care issues.



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6 I have been asked to sit on the strategic planning committee for Cornwall dealing with the larger infrastructure applications as well as sitting on the planning east committee and would like to think I can keep my divisions parish readily informed on planning subjects.

7. a couple of issues raised during the meeting including highways, housing arrangements at nearby Saltash and the Croft I will look into gaining further information to feedback to the PC as and when it becomes available.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report.

389. Finance

Finance

- (i) Accounts for approval May 2026 = £821.00
- (ii) Bank reconciliation balance £3,954.57 as at 5th May 2026
- (iii) Account 1 = £3,061.73 / Account 2 = £ 892.84 (Balance £3,954.57)
- (iv) Receipts 2026/2027 £2,751.70 / Payments 2026/2027 £1,001.25

Proposed Cllr Johnson, seconded Cllr Bridgman. All agreed.

Councillors **Resolved** to approve the payments for 5th May 2026.

390. Planning

New Planning Applications – None received

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

Planning Application Decisions – One received

Application PA26/01025
Proposal Construction of agricultural building
Location Land north of Smeaton Farm Pillaton PL12 6LZ

Application PA26/01025 **APPROVED** 20th April 2026

Planning Application – For information – None received

Planning Application received after Agenda has been issued – None received

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

391. (A) Resolutions

1. To receive a Financial Statement for year ending 31st March 2026 and to note the Internal Auditor's Report and to set the commencement date for the exercise of Public Rights.

The Annual Governance Statement (391 1. (b)), Accounting Statement (391 1. (c)), and Certificate of Exemption (391 1. (e)) (AGAR External Audit returns) were presented by the Responsible Financial Officer (RFO)



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Cllr Johnson proposed, Cllr Floyd seconded adoption of the Annual AGAR returns. All agreed.

Councillors resolved that there were Conflict of Interests (391) and the form was duly signed for return to External Auditors.

The Vice Chairman & (RFO) duly signed all AGAR forms.

Councillors resolved that there were Conflict of Interests and the form was duly signed for return to External Auditors.

2. General Power of Competence (GPC) – That the Council confirms that it meets the two required criteria for eligibility at the time of this Meeting (see Agenda item 211.2)

Cllr Moore proposed, Cllr Johnson seconded adoption of the (GPC) prescribed conditions order 2012 (SI 2012 965) paragraph 2. All agreed.

The Council resolves to adopt to use the General Power of Competence.

391. (B) Governance

Agenda item 391 (B) records the 9 areas of Governance referred to for Annual review.

Cllr Moore proposed, Cllr Johnson seconded adoption of the Governance items as listed in the agenda. All agreed.

392. Chairman's items – Recreation Field maintenance

Cllr Johnson advised that the activity equipment should be removed from the play area ahead of the imminent RoSPA annual inspection.

Cllr Bridgman agreed to remove the equipment. Councillors thanked Cllr Bridgman.

Councillors Resolved to note this report.

393. Councillor's reports

Defibrillator – Cllr Bunkum advised that new defibrillator pads would be fitted around November 2026.

Fly-tipping – no further incidents

Playground equipment – see item 392.

Safeguarding – no report

Neighbourhood Development Plan & Parish Plan – deferred until June/July 2026 review

Correspondence to the Clerk – PA26/00792 & PA26/00793 response to resident's enquiry.

Councillors Resolved to note these reports.

394. Clerk's items



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395. The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be the Public Meeting to be held at the village hall be on the 2nd June 2026 commencing at 7:00pm

Meeting closed at 20:16

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

Signed Vice Chair Cllr Warne..... Date.....



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