

# Pillaton Parish Council

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## Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025 - PUBLIC MEETING

**Present: Councillor Dolley (Chairman)**

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

**Also in attendance:**

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

Members of the public: 2

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 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025

### **268. Chair's Welcome & Announcements**

**Cllr Dolley (Chair) welcomed Councillors to the Meeting.**

**There were two 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.**

### **269. Public participation**

**Thanks were given to the Clerk & Chairman for arranging the removal of the fly-tipped glass and materials at Sillaton PL12 6PY.**

**Councillors Resolved to note.**

### **270. To receive apologies (LGA 1972 s.85 (1))**

**Cornwall Cllr Jim Gale.**

**Councillors Resolved to note.**

### **271. Declarations of Interest**



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

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

272. To approve the Minutes of the Public Meeting held 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025.

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

Councillors Resolved to approve the draft Minutes 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025.

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

No matters arising.

274 A report from Cornwall Councillor James Gale

Cllr Gale offered apologies for the Public Meeting and the Clerk read out the following report submitted by Cllr. Gale-

Report from full council meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September where the main motions put forward were as follows

1 a motion for trial parking at Launceston cattle market car park which would see a suggested £1.00 parking charge as a trial for 12months to encourage shoppers back into the town, this was passed to cabinet for a decision.

2 a motion to work towards a cleaner Cornwall was voted through although it was in principle more an ideal rather than an actual implemented structured plan.

3 working to end the SWW sewage scandal, again this was taken to cabinet and apparently CC want a soft approach as a new SWW CEO has just been appointed and CC want to work with that person rather than enforce change.

4 safeguarding CC Farm Estates to stop the sell-off of land again taken to cabinet.

5 a motion to give all councillors a mobile phone and separate number was tabled although Reform would be against this idea due to costs on the taxpayers and value for money on such expenditure this was also removed and sent to cabinet.

6 we tried to reverse the 6% car park increase across Cornwall; however, this was taken to cabinet as they have already passed the increase.

So really the above was a little frustrating however we will continue to lobby at every opportunity, on a local level I am finding the footpath and bridleways officers are a little relaxed on some situations where overgrown or blocked paths seem to go on without resolution again something that will be raised at the next full council by our team.

I look forward to attending the meeting in November.

Councillors Resolved to note this report.

275. Finance

Finance

(i) Accounts for approval October 2025 = £204.25

(ii) Bank reconciliation balance £6,756.08 as at 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025

(iii) Account 1 = £3,580.49\* / Account 2 = £3,175.59 (Balance £6,756.08)

(iv) Receipts 2025/2026 £5,102.80 / Payments 2025/2026 £2,051.39



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- Pending bank charges £4.25

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

Councillors **Resolved** to approve the payments for 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025, and to note the Receipts & Payments list and reconciliation accounts.

Councillors reviewed the Annual Budget & Precept document for 2026 / 2027 which reflected small increases of £250 to both the Budget & Precept.

Cllr Dolley (Chairman) proposed, Cllr Moore seconded the annual Budget amount of £5,250 and the Precept level of £5,250 for 2026 / 2027. All agreed.

Councillors **Resolved** to note this report and agree to the draft Budget & Precept in the sums of £5,250.

## 276. Planning

New Planning Applications – As per the Planning Applications grid

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

Planning Applications	2025/26 - Location / Development	Validated	Comments from Cornwall Council
PA25 / 05087	Smeaton Farm - construction of agricultural building	30th July 2025	Approved 23/9/2025

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

## 277. Neighbourhood Development Plan & Parish Plan (not active)

## 278. Chairman's items – Recreation Field maintenance – see also item 279 (iii)

Cllr Dolley (Chairman) thanked Cllr Bridgman for the repairs carried out to the fencing. Cllr Bridgman advised that the posts to the gazebo needed to be replaced. The approximate cost of materials would be around £200.

Cllr Dolley (Chairman) thanked Cllr Johnson for ordering the new goalposts which were now in place. Councillors appreciated the funding arrangements which Cllr Johnson had made over this matter.

Cllr Dolley (Chairman) & Cllr Bridgman had attended to the repair and maintenance of the swing bolts and nuts. The play train has been decommissioned and removed. The slide is due for refurbishment. These action points will meet the requirements following the annual ROSPA report.

Cllr Dolley (Chairman) proposed, Cllr Warne (Vice Chair) seconded expenditure from the Contingency reserve budget to meet the cost of post materials in the sum of £200. All agreed.



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Councillors Resolved to note this report and the proposed posts expenditure.

## 279. Councillor's reports

- (i) **Defibrillator** – The Defibrillator had been deployed but the cabinet had not been properly secured. The Bleed kit leaves the cabinet door proud and needs to be firmly closed after use.
- (ii) **Fly-tipping** – Building materials had been fly-tipped at Polborder Road PL12 6RE. **ACTION:** The Clerk to arrange removal of the goods and contact Cornwall Council waste services management.
- (iii) **Playground equipment** - Cllr Johnson advised that the goalposts had been purchased in the sum of £437.96. As a result of the Quiz Night raising £180, the Village Hall CIO Committee & Parish Council jointly would fund the remaining £257.96. Councillors agreed that the (RFO) should settle the sum of £128.98 by BACs transfer to the Village Hall CIO. All agreed.
- (iv) **Other Councillor reports** – A Cyber-Crime Awareness presentation by Devon & Cornwall Police took place 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025. Cllr Johnson reported that the event was well received and well attended by residents. Councillors thanked Cllr Johnson for arranging the event.
- (v) **Neighbourhood Priority Statement (NPS)**  
Cllr Johnson attended the online presentation on the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025. The presentation included an update on latest Planning changes, and Neighbourhood Planning generally which would include the latest on the (NPS) pilot scheme and how to get started.  
Cllr Johnson stated that it was not obligatory for the Parish Council to write an (NPS) and that a public consultation (survey monkey) would have to be completed. The (NPS) is a less significant document than the (NDP) plan itself and holds less sway in connection with Planning application matters. The (NPS) demonstrates Community Engagement, growth, and development in the Parish.  
Cllr Dolley (Chairman) stated that utilities were operating at full capacity in the village, and Councillors generally agreed that the infrastructure could not support a major housing development scheme.  
Cllr Johnson suggested that the Parish Council take no further action with the (NPS) for the present time.  
Councillors thanked Cllr Johnson for attending the presentation.

Cllr Johnson reported that he had written a formal complaint as an individual Councillor to South West Water (SWW) following the recent sewerage works in the village, complaining of the disruption to residents over a two-week period, without (SWW) giving prior notice of the works or any later explanation of what the work entailed. Cllr Johnson had received a response from (SWW) stating that the works were necessary due to "an emergency issue", but without any more detailed explanation of that issue was, nor the reason for not keeping residents informed. However, SWW did apologise to residents for the disruption that the work had caused.

Cllr Dolley (Chairman) stated that the correspondence regarding (SWW) should be included in the Minutes. All agreed.

Councillors Resolved to note the above action points.



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## 280. Clerk's items

- (i) Draft Budget / Precept 2026 / 2027 (see item 275 above)

Councillors Resolved to action the above items.

## 281. Correspondence

No correspondence.

282. The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be the Public Meeting to be held at the village hall be on the 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025 commencing at 7:00pm

283. Meeting closed at 19:37

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



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