

Pillaton Parish Council

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Tuesday 7th April 2026 - 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: 4

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 7th April 2026

364. 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.

365. Public participation

No participation.

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

No apologies.

367. Declarations of Interest

Councillors Resolved that no Councillors declared a non-pecuniary or pecuniary interest.

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

368. To approve the Minutes of the Public Meeting held 17th March 2026.



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Cllr Warne (Vice Chairman) proposed, Cllr Bridgman seconded that the draft Minutes were an accurate record. 6 agreed, 1 abstention.

Councillors Resolved to approve the draft Minutes 17th March 2026.

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

No matters arising.

370 A report from Cornwall Councillor James Gale

Cornwall Cllr Jim Gale updated Councillors as follows-

- 400 CiL funding applications had been submitted by Parish Councils amounting to £27million. The budget is £750,000 which has now been raised to £2million.
- Cornwall Highways addressing pothole repairs as previously reported 3rd March 2026. Many repairs have now been completed thou these are only temporary repairs in some cases.
- Expressions of Interest have been submitted by local Councils represented by Cllr Jim Gale, 3 EOIs have been supported for funding. Several scheme requests have been turned down due to cost or because the request was not suitable. Requests range from lighting, speed restrictions, speed reduction notices/gates, speed bumps height and opening of footpaths / bridlepaths.
- Solar Farm local developments are still under review by the Cornwall Council. Generally Solar Farms will mean a loss of farmland(s). Development at Dupath is pending decision and a full planning application has yet to be submitted.
- The Planning in Principle aspect being introduced which will affect local planning applications and the (NPPF) which is currently in draft format with no further update.

Councillors Resolved to note this report.

371. Finance

Finance

- (i) Accounts for approval April 2026 = £180.25
- (ii) Bank reconciliation balance £4,770.94 as 7th Apr 2026
- (iii) Account 1 = £3,878.48* / Account 2 = £892.46** (Balance £4,770.94)
- (iv) Receipts 2026/2027 £2,750.07 / Payments 2026/2027 £180.25
 - Pending bank charges £4.25 to Account 1 = £3,878.48
 - Account 2 with interest £892.46 (Total balance £4,770.94)

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

Councillors Resolved to approve the payments for 7th April 2026, and to note the Receipts & Payments list and reconciliation accounts.

Year End Accounts for Internal Audit

- (i) Supporting Statement to Receipts & Payments Account & Section 137
- (ii) Receipts & Payments Summary 2025/2026
- (iii) Summary Receipts & Payments Account 2025/2026



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- (iv) Statement of Income & Expenditure 2025/2026
- (v) Over £100 payments listing 2025/2026

Items 371 (i) & (ii) proposed Cllr Moore, seconded Cllr Floyd. All agreed.
The Chairman & (RFO) signed the documents as listed.
Councillors Resolved to note items 371 (iii) to (v).

Councillors Resolved the year end accounts.

Refer to Finance report at www.pillaton.org/parish-council

372. Planning

New Planning Application – PA26/00792 & PA26/00793 (Application & Building Consent)
Application link <http://planning.cornwall.gov.uk/online-applications>

Planning application received 25th March 2026 after the agenda was published.

PA26/00792 & PA26/00793– Grid Ref 236406/64130

Proposal – Installation of solar panels to 1980’2 detached garage, including storage battery
Inverter within garage itself, and external vehicle charging point.

Location – Pillaton Barton Farmhouse Pillaton Saltash Cornwall

The applicant explained the development in full to Parish Councillors, referring to the Grade listed building consent, the number and placement of solar panels, and charging point which would be situated in the garage.

The Parish Chairman had received a comment from residents stating that the solar panels specifically on the South- West facing part of the garage were too close and low to the property boundary. Councillors acknowledged the comment and the applicant agreed to seek clarification * over this point from the Planning Department, as well as the Council’s response including the Condition which requests Cornwall Council planning to verify that the panel meets legislative criteria.

The Parish Council agreed to SUPPORT Planning Application PA26/00792 & Listed Building Consent PA26/00793 in principle, subject to receiving details concerning regulations relating to the proximity of the proposed solar panels on the SW elevation to the pathway next to the development. The Planning Department to advise regarding statutory requirements.

Proposed Cllr Johnson, seconded Cllr Bunkum SUPPORT for Planning application PA26/00792 (and 00793) in principle subject to clarification * All agreed.

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	Withdrawn 27/3/2026
PA26 / 00792	Pillaton Barton Farm - solar panels & charging point	25th March 2026	Awaiting decision APP
PA26 / 00793	Pillaton Barton Farm - solar panels & charging point	25th March 2026	Awaiting decision Consent



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

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

374. Chairman's items – Recreation Field maintenance

Cllr Dolley (Chairman) made a point of thanking all Councillors who had helped with maintenance issues in the playpark and appreciated them giving of the time voluntarily over the past year. The Playing Field was being well used by residents.

The Activity centre climbing frame to be dismantled by the end of April 2026, before the annual RoSPA inspection due in May. Urgent work is required to repair the gazebo seating area. The train equipment has been removed. All is good with the new goalposts.

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.

375. 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). Cllr Johnson advised Councillors that the new activity centre would cost around £17,500 and that approximately £10,500 has been raised so far, with further grants requests to be made.
- (iv) **Safeguarding** – No reports.
- (v) **Other Councillor reports** – No further specific reports. Councillors mentioned hedge cutting maintenance at Glebe View / Head Cross and by the Recreation Field. The Council has no control over the hedge trimming and need to ask the landowners who may co-operate when requested. The current time of the year with nesting birds is not the correct time to cut hedges, only during the period September to February.
Councillors **Resolved** to note.

376. Clerk's items – Weed Management control

The Clerk advised Councillors that Cornwall Highways intend to re-introduce weed management control throughout the County. Further information to follow.

377. Correspondence – no Council related.

378. The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be the **Annual Meeting of the Parish Council (AMPC)** to be held at the village hall on the **5th May 2026 commencing at 7:00pm.**

379. Meeting closed at 19:45



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



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