

Pillaton Parish Council

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Tuesday 2nd September 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 2nd September 2025

252. 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.

253. Public participation

Mention was made that the Clapper Bridge coping stones had not been replaced. The Chairman advised that Cormac Highways were not responsible and that any repairs to the bridge may not take place until early 2026.

Cornwall Cllr. Gale advised Councillors that it is the 'Bridges' section of Cornwall Highways who are specifically tasked with carrying out the repairs in question.

Councillors Resolved to note.

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

No apologies.



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255. 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.

256. To approve the Minutes of the Public Meeting held 1st July 2025.

Cllr Johnson proposed, Cllr Floyd seconded that the draft Minutes were an accurate record subject to amendment below. 5 agreed, 2 abstentions.

Councillors Resolved to approve the draft Minutes 1st July 2025.

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

Item 247 (iii) date changed from the 3rd September 2025 to the 22nd October 2025.

Councillors Resolved to note.

258 A report from Cornwall Councillor James Gale

Cllr Gale reported as follows-

Launceston minor injuries unit now open 4 days a week
Solar Farm consultation 126 hectares – consultation in progress
Cornwall Independence – suggest that the matter goes to residents Referendum
Blunts social / assisted housing scheme – under review but not suitable for the area
Highways safety issues A390 – safety notices to be placed between Callington and Liskeard

Councillors Resolved to note this report.

259. Finance

Finance

- (i) Accounts for approval September 2025 = £518.40
- (ii) Bank reconciliation balance £6,958.57 as at 2nd September 2025
- (iii) Account 1 = £3,784.74* / Account 2 = £3,173.83 (Balance £6,958.57)
- (iv) Receipts 2025/2026 £5,102.80 / Payments 2025/2026 £1,847.14
- Pending bank charges £4.25

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

Councillors Resolved to approve the payments for 1st July 2025, and to note the Receipts & Payments list and reconciliation accounts.

260. Planning

New Planning Applications – As per the Planning Applications grid

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



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

Councillors Resolved to note all Planning matters.

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

262. Chairman's items – Recreation Field maintenance – see also item 263 (iii)

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

Councillors Resolved to note.

263. Councillor's reports

- (i) Defibrillator – The Bleed kit used for demonstration purposes to be returned to Duchy Defibrillators.
- (ii) Fly-tipping – no further fly-tipping incidents.
- (iii) Playground equipment - Cllr Johnson advised that a Quiz Night was planned for 5th September 2025 and that funds raised/donations would be directed to play equipment improvements. The Village Hall CIO Committee were willing to inject 50% match funding for the new goalposts costed at £400. The Parish Council would finance the other 50%. It was agreed that the funds raised at the quiz night would be used to offset the goalposts costs.
Proposed Cllr Bunkum, seconded Cllr Warne (Vice Chair) 5 agreed, 2 abstentions.

Mention was made of a replacement play activity centre which would cost between £7,000 and £10,000. Cllr Johnson volunteered to look at funding streams in due course, following regenerating the joint Parish Council / Village Hall but independent Playing Field Support Group (PFSG). The Village Hall CIO Committee appears mindful of contributing to the funding project with a view to a down payment being made to the (PFSG). All agreed with this action in principle.

- (iv) Other Councillor reports – A Cyber-Crime Awareness presentation by Devon & Cornwall Police was planned for 24th September 2025. The event would be dependent on numbers planning to attend the event.
- (v) Neighbourhood Priority Statement (NPS)
Cllr Johnson advised that whilst the Parish Council may have no wish to further the Neighbourhood Development Plan, further consideration of the new (NPS) policy may be necessary, and he volunteered to attend the online presentation on the 30th September 2025. The presentation would include an update on latest Planning changes,



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and Neighbourhood Planning generally which would include the latest on the (NPS) pilot scheme and how to get started.

Councillors Resolved to note the above action points.

264. Clerk's items

- (i) CALC membership – Councillors discussed the merits of the annual membership subscription and agreed to consider subscribing from 1st April, 2026, when the membership fee would have been budgeted for in the 2026/27 budget process. Councillors would also consider making a S.137 payment. The Parish Clerk to advise Cornwall ALC Limited.
- (ii) Website – Parish Council to renew Domain name. Proposed Cllr Johnson, seconded Cllr Warne (Vice Chair). All agreed
- (iii) Draft Budget / Precept 2026 / 2027 (review 7th October 2025) – Councillors noted.

Councillors Resolved to action the above items.

265. Correspondence

No correspondence.

266. The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be the Public Meeting to be held at the village hall be on the 7th October 2025 commencing at 7:00pm

267. Meeting closed at 20:10

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



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