

Pillaton Parish Council

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Tuesday 2nd December 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 December 2025

300. 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.

301. Public participation

No public participation.

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

No apologies.

303. 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.



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304. To approve the Minutes of the Public Meeting held 4th November 2025.

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

Councillors Resolved to approve the draft Minutes 4th November 2025.

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

No matters arising.

306 A report from Cornwall Councillor James Gale

Cornwall Cllr Jim Gale reported that he had been involved with the following-

- Cornwall Council motion to support the £30,000+ veterans in Cornwall
- Cornwall Council voted NOT to support a mandatory I.D. system (considered that the current Diversity Equality and Inclusion (Equality Act 20210) was sufficient
- Moorfield car park Truro considered dangerous and closed to the public. A structural survey reveals that the car park can be rejuvenated. Estimated cost £50k.
- Go-ahead bus service in Truro to cease.
- World Heritage site at Bodmin, buildings urgently require refurbishment. Cornwall Council responsible for Houseman's mine.
- Volunteer driver taxi service under consideration as a service to residents where no bus routes or services exist. Further information to follow.

Councillors Resolved to note this report.

307. Finance

Finance

- (i) Accounts for approval December 2025 = £674.25
- (ii) Bank reconciliation balance £5,579.84 as at 2nd Dec 2025
- (iii) Account 1 = £2,401.01* / Account 2 = £3,178.83 (Balance £5,579.84)
- (iv) Receipts 2025/2026 £5,102.80 / Payments 2025/2026 £3,230.87
- Pending bank charges £4.25

Proposed Cllr Bunkum, seconded Cllr Warne (Vice Chair). 5 agreed.
2 abstentions Cllrs Dolley (Chair) & Moore.

Councillors Resolved to approve the payments for 2nd December 2025, and to note the Receipts & Payments list and reconciliation accounts.

308. Planning

New Planning Applications – As per the Planning Applications grid
Application link <http://planning.cornwall.gov.uk/online-applications>

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

Councillors Resolved to note all Planning matters.

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

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

Cllr Dolley (Chairman) advised that the Church PCC were considering felling the Beech tree in the churchyard, as the Beech tree was suffering from a fungus infection which can rot the tree from inside the stump. As the tree poses a danger to falling onto residents and buildings, the PCC were in the process of getting a quotation to carry out the work. The PCC was in correspondence with Truro Diocese over this issue and tree inspectors.

The rope bridge wooden slants were reported as rotting and the equipment will be taken out of service as advised by the Chairman.

Councillors Resolved to note this report.

311. Councillor's reports

- (i) Defibrillator – Annual Maintenance check and replacement pads have been completed. The rocker spring to the unit has been replaced. The annual maintenance invoice has been received.
- (ii) Fly-tipping – No significant fly-tipping to report.
- (iii) Playground equipment - Cllr Johnson advised that the Pillaton Playing Field Group had potential funds amounting to £2,000 which could be used to finance the replacement play centre equipment. The Village Hall CIO Committee intended to prepare to apply for grant monies when the January 2026 window opens, specifically to purchase a replacement Activity Centre as mentioned.
- (iv) Other Councillor reports – Cllr Johnson reported to Councillors regarding the existing 2023 Parish Council Children's Safeguarding Policy, and provided a revised version of the Policy originally presented for adoption at the Public Meeting 4th November 2025. The updated version included a few minor adjustments highlighting issues which referred to young persons and vulnerable adults which strengthened the conditions. Councillors thanked Cllr Johnson for the information, and the Parish Council Chairman duly signed the new revised Policy terms and conditions as proposed by Cllr Johnson and seconded by Cllr Warne (Vice Chair). All agreed. Cllr Johnson also advised that a member of the Village Hall CIO Committee, Kirsty Mims, who was a retired qualified Lawyer and had received Safeguarding training would provide training to Parish Councillors surrounding Safeguarding issues. It was proposed that Safeguarding training for Councillors be delivered at the next Public Meeting 6th January 2026, subject to Kirsty Mims availability.
- (v) Neighbourhood Priority Statement (NPS) – No further report from 30th September 2025 Cllr Johnson report.
- (vi) Community Highways Improvement programme 2026/29 – Cornwall Cllr Jim Gale announced that the funding programme for Cornwall in the sum of £3million had been agreed. Further updates will happen once the Cornwall Area Partnership (CAPs) &



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Tamar Moor View Group link officers had met to discuss the programme with all Parish Councils.

Councillors Resolved to note the above action points.

312. Clerk's items.

The Public Meetings Schedule for 2026 was circulated to all Councillors.

313. Correspondence

No correspondence.

314. The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be the Public Meeting to be held at the village hall be on the 6th January 2026 commencing at 7:00pm

315. Meeting closed at 20:02

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



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