

Pillaton Parish Council

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Tuesday 22nd Oct 2024

Present: Councillor Dolley (Chairman)

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

Also in attendance:

Christopher Cook - Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer.

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 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 22nd Oct 2024

76. Chair's Welcome & Announcements

Cllr Dolley (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.

77. Public Participation

None.

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

Cllr Ley (Holiday).

79. 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.

80. To approve the Minutes of the Public Meeting 3rd Sept 2024.



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

Councillors **Resolved** to approve the draft Minutes 3rd Sept 2024.

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

No matters arising.

Councillors **Resolved** to note.

82. Planning

New Planning Applications – None received

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

Planning Application Decisions – None received

Planning Application – For information – None received

Planning Application received after Agenda has been issued – To be advised

Planning Application received 18th October 2024

Application PA24/07897
Proposal Single storey rear extension
Location Bristol Orchard Barn St Mellion Saltash Cornwall
Grid Ref 239476/64606

Councillors considered the development modest and acceptable.

Cllr Warne (Vice Chair) proposed, Cllr Moore seconded **SUPPORT** for PA24/07897.
All agreed.

Planning Application received 21st October 2024

Application PA24/07985
Proposal Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an Existing use non-compliance with agricultural occupancy condition contained within condition 15 of approval 02/00380/FUL dated 31.10.2002 has occurred for over 10 years
Location Coombe Mill Farm Pillaton Mill Landrake Saltash
Grid Ref 236990/62629

Councillors noted that the location had not been used for agricultural use for at least 10 years and that the dwelling was used for residential use with no expectation of change. Councillors considered that this was acceptable whilst noting previous agricultural ties to the land, and previous support for the original Planning Application.

Cllr Johnson proposed, Cllr Floyd seconded **SUPPORT** for PA24/07985.
5 agreed, 1 abstention.



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

83. (a) Finance

- (i) Accounts for approval October 2024 = £170.00 as per payment schedule
- (ii) Bank reconciliation balance £6,104 as at 22nd October 2024
- (iii) Account 1 = £2,957 / Account 2 = £3,147 (Balance £6,104)
- (iv) Receipts 2024 / 2025 £3,803 / Payments 2024 / 2025 £1,671

Councillors **Resolved** to note the Finance report.

84. Budget & Precept setting 2025 / 2026

A draft Budget form was previously circulated to Councillors.

The Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) provided a summary and explanation of the proposed draft Budget and Precept for 2025 – 2026. Mention was made of the forthcoming Local Elections 1st May 2025 noting that the cost of the Elections was unknown at October 2024. Consideration and the likely effect on the Band ‘D’ rating for Precept purposes would be considered in November when the Cornwall Council Tax Base amount is released for 2025 / 2026.

The Budget level for 2025 – 2026 was proposed at £5,000 (an increase from 2024 – 2025, but bringing the level of Precept in line with that of 2023 – 2024 set at £4,625).
Proposed Cllr Johnson, seconded Cllr Moore. All agreed.

The Precept amount for 2025 – 2026 was proposed at £5,000 (an increase of approximately 35% on the 2024 – 2025 Precept set at £3,727, and necessary to meet Budget requirements for 2025 - 2026).
Proposed Cllr Johnson, seconded Cllr Moore. All agreed.

Councillors **Resolved** to note the Earmarked Funds amounts and Asset Register sums insured. A **Motion** to approve the draft Budget figure of **£5,000** and the draft Precept figure of **£5,000** would be finalised at the Public Meeting 5th November 2024.

Details of the draft Budget and Precept figures can be viewed at www.pillaton.org.uk

85. Chairman’s items

Cllr Dolley (Chairman) stated that there was on-going maintenance work in the Playing Field to the Shelter post, and the zip wire mechanism had been strengthened. Equipment displaying rust fatigue would be treated to ensure that the equipment remained in use and safe.

Cllr Dolley (Chairman) thanked Gary Bridgman for trimming and cutting hedges in the playing field, and all Councillors offered their thanks to Mr Bridgman for carrying out this work at no expense to the Parish Council.

Councillors Resolved to note this report.

86. Clerks items

86 (a) Car parking at Mary Close Pillaton



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The following correspondence was received addressing Car parking at Mary Close-

With regard to your enquiry about adding additional parking at Mary Moon Close in Pillaton, I can confirm that Cornwall Housing is responsible for the current parking area.

As for providing additional parking; a project such as this would be funded from capital budgets. However, for the next two financial years, Cornwall Housing is focussing capital budgets on our properties to bring them up to the decent homes standard. This includes addressing damp and mould issues, ensuring our homes are electrical and gas safety compliant and that the fabric of the buildings are in good order. Given, this, there is little likelihood of capital funds being available to provide additional parking on any Cornwall Housing managed sites.

I am sorry this is not the news you would have hoped for, but I am sure you will appreciate that providing safe, decent homes for our tenants to live in must take priority.

Kind Regards

Alastair Spencer – Estate Services Manager
Cornwall Housing Limited – Housing Operations Team

86 (b) Village Milestone maintenance

Details surrounding village milestone maintenance had previously been circulated to Councillors.

The Council is entitled to renovate and repaint milestones without further reference to Heritage England. The Clerk advised that milestones are normally listed with Historic England and are the property or managed by the Highway who delegate authority to freshly paint a granite milestone white and provide crisp black lettering. This situation is permissible if the milestone has been painted in the past.

Here is a link to the paint recommended by a stonemason - it is the yellow tin with red banding
<https://www.handover.co.uk/signwriting-pinstriping-paints/>

It is recommended that a fine brush is used, wiping away any residue on the surrounding area.

Cllr Dolley (Chairman) stated that the milestone in question was quite deteriorated and difficult to read. Cllr Warne (Vice Chair) suggested that by using a suitable drill bit on the granite the wording to locations could be reproduced to good effect.

Councillors Resolved to note this report.

87. Pillaton Village News and website

Cllr Ley had settled the new website annual maintenance fee £129.60 directly with Wix, and also the sum of £20 to Handmadepages for purposes of transferring the Pillaton domain name administration to Patrick McClaughry (Wix). Cllr Ley to be reimbursed for expenditure £149.60.

The new website is expected to be fully operational from early November 2024.

Councillors Resolved to note.

88. Defibrillator training



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Cllr Warne (Vice Chair) advised that a successful training session had been provided by a very competent trainer, and that all those who attended expressed their thanks to the Parish Council. The cost of the training session was approximately £108 and the Council await an invoice for settlement.

Cllr Warne (Vice Chair) also advised that 'Bleed Kits' were now available and each defibrillator cabinet would include a 'Bleed Kit' in the future. Details of the delivery of the kits are awaited. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Warne (Vice Chair) for arranging the training session.

Councillors Resolved to note this report.

89. Councillor's reports

Cllr Dolley (Chairman) offered thanks to Cllrs Warne (Vice Chair) & Bunkhum for their advice in how to effect repairs to the Council noticeboard posts which were rotting at the base. Cllr Warne (Vice Chair) has successfully inserted wedges to strengthen the posts.

Cllr Bunkum updated Councillors concerning the forthcoming road closures in and around Pound Hill Landrake resulting from water and sewerage works to be carried out at Dolbeare from early November 2024. A site meeting is planned at the end of October 2024 involving the Cornwall Councillor, CORMAC and water and sewerage Contractor, with the aim of minimising disruption to residents in the area.

Action: Clerk to circulate details of the road closure from the Cornwall Councillor.

Cllr Johnson has updated the Facebook page with details of the Saltash Tunnel redevelopment works.

Councillors Resolved to note these reports.

90. Correspondence

See Item 86 (a)

91. The next Meeting of the Parish Council at the village hall will be on the 5 November 2024.

92. Meeting closed at 19:50

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



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