

Pillaton Parish Council

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Tuesday 6th January 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.

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.

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316. 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.

317. Public participation

No public participation.

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

Cornwall Cllr Gale unable to attend.

319. 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.

320. To approve the Minutes of the Public Meeting held 2nd December 2025.

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



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Councillors Resolved to approve the draft Minutes 2nd December 2025.

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

No matters arising.

322 A report from Cornwall Councillor James Gale

Cornwall Cllr Jim Gale unable to attend.

Councillors Resolved to note.

323. Finance

Finance

(i) Accounts for approval January 2026 = £764.25

(ii) Bank reconciliation balance £4,817.11 as at 6th Jan 2026

(iii) Account 1 = £1,636.76* / Account 2 = £3,180.35 (Balance £4,817.11)

(iv) Receipts 2025/2026 £5,102.80 / Payments 2025/2026 £3,995.12

- Pending bank charges £4.25

Proposed Cllr Johnson, seconded Cllr Floyd. All agreed.

Councillors Resolved to approve the payments for 6th January 2026, and to note the Receipts & Payments list and reconciliation accounts.

324. Planning

New Planning Applications – None

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

Councillors Resolved to note that there were no new Planning applications.

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

326. Chairman's items – Recreation Field maintenance

Cllr Dolley (Chairman) reported regarding the 4 salt bins in the village, stating that two were full of salt and the other two quite full. The bins were showing signs of aging but still serviceable. Councillors discussed the merits of purchasing and storing bags of salt in future. Mole Valley farmers would be used to obtain salt grit.

Councillors agreed to review the salt bins situation again around Autumn 2026.

Cllr Dolley (Chairman) stated that several potholes had formed in Leigh Road and by Bush Cottage. Whilst Parish Councillors may independently report these matters to Cornwall Council once precise details are provided, it is not the responsibility of the Parish Council alone and any resident can report potholes direct to Cornwall Council (which can be done on line at <http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/transport-parking-and-streets/roads-highways-and-pavements/report-a-problem-with-a-road-or-pavement/potholes/>).



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A pothole repair notice to be placed on the notice board advising residents of action that can be taken. Fly-tipping can be reported to wastesystemsadmin@cornwall.gov.uk

Cllrs Dolley & Bridgman to remove the rust from the playpark slide chute and then add a rust proofer solution. Cllr Dolley (Chairman) to source materials.

Councillors Resolved to note this report.

327. Councillor's reports

- (i) Defibrillator – No report.
- (ii) Fly-tipping – No significant fly-tipping to report.
- (iii) Playground equipment - Cllr Johnson advised that the Pillaton Playing Field Group had arranged a Quiz night 17th January 2026 in the Weary Friar, with a view to raising funds to finance the replacement play centre equipment. The Quiz funds raised would be added to grant monies when The Village Hall CIO Committee apply for a Solar Farm grant.
- (iv) Other Councillor reports –Cllr Johnson 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. The training would be based upon her own experience(s) and training which would provide guidance to Parish Councillors. Training would be delivered at the next Public Meeting 3rd February 2026, subject to Kirsty Mims availability. Councillors discussed Safeguarding training in general, and the Clerk would advise further on this matter.
- (v) Neighbourhood Priority Statement (NPS) – No further report from 30th September 2025 Cllr Johnson report.
- (vi) Community Highways Improvement programme 2026/29 – No further report. Councillors Resolved to note the above action points.

328. Clerk's items.

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

329. Correspondence

No correspondence.

330. The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be the Public Meeting to be held at the village hall be on the 3rd February 2026 commencing at 7:00pm

331. Meeting closed at 19:50

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



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