

**Minutes of the Meeting Pilton West Parish Council
held on the 3rd March 2026
at 7.00 pm at Pilton Meeting Rooms.**

Present

Cllr M May
Cllr A May
Cllr I Brodie
Cllr R Fallis
Cllr Muggleston

Mar 26/1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr A Davis apologised for her absence which was due to an error by the Clerk.

Mar 26/2 Minutes of the meeting held on the 27th January 2026.

RESOLVED the meeting minutes as previously circulated be approved and signed by the Chairman

Mar 26/3 Matters arising

There were none that were not on the agenda

Mar 26/4 Report of the County Councillor

The County Councillor had forwarded her report a copy of which is attached to these minutes

Mar 26/5 Questions to the County Councillor

There were none

Mar 26//6 Report of the District Councillor

There was no report

Mar 26/7 Questions to the District Councillor

There were no questions

Mar 26/8 Correspondence

Local Government Reorganisation – updates
Working together – Cluster working – joint proposal from Lynton, Ilfracombe, S Molton and Barnstaple councils

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Mar 26/9 Planning Applications

Planning Application 80363 Appeal

Cllrs M May and A May declared their prejudicial interest in this item and took no part in the discussion apart from advising members that this building had only been used as a stable and therefore could not be classified as an agricultural building. They then withdrew from the meeting.

Members noted that the applicant had not included any new information in his application and had failed to address the issue of the building area being susceptible to flooding and it's SSI classification. It was RESOLVED that the Councils recommendation for REFUSAL stand.

Mar 26/10 Planning Decisions

There were none.

Mar 26/11 Local Government Reorganisation

Members discussed the consultation document from County, Unitary and District Local Authorities within Devon detailing the suggestions for working areas. Members RESOLVED that they consider the response proposals from 5 Authority groups which will be circulated. The response to show option 4 as the preferred option and option 5 as second choice.

Mar 26/12 Reports from Councillors

There were none

Mar 26/13 Cluster Working

Members discussed this as a working option but were concerned that the proposals would work against, albeit inadvertently, smaller Parishes. RESOLVED to take no action at this time

Mar 26/14 Public Question Time

There were no members of the public present

Mar 26/15 Clerks Report

The Clerk had not been able to progress opening an account due to difficulties with the system that needed to be accessed. He would attempt to deal with a member of staff of Nat west on a fact to face basis

Mar 26/16 Cheques for Payment

A Cheque to G Dwyer for the clerk's salary (£200.00) was signed at the meeting

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Mar 26/17 Urgent Business

There was none

Date of Next Meeting

26th May 2026

The meeting finished at 8.35pm

Chairman:.....

Dated:.....