STILTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Pavilion Committee meeting that took place on Tuesday 4 August 2026 at the Church Meeting Room, Stilton at 7.30pm.

Present:
Councillors: J Leonard (Chairman), Graham, O Leonard and Murtagh

Clerk: Lawrence

Others: 1 member of the public and Julie Gillies, Pavilion Administrator, were present

PVC01/08/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Councillor Ayres had sent apologies – personal reasons (**accepted**) and Cllr O Leonard although not present at the start of the meeting, would be joining shortly.

PVC02/08/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS
No Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests, as set out in Chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011 were declared nor dispensations requested.

PVC03/08/26 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
A member of the public was interested in the land report (PVC10/08/26) especially regarding a potential building for YES (Young people Engagement Stilton), site storage and being able to use the speakers.

PVC04/08/26 MINUTES
The Minutes of the Pavilion committee meeting held on Tuesday 5 June 2026 were recorded as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

PVC05/08/26 PAVILION USER GROUPS
Pavilion user groups had been invited to feedback on any concerns or suggestions. The Clerk reported on comments received included:

- New tables much better than the old ones
- Concern over purchase price and maintenance of potential air conditioning
- Table tennis support for air conditioning and an enquiry re rate increases next year (to be discussed at the November meeting)
- A request for long term use – **not deemed suitable**
- Recent communication from a member of the public regarding connection to main drains **– Cllr J Leonard to draw up correspondence for the Clerk to send to Cross Keys re the possibility of connecting to their infrastructure**
  Cess pool costs were also questioned – **Clerk to provide a link for actual costs**.

Cllr O Leonard joined the meeting.

PVC06/08/26 PAVILION ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
The Pavilion Administrator presented the report for committee to consider. This included:

- Security update – numbers not always accurate
- Regular and non-regular user update – Table tennis youths stopping use but puppy training classes had been extended
- Contractor's policy – to be drawn up (pre-registered contractor list to be considered to ensure compliance with regulations)
- Google reviews – increasing.

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PVC07/08/26 PAVILON HIRE REPORT

The Clerk presented a report on current hire issues and members put forward thoughts on how to address these.

Resolved

Clerk to put together a reconsidered pricing plan to address issues currently experienced with bigger parties (bins, security, kitchen use, rubbish) – to be presented at the November meeting.

PVC08/08/26 OPERATIONAL ISSUES

The Clerk reported on bin needs re Simpler Recycling (proposed solution in Waste Planning report), toilet provision for events and a cess pool emptying quote (Clerk to ask further questions with the existing contractor). A fire extinguisher quote was deferred, emergency lighting repair quote detailed and the need for extra wine glasses outlined (Clerk to speak to the Church re glasses they are disposing of).

Resolved

PVC08/08/26.1 Bin suggestions as in the Waste Planning Report to be presented to the Parish Council at the meeting on 11/08/26 for approval

PVC08/08/26.2 Events of over 100 people to be given access to the footballer toilets as standard (charge to be built into the new pricing levels)

PVC08/08/26.3 LW Electrical quote for £360 +VAT with £500-£800 estimated for a scissor lift or scaffolding tower to be recommended to the Parish Council meeting in August.

The Chairman advised the meeting would be extended by a further 30minutes as the 2-hour limit was approaching.

PVC09/08/26 PAVILION/COMMUNITY FIELD MAINTENANCE

The following was considered:

- Pavilion maintenance schedule – **up to date (boilers, under floor heating and Aqua Boss system being serviced on 05/08/26 by TF Heating Ltd)**
- Pavilion WIFI issues – **appear to have been sorted**
- Control panel works – **awaiting works**
- Neo hub disconnection – **Clerk to reconnect**.

PVC10/08/26 SOLAR BATTERIES

Cllr J Leonard fed back re air conditioning viability and proposed visiting Connington and Duxford to find out how they manage their systems.

Julie Gillies, Pavilion Administrator left the meeting.

PVC11/08/26 LAND REPORT

Cllr Graham reported on recent surveying of the Pavilion and surrounding areas to enable consideration of car parking, skate park renovation and future development (**further research to be carried out into car parking options).**

PVC12/05/26 COMMUNITY FIELD/PLAY AREAS

Carousel maintenance in the Pavilion play park, block paving at the Pavilion playpark side entrance and surfacing quotes for the Pavilion Play Park were discussed (very expensive).

Resolved

PVC12/05/26.1 The carousel has been closed and fenced off until repairs have taken place – Fenland have been approached to provide a solution

PVC12/05/26.2 Caretakers to brick pave the entrances to the play park (Cllr O Leonard to donate the bricks).

Meeting closed: 22:00

Next meeting – Tuesday 3 November 2026 at 7.30pm

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