STILTON PARISH COUNCIL

ENERGY REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2026

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On 19 October 2026, SPC's 1-year fixed business plan with Octopus will come to an end for Pavilion electricity, gas and Skate-park electricity. The fixed plan with EON for Parish Room electricity will also end.

The decision for the Parish Council now is to:

- Take out a 1-year, 2-year or 3-year Fixed Business rate with current suppliers, Octopus or EON. No decision will mean automatic movement to the Flexible Business tariff.

The Pavilion has benefitted from the thermostat upgrade which means greater temperature control is possible, reducing gas use. The solar batteries should help reduce electricity consumption and increase income through the FiT tariff. The Skate Park now has LED lights and, should Stilton Heritage, agree to a Licence to Occupy, the Parish Council could see the CIO paying a percentage of the electricity bills. A new frost thermometer has been fitted at the Parish Room. If the Parish Council is going to occupy the Parish Room, moving onto a better tariff may be a better financial option, given its energy inefficiency.

<u>Pavilion Solar Panels</u>

The solar panels at the Pavilion generated an income of £1,462 in FY24-25 and £1,823.76 in FY25-26 through the Feed in Tariff (FiT). The contract is with EON (as it has been since installation). No income has currently been received for FY26-27.

Potential options for energy suppliers Octopus and EON are demonstrated below.

Comparisons:

SC = Standing charge UR = Unit rate per kWh Cost = Estimated annual cost

Octopus	Current rate:	1-year fixed No SC	1-year fixed	2-year fixed
Gas -Pavilion Annual use: 42,237kWh	SC: 12.78p UR: 5.51p Cost: £2,373.91	 UR: 9.80p Cost: £4,139.23	SC: 13.95p UR: 9.16p Cost: £3,919.83	SC: 14.23p UR: 8.3p Cost: £3,557.61
Electricity- Pavilion Annual use: 4,907kWh	SC: 52.47p UR: 23.28p Cost: £1,333.87	 UR: 36.9p Cost: £1,806.83	SC: 61.67p UR:27.52p Cost: £1,575.51	SC: 65.7p UR: 25.94p Cost: £1,512.69
Electricity – Skate Park Annual use: 1,079kWh	SC: 52.47p UR: 23.28p Cost: £442.71	 N/A (1 year fixed Cost: £508.99)	SC: 61.67p UR: 26.31p Cost: £508.99	SC: 65.07p UR: 24.33p Cost: £500.03
Electricity – Parish Room Annual use: 1,099kWh	EON SC: 56.00p UR: 28.6p Cost: £518.71	 N/A (1 year fixed Cost: 514.25)	SC: 61.67p UR: 26.31p Cost: £514.25	SC: 65.07p UR: 24.33p Cost: £504.90

TOTAL COST: % change on current rate:	£4,669.20	£6,969.30 (+49.26%)	£6,518.58 (+39.6%)	£6,075.23 (+30.1%)

EON	Current rate	1-year fixed	2-year fixed	3-year fixed
Gas -Pavilion Annual use: 42,237kWh	SC: 12.78p UR: 5.51p Cost: £2,373.91	SC: 30p UR: 9.2p Cost: £3,995.30	SC: 30p UR: 8.5p Cost: £3,699.65	SC: 30p UR: 7.7p Cost: £3,361.75
Electricity- Pavilion Annual use: 4,907kWh	SC: 52.47p UR: 23.28p Cost: £1,333.87	SC: 107 or 30p UR: 25.1 or 31.9p Cost: £1,622.21 or £1,674.83	SC: 126 or 30p UR:24.8 or 32.9p Cost: £1,676.84 or £1,723.90	SC: 142 or 30p UR: 23.8 or 33.1p Cost: £1,686.17 or £1,777.72
Electricity – Skate Park Annual use: 1,079kWh	SC: 52.47p UR: 23.28p Cost: £442.71	SC: 63p UR: 30.8p Cost: £562.28	SC: 69p UR: 27.9p Cost: £552.89	SC: 75p UR: 29.7p Cost: £594.21
Electricity – Parish Room Annual use: 1,099kWh	SC: 56p UR: 28.6p Cost: £518.71	SC: 63p UR: 35.3p Cost: £617.90	SC: 69p UR: 33.7p Cost: £622.21	SC: 75P UR: 34.8P Cost: £656.20
TOTAL COST: % change on current rate:	£4,669.20	£6,797.69 (+45.6%)	£6,551.59 (-40.32%)	£6,298.33 (-34.89%)

Suggestion:

Octopus energy for Pavilion electricity, gas and Skate Park electricity appears the best option on a 2-year fixed tariff. Also switching Parish Room electricity from EON to Octopus would save £118 over the year, on current use, which is likely to rise with increased use of the building.

Pavilion electricity use from the grid could fall further given the solar battery increased storage which is not fully appreciated in the above use of 4907kWh.

Energy price forecasts

2026: 🔴 High/volatile
2027: 🟠 Still expensive, but potentially easing
2028: 🟡 More stable and probably lower
2029: 🟢 Increasingly influenced by cheap renewable generation

Gas is extraordinarily sensitive to geopolitics and can influence electricity costs.