

Cotton End Parish Council

To: All Parish Councillors

I, the Council's Proper Officer, hereby summons you to attend a meeting of Cotton End Parish Council to be held at the **Village Hall Social Club** on **Thursday, 13 November 2025 commencing at 7.30pm** for the purpose of transacting the following business:

(Members of the Public and Press are invited to attend.)

Date: 8 November 2025



V W Hislop
Clerk to the Council

A G E N D A

25/079 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

- i. To receive apologies.
- ii. To consider approval of the reason(s) for absence.

25/080 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- i. To receive any declaration of interests not already declared under the Council's Code of Conduct or Members' Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.
- ii. To receive, consider and decide upon any application for dispensation.

(Members should disclose any interest in the business to be discussed and are reminded that, unless granted a dispensation (the request for which has been submitted in writing), the disclosure of an interest will require them to withdraw from the meeting during discussion of that item.)

25/081 MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 9 October 2025 (distributed with this Agenda) as a true and accurate record.

25/082 PUBLIC SESSION

Members of the public are invited to ask questions, make statements or present a petition on any matter on the agenda for this meeting, or on any matter that falls within the Council's powers, subject to procedures set out in the Council's Standing Orders. The session will last for a maximum of 15 minutes, with any individual contribution last-

ing a maximum of 3 minutes.

25/083

PLANNING

i. New applications: 25/01869/PIP planning permission in principle for 9 houses on land off Wood Lane - to note the agreed objections set out in the Clerk's letter of 27 October 2025 (delegated) (already distributed).

To note the meeting of the Planning Committee on 17 November and the officer's recommendation in relation to 23/02783/EIA (College Farm, up to 1,100 dwellings).

ii. Applications decided by Bedford Borough Council: None.

iii. To consider submitting an online report to the Planning Enforcement Team should non-self-build building works commence on the land off Manor Way.

25/084

FINANCE AND RELATED MATTERS:

i. To receive the bank reconciliation (to follow).

ii. To approve accounts for payment (to follow).

25/085

UNITARY AUTHORITY REPORT

To receive any report from the Principal Council's Ward Elected Member(s).

25/086

CRIME STATISTICS

To note crime data released since the last meeting (already distributed).

25/087

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE, IMPROVEMENTS, & SEASONAL

i. To receive an update on PSPO signage.

ii. To receive an update on Christmas lighting.

iii. To receive an update on the condition of the PC Notice Board.

iv. To consider making representations to BPHA re. resident complaints about 5 The Crescent.

v. Village Christmas tree - to agree budget and arrangements.

vi. Grass cutting - to agree the mowing season and out-of-season arrangements.

vii. Village litter pick - to agree a lead for liaison with BBC, with a view to fixing a date.

viii. Fence at entrance to Trow Close - to ascertain responsibility.

25/088

HIGHWAYS RELATED MATTERS

Roundabouts at Forest School junction with High Road and Trow Close - to consider the need to raise road safety concerns.

25/089

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(For the exchange of information only; no decision making is permitted.)

i. East/West Rail - update.

ii. Land transfer from the former Eascotts Parish Council - update.

iii. Parish Council PO Box Number address - update.

25/090 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

11th December 2025.

25/091 NEED FOR EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Pursuant to s.1(2) of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, The Council is asked to consider whether in respect of **Agenda Item 25/092** the public, including the press, should be excluded from the meeting on the basis that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if a member of the public were present during the item there would be publicity prejudicial to the public interest by reason of its confidential nature.

25/092 AVERAGE SPEED CAMERAS

To receive an oral report from the Clerk.