

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, 11 December 2025 commencing at 7.30pm** for the purpose of transacting the following business:

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

Date: 6 December 2025



V W Hislop
Clerk to the Council

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25/093 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

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

25/094 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.)

25/095 MINUTES

To confirm the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2025 (distributed previously) as a true and accurate record.

25/096 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.

- 25/097 UNITARY AUTHORITY REPORT**
To receive any report from the Principal Council's Ward Elected Member(s).
- 25/098 PLANNING**
i. New applications: None.
ii. Applications decided by Bedford Borough Council: None.
- 25/099 FINANCE AND RELATED MATTERS:**
i. To receive the bank reconciliation (to follow).
ii. To approve accounts for payment (to follow).
- 25/100 CRIME STATISTICS**
To note crime data released since the last meeting (already distributed).
- 25/101 REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS, AND PLAYING FIELD AND VILLAGE HALL MATTERS**
i. To note progress with the refurbishment of the PC Notice Board.
ii. To agree an early post-Christmas date for a village litter pick.
iii. To note the Village Hall's intention to determine its Licence to Occupy, and take any necessary action.
iv. To receive an update on the current status of playground inspections, and consider any necessary works/improvements.
v. To agree any necessary action re. the brick bus shelter, and similarly for hedges adjacent to High Road north bound.
- 25/102 HIGHWAYS RELATED MATTERS**
To note the Chairman's email of 27 November to Andrew Prigmore, Bedford Borough Council Highways - together with the Clerk's request for additional roundabout signage - and the acknowledgement to investigate and report back.
- 25/103 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
(For the exchange of information only; no decision making is permitted.)
i. Land transfer from the former Eascotts Parish Council - update.
- 25/104 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**
8 January 2026 (TBC).