

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, 12 February 2026 commencing at 7.30pm** for the purpose of transacting the following business:

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

Date: 5 February 2026



V W Hislop
Clerk to the Council

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26/013 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

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

26/014 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.)

26/015 MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2026 as a true and accurate record.

26/016 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.

- 26/017 UNITARY AUTHORITY REPORT**
To receive any report from the Principal Council's Ward Elected Member(s).
- 26/018 PLANNING**
i. New applications: 26/00059/FUL first floor side extension, 31 Wood Lane.
ii. Applications decided by Bedford Borough Council: None.
- 26/019 FINANCE AND RELATED MATTERS:**
i. To receive the bank reconciliation (to follow).
ii. To approve accounts for payment (to follow).
- 26/020 CRIME STATISTICS AND SPEED CAMERA DATA**
To note crime and speed camera data released since the last meeting.
- 26/021 REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS, AND PLAYING FIELD AND VILLAGE HALL MATTERS**
i. To receive any update re. the fence in Trow Close.
ii. Wood Lane ditch - to consider placing a purchase order for regular maintenance.
iii. Island outside the Bell PH - to consider replacing the grass with a maintenance-free surface.
iv. To agree a date in March for any village litter pick.
- 26/022 HIGHWAYS RELATED MATTERS**
To receive any update/progress on the road safety issues reported to Bedford Borough Council Highways.
- 26/023 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
(For the exchange of information only; no decision making is permitted.)
i. Project Hawking (Cllr Murray's email refers).
- 26/024 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**
12 March 2026.