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 November 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 November 2026



V W Hislop
Clerk to the Council

A G E N D A

26/141 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

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

26/142 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.)

26/143 MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2026 as a true and accurate record (distributed previously).

26/144 CO-OPTION TO FILL A CASUAL VACANCY

i. To consider the co-option of a resident to fill a casual vacancy.
ii. If co-opted, for the new councillor to agree to and make a declaration of acceptance of office.

26/145 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 lasting a maximum of 3 minutes.

26/146 UNITARY AUTHORITY REPORT

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

26/147 PLANNING

i. New applications: none.
ii. Applications decided by Bedford Borough Council (BBC):
26/01846/PIP Land at Wood Lane. Planning in principle application for the erection of 1-5 self build or custom build dwellings. Refused.
iii. Neighbourhood Development Plan: review and update (standing item).

26/148 FINANCE AND RELATED MATTERS:

i. To receive the bank reconciliation (distributed with this agenda).
ii.To approve the accounts to be settled (distributed with this agenda).
iii. Budget to date position (to follow).
iv. External audit (if received).

26/149 CRIME STATISTICS AND SPEED CAMERA DATA

To note crime and any speed camera data released since the last meeting (distributed previously).

26/150 REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS, AND PLAYING FIELD AND VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

i. Zip wire - to formally note agreement at the August meeting to replace the zip wire at a cost of £210 ex VAT.
ii. Playing field/public footpath boundaries with Meeting Close (trees and vegetation) - to agree any further action and, if so, agree the nature of any consultation with, and range of, residents.
iii. Trees outside 25 Wood Lane - to note BBC's agreement to raise the crowns to improve sightlines for the residents.

26/151 HIGHWAYS RELATED MATTERS

To note Government's electric vehicle charge point roll out to the village by BBC.

26/152 CORRESPONDENCE

i. To note Andrew Prigmore's (BBC Highways) email of 26 October re. speed camera maintenance and calibration contracts.

26/153 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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

26/154 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

10 December 2026.