

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 March 2026 commencing at 7.30pm** for the purpose of transacting the following business:

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

Date: 7 March 2026



V W Hislop
Clerk to the Council

A G E N D A

26/025 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

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

26/026 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.)

26/027 MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2026 as a true and accurate record (distributed previously).

26/028 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.

26/029 UNITARY AUTHORITY REPORT

To receive any report from the Principal Council's Ward Elected Member(s). (Cllr Gallagher's report distributed with this agenda.)

26/030 PLANNING

i. New applications: None.

ii. Applications decided by Bedford Borough Council: None.

26/031 FINANCE AND RELATED MATTERS:

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

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

26/032 CRIME STATISTICS AND SPEED CAMERA DATA

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

26/033 REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS, AND PLAYING FIELD AND VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

i. Trow Close fence - to consider any next step.

ii. Wood Lane ditch - to further consider placing a purchase order for periodic maintenance.

iii. Island outside the Bell PH - to note the grass cutting arrangements going forward.

iv. To note the order placed for sealing the former brick bus shelter, pending demolition.

v. To consider an offer by a resident to fund the installation of a bench to commemorate the inauguration of the Council in April 2018.

26/034 HIGHWAYS RELATED MATTERS

i. To receive any update/progress on the road safety issues reported to Bedford Borough Council Highways.

ii. To consider any action regarding Amberleigh Gardens' gravel over-spill.

26/035 COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from the Mayor dated 20 February 2026 (distributed previously) regarding the 2026/27 Budget and speed cameras, and budget considerations next year. To consider any response necessary.

26/036 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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

26/037 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

9 April 2026.

26/038

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 26/039** 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.

26/039

QUOTATIONS RECEIVED FOR GRASS CUTTING

To consider quote(s) received and agree further action(s).