

# 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, 15 January 2026 commencing at 7.30pm** for the purpose of transacting the following business:

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

Date: 4 January 2026



V W Hislop  
Clerk to the Council

## A G E N D A

### **26/001 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

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

### **26/002 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.)

### **26/003 MINUTES**

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 11 December 2025 (distributed previously) as a true and accurate record.

### **26/004 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.

**26/005 UNITARY AUTHORITY REPORT**

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

**26/006 PLANNING**

- i. New applications: 25/02559/FUL extension to front, 159 High Road.
- ii. Applications decided by Bedford Borough Council: None.

**26/007 FINANCE AND RELATED MATTERS:**

- i. To receive the bank reconciliation (to follow).
- ii. To approve accounts for payment (to follow).
- iii. To consider and agree the Budget for 2026/27 (to follow).
- iv. To agree the precept for 2026/27.
- v. To agree the appointment of an internal auditor for the 2025/26 accounts.

**26/008 CRIME STATISTICS**

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

**26/009 REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS, AND PLAYING FIELD AND VILLAGE HALL MATTERS**

- i. To receive any update re. the fence in Trow Close.
- ii. To consider the recent play area inspection reports and any estimate, received before the meeting, for necessary repairs and maintenance.

**26/010 HIGHWAYS RELATED MATTERS**

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

**26/011 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

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

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

**26/012 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

12 February 2026.