

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, 9 April 2026 commencing at 7.30pm** for the purpose of transacting the following business:

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

Date: 2 April 2026



V W Hislop
Clerk to the Council

A G E N D A

26/040 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

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

26/041 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.)

26/042 MINUTES

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

26/043 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.

26/044 UNITARY AUTHORITY REPORT

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

26/045 PLANNING

i. New applications:

26/00581/FUL 23 Wood Lane: single storey front extension to main house, and single storey front and side extension to form annex.

ii. Applications decided by Bedford Borough Council:

23/01833/FUL161 High Road: erection of 8 dwellings. Refused.

26/046 FINANCE AND RELATED MATTERS:

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

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

26/047 CRIME STATISTICS AND SPEED CAMERA DATA

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

26/048 REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS, AND PLAYING FIELD AND VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

i. To note any update on the installation of a donated new bench.

ii. To consider a request for an additional dog waste bin.

iii. To consider the latest playground inspection reports and take any necessary action (distributed previously).

26/049 HIGHWAYS RELATED MATTERS

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

ii. To note Amberleigh Gardens' response to the Clerk's recent letter.

26/050 COMMUNICATIONS

None.

26/051 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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

26/052 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

14 May 2026, Annual Meeting, immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting.

26/053 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 26/054 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.

26/054

GRASS CUTTING

To note the outcome of the recent tendering exercise.