

**TATWORTH AND FORTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**NOTICE OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE**

**PARISH COUNCIL**

**To Chairman: Councillor R Down. Councillors: S. Adams, C Brown, P Chapple, C Doel, R Jacobs ,L Mattey, K Patay, E. Peadon, B Quinn, & R Wardell**

**You are hereby summoned to attend the following Meeting of: Tatworth and Forton Council Parish Council.**

**Time: 7.00pm**

**Date: 3rd July 2025**

**Place: Main Hall Tatworth Memorial Hall**

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND ALL COUNCIL MEETINGS (Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960)**

**Nigel Tinley**

**Clerk 27th June 2025**

7pm **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** (Prior to the start of the Meeting) An opportunity for questions and comments from members of the public raising any matter of concern affecting Tatworth & Forton not already on the agenda. No decision can be taken during this session, but the Chairman may decide to refer any matter for further consideration. The Parish Council may also wish to ask for the Somerset Councillors support on any matter of particular concern to the Parish. Members of the public are asked to restrict their comments and/or questions to three minutes. This is restricted to 15-minute period.

**Reports from Somerset Councillors**

**AGENDA**

**119/25 Apologies for** **Absence –** to receive apologies for absence (Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972)

**120/25 Declarations of interest** Under the Localism Act 2011 (sections 26-37 and Schedule 4) and in accordance with the Council’s Code of Conduct, members are required to declare any interests which are not currently entered in the member’s register of interests or, if he/she has not notified the Monitoring Officer of it.

**121/25** **To approve and sign as a correct record Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th June 2025**

**122/25 Chairman’s Announcements**

**123/25 Motion put forward by Councillor P Chapple *'We regret that Councillor Connor Payne has, for an extended period, not been showing the level of interest we would expect in the activities of our parish.  If his circumstances are now such that he is no longer able to provide the services we would reasonably expect, we suggest that he should stand down from his role as County Councillor.'***

**To approve letter supplied to Councillors**

**124/25** **Appoint a Councillor to represent the Parish as a Tatworth Memorial Hall Trustee**

**125/25 Appoint a Councillor to represent the Parish as a Perry St Club committee member.**

**126/25 Councillor Chapple to report on the 1st of July meeting “Let’s talk buses”.**

**127/25 To report on the results of the resident’s survey. Councillor Chapple.**

**128/25 To decide on the format of the Christmas Lunch, it is suggested, an open invitation for all residents of the parish to attend a midweek buffet. If approved, consider venue and costings between 60 and 80 persons.**

**129/25 Update from Clerk on Councillor Vacancy**

**130/25 Councillor Mattey would like the Council to consider a reduction in speed limit on all parish unclassified roads to 20mph.**

**131/25 To support the creation of a platform dedicated to supporting flood groups and response teams, where knowledge can be shared. To authorise Councillor Patay to represent the Council should such a network be established.**

**132/25 To express our concerns over the rumoured sale of Kents Rd community room.**

**133/25 Chard Town Council are entering into conversation with Somerset Council regarding devolution of services including Snowdon Park. Snowdon Park sits within our Parish Boundary, and Chard TC are asking whether we are interested in taking on the responsibilities, accountabilities and Liabilities of the park. Consider our response.**

**134/25 To adopt Memorial Safety Policy as recommended by Cemetery Committee.**

**135/25 To adopt the following finance policies as recommended by the Finance Committee.**

1. **Financial regulations based on National Association of Local Councils template April 2024. (No amendments in 2025)**
2. **Investment Policy (unchanged)**
3. **Reserves Policy (unchanged)**
4. **Grant assessment and awarding policy for 2025.** Removed the requirement for fund matching by the applicant.

**136/25 Report on finances up to 17th June. Any questions to the Clerk**

**137/25 Clerks Report.**

**138/25 Invoices for Payment:**

St Johns Church Hall (room hire) £45.00 No VAT

SALC (Councillor Training) £53.00 No VAT

Westcotts Accountants (Internal Audit) £588.00 Inc VAT

Eric Peadon (6 months Bus Shelter Cleaning) £620.00 No VAT

MACS Design and Print (Newsletters) £249.00 No VAT

Brian Quinn (Newsletter Delivery) £150.00 No VAT

B E Powell & Sons (1st Q Maintenance) £2709.90 Inc VAT

Burial Account

B E Powell & Sons (1st Q Cemetery Maintenance) £2856.90 Inc VAT

B E Powell & Sons (1st Q St Johns Churchyard) £780.00 Inc VAT

Purchased by Clerk

Brunel Engraving (Bench plaque) £77.18 Inc VAT

Net Staff Salaries £1357.45, HMRC £868.30

**139/25 Matters which the Councillors wish to report. No Decisions can be made**

**DATE NEXT MEETING: 7th August 2025**