



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, M Rees & R Wardell

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

Time: 7.00pm

Date: 15th January 2026 Place: Forton Community Hall (Football Ground)

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

Nigel Tinley

Clerk 9th January 2026

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 and Police

AGENDA

01/26 Apologies for Absence – to receive apologies for absence (Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972)

02/26 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.

03/26 To approve and sign as a correct record Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4th December 2025 and Extra-ordinary Parish Council Meeting 17th December 2025

04/26 Chairman's Announcements

05/26 Report from Councillor Mattey regarding Perry Street Club financial position.

06/26 Chard TC has approved Forum with this Parish; an initial agenda has been suggested which Chard Councillors will discuss 26th January. Need 4 Councillors from this Parish, Councillors P Chapple, K Patay and R Wardell have already been approved, need one other Councillor.

Suggested agenda items. A LCN for the Chard, Crewkerne, Ilminster area with surrounding Parishes, Boundaries, Flooding and Health Provision.

07/26 The residents support the creation of a driveway or driveways to allow vehicular access to Kents Bungalows, to approve a letter asking Abri to reconsider their decision not to allow this. Councillor P Chapple

08/26 To discuss the treatment the Parish Council and the local community have received concerning the planning application for 95 houses South of Southmead. To approve Councillor Chapple's letter to Somerset Planning and 3 parties involved in the project.

09/26 To approve Councillor M Rees appointment to the Planning Committee.

10/26 To review the effectiveness of the Newsletter and can it be improved. Councillor B Quinn.

11/26 Report on finances up to 6th January 2026. Any questions to the Clerk

12/26 To approve a Parish Budget for 2026-2027 of £88880 as recommended by the Finance Committee.

13/26 To approve Parish precept of £74877 as recommended by the Finance Committee.

This is an increase of £3487 from last year, an 3% increase for a band D property. £2.10 a year. Remaining income will be from Cemetery, allotments and interest. This year the precept will be paid in 2 instalments.

14/26 Clerks report

15/26 Invoices for Payment:

Invoices where Councillors have a financial interest.

Kaye Down (Xmas tree for Tatworth School (Youth))	£40.00 No VAT
Quinn Distribution (December Newsletter)	£150.00 No VAT
Forton Community Association (Room hire)	£120.00 No VAT
St Johns Church Hall (Room hire)	£25.00 No VAT
Claire Brown (last 50% Xmas lunch)	£1038.00 No VAT
St Johns Church (Chairman Allowance-tree sponsorship)	£20.00 No VAT
Tatworth Pre School (Chairmans Allowance hall rent)	£32.00 No VAT

16/26 Invoices for Payment:**Normal Invoices**

Vision ICT (website hosting 12 months)	£161.70 Inc VAT
MACS Design & Print (Dec Newsletter)	£225.00 No VAT
Somerset Council (1 waste bin 12 months)	£405.60 Inc VAT
Graphics Factory (Office outdoor poster)	£30.00 Inc VAT
Tatworth Amateur Pantomine Soc (Grant)	£300.00 No VAT
BSG (Printer paper for office)	£64.68 Inc VAT
Information Commissions Office (Annual Fee)	£52.00 No VAT
Tatworth Memorial Hall (Office,room hire)	£530.00 No VAT
Microshade (IT services 3 months)	£183.03 Inc VAT
Royal British Legion (Donation)	£100.00 No VAT
Shaun Wareham (Tree Planting)	£60.00 No VAT
EcoElectric (Solar Light Investigation)	£144.00 In VAT
B S Powell & Sons (Parish Maintenance)	£2301.90 Inc VAT
Dan Rivers Ltd (Forton Brook Survey) (Covered by Grant)	£1867.50 No VAT
HalpinRobbins Ltd (Pond site survey) (Covered by Grant)	£408.00 Inc VAT

Burial Account

B E Powell & Sons (Cemetery Ground Maintenance)	£2856.90 Inc VAT
B E Powell & Sons (St Johns Churchyard Maintenance)	£780.00 Inc VAT
B E Powell & Sons (Removing Lavender & Private Hedge)	£612.00 Inc VAT

Paid by Clerk

Yarcombe Woodland Products (Tree Stakes)	£70.70 Inc VAT
Amazon (Tree straps)	£30.36 Inc VAT

Net Staff Salaries £1554.53 HMRC £962.67

17/26 Matters which the Councillors wish to report. No Decisions can be made

DATE NEXT MEETING: 5th February 2026