TATWORTH AND FORTON PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

To Chairman: Councillor R Down. Councillors: S Adams, C Brown, C Doel, R Jacobs, L Mattey, K Patay, E. Peadon, B Quinn, M Rees, J Stevenson, & R Wardell

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

Time: 7.00pm

Date: 5th November 2026

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

30th October 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

194/26 Apologies for Absence – to receive apologies for absence (Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972)

195/26 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.

196/26 To approve and sign as a correct record Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1st October 2026.

197/26 Chairman's Announcements

198/26 Due to health reasons Councillor Russ Wardell has requested a 6-month leave of absence. (Local Gov act 1972 (section85)) To approve request.

199/26 Councillor Mattey has put forward the following motion,

To discuss road safety and ask for County Councillors support to instigate a serious professional review of the installation of width restrictions, chicanes and pedestrian walkways and refuges on our roads through Tatworth and Forton such as School Lane, Waterlake Road, B3167 past the proposed new estate and the main road through Forton. The fact that this has failed in the past due to implied cost restrictions or insufficient reported serious accidents is unacceptable.

To consider and vote.

200/26 To discuss strategy on how to engage with local landowners to support FWAG in developing slow the flow initiatives in Tatworth and Forton and at the same time does not impact use of land for farming purposes in our area. Councillor K Patay

201/26 An update from Nigel Parsons chair of Planning on the status of the 95 houses planning application.

202/26 To consider and decide on the suggested boundary changes between Chard Town Council and our Parish. (subject to Somerset Council and Chard TC approval).

203/26 To consider and decide for 2027-28 to set up a budget to go towards local community building maintenance and minor improvements, to be split equally between them or with an application. Councillor L Mattey

a) **To decide on the concept of a budget**
b) **To recommend amount of budget**
c) **To decide on an application system or to split equally.**

204/26 To adopt the following new risk assessments.

a) **Parish office risk assessments**
b) **Meetings risk assessments**

205/26 To adopt the following policies.

a) **Environmental Policy** (new version)
b) **Freedom of Information** (new version)
c) **Publication Scheme and guide to information** (new version)

206/26 Clerks report

207/26 There is option to place Councillor photo's onto our website. The Clerk feels this needs to be an individual decision. Consider and inform the Clerk of each Councillors preference.

208/26 Invoices for Payment:

Invoices where Councillors have a financial interest.

Forton Community Hall (Cinema event-youth budget) £100.00 No VAT
Eric Peadon (Bus Shelter Cleaning) £760.00 No VAT
Grant payments to:
Christmas Lights, St Johns Toddlers Group, St Johns Church, Forton Community Association, Food table and community need at St John's Church £2200 No VAT
Burial Account

Eric Peadon (Repairs to shed) £90.00 No VAT
Eric Peadon (Memorial testing) £90.00 No VAT

209/26 Invoices for Payment: Normal Invoices

MACS Design and Print (Christmas meal menu) £35.00 No VAT
Perry St Club (Halloween disco-Youth budget) £100.00 No VAT
Tailored Discos (Halloween-Youth budget) £150.00 No VAT
Fosh First Aid (De fib Training) £140.00 No VAT
Glasdon UK Ltd (Bench-covered by donation) £730.08 Inc VAT
B E Powell (Footpaths & Visibility Splays) £1437.00 Inc VAT
B E Powell (Grounds Maintenance) £1218.00 Inc VAT
David Mears (Code of conduct training) £125.00 No VAT
SALC (Councillor & Clerk training) £120.00 No VAT
Vision ICT (Email hosting) £192.00 Inc VAT
Somerset Council (6 months emptying bin) £202.80 Inc VAT
Tatworth Memorial Hall (Office & room hire) £464.00 No VAT
Grant payments to
Chard & Dist Camera Club, Tatworth WI, Tatworth Pre school, PAFOTs, Tatworth Playing fields £1500.00 No VAT

Paid by Clerk

Brunel Engraving (Bench plaque-covered by donation) £80.18 Inc VAT
Royal British Legion (Lamp post signs) £33.93 Inc VAT

Burial Account

B E Powell (Cemetery Maintenance) £2854.50 Inc VAT

Net Staff Salaries £1222.16

210/26 Matters which the Councillors wish to report. No Decisions can be made

DATE NEXT MEETING: 3rd December 2026