



ST CUTHBERT (OUT) PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL SUMMONS

Public Notice is hereby given that a meeting of St Cuthbert (Out) Parish Council, which Members are summoned to attend, will be held in Easton Village Hall, Ebbor Lane, Easton BA5 1EP on Monday January 8th 2024 at 7pm.

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The Chairman will begin the formal business of the Council which is open to the Public to attend; during the meeting there is an opportunity for Members of the Public to speak - *please see item 06.*

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A G E N D A

01. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

Council to receive apologies for absence and, if appropriate, to resolve to approve the reasons given LGA 1972 s85(1). In addition to the risk assessment that the Council has carried out for face-to-face meetings, any Councillor or Staff who do not feel safe attending a meeting, due to medical grounds or risk to immediate family members, will not be required to attend and absence will be authorised – this policy to be reviewed at every meeting based on the latest Government guidance and case numbers.

02. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members to declare any interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the [Local Authorities \(Model Code of Conduct\) Order 2007 SI No.1159](#). *(NB this does not preclude any later declarations).*

03.01. To receive declarations of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda.

03.02. To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any).

03.03. To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate.

03. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

To agree any items to be dealt with after the Press and Public has been excluded from the meeting within the requirements of the [Public Bodies \(Admission to Meetings\) Act \(as amended\) 1960](#).

04. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

05. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Public speaking time is normally restricted to 15 minutes in total (up to 3 minutes per speaker) at the discretion of the Chairman. The Chairman will call from those who are indicating to speak; written questions can also be received in advance of the meeting (by email or letter to the Chairman or Parish Clerk). As issues raised in the public session may not relate to items on the agenda, no resolution for action can be taken. Members of the Public who would like to speak but who are not able to attend are encouraged to email parishclerk@stcuthbertout-pc.gov.uk and register their request.

06. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

To receive reports in person or in writing from Somerset Council Councillors. Crime Statistics for Wells & Rural, October 2023 are attached. Time for reports is limited to 10 minutes.

07. MINUTES OF ST CUTHBERT (OUT) PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2023

To confirm and sign as correct record the minutes of the Council held on Monday 4th December 2023 (attached).

08. BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2024-25

To resolve to whether to accept the proposed Budget & Precept recommended by the Finance & Scrutiny Committee (ANNEX A).

09. REPORTS OF WARD ACTIVITIES

To hear from any Councillors regarding events in their wards. Time is limited to 2 minutes per ward. Requests for matters to be added to future agendas should be made to the Parish Clerk.

10. UPDATE: ENVIRONMENTAL WORKING GROUP

To receive a verbal update from Cllr Pettitt.

11. UPDATE: WELLS & RURAL LCN

To receive a verbal update from Cllr Hathway.

12. UPDATE: DEVOLUTION WORKING GROUP

To receive an update on areas of interest, actions taken and potential next steps regarding Asset & Service Devolution (ANNEX B)

13. UPDATE: PARISH SIGNPOSTING WORKING GROUP

To receive an update on the existing hardship support in parish villages and opportunities for the Council to contribute.

14. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

To review and approve a schedule of items of expenditure and issuing of payment (ANNEX C) [LGA 1972 s150 \(5\)](#). An appointed Member at the meeting to verify all bank reconciliations produced by the RFO.

15. AMENDMENT TO GRANT APPLICATION FORM

To consider an amendment to the Grant Application Form and General Grant Policy to allow for emergency grants. The Finance & Scrutiny Committee will deliberate whether the reasons given in the application form constitute an emergency. (ANNEX D1 & D2)

16. D-DAY80

To discuss options for an event to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of D-Day and to establish a working group (ANNEX E).

17. DOCUMENT REVIEW: CODE OF CONDUCT

To review the amendment, approve the document and agree to review on a two-year cycle, unless required sooner (ANNEX F).

18. DOCUMENT REVIEW: PRESS & MEDIA POLICY

To review the policy, which remains unchanged, and agree to review on a two-year cycle (ANNEX G).

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 12TH February 2024 at **7pm (Dinder)**.

20. DATE OF NEXT PARISH MEETING

Tuesday 9th April 2024, Coxley Memorial Hall.