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**Councillors: Geoff Bell, Paul Crompton, Gwyneth Derbyshire, Jeanette Hardman,
 Simon Hughes, Trevor Massey, Bill Chorlton**

**You are summoned to attend the Parish Council Meeting on
 Monday 18 November 2024, 7.00pm at Holmes Chapel Community Centre**

**If members of the public are present, they may make representations, answer
 questions and give evidence at the beginning of Part 1 in respect of the business on
 the agenda**

AGENDA	
<u>Declarations of Interest</u>	Members are encouraged to declare pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests as soon as they are aware of them
Part 1- Public and Press present	The Chairman will invite members of the public to make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of the business on the agenda
1) Apologies	To receive apologies for any absences
For Decision	
2) Minutes	To approve the 21 October 2024 draft minutes
3) Accounts	<p>Finances as of 01 November 2024:</p> <p>Account Balance: £39,008.25</p> <p>Receipts since 01 October:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £nil <p>Payments to note since 01 October:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £54.78 – NEST, Clerk’s pension • £1,234.40 – Greenbarnes, replacement noticeboard • £159.77 – HMRC PAYE • £180.00 – BS Amies, website management • £620.50 – Clerk’s Salary • £378.00 – PKF Littlejohn, External Audit <p>Payments to approve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £1,231.44 – Crewe Colour Printers, Newsletter
Discussion/Decision	

4) Cheshire East Ward Councillor report	To receive a report from Cllr John Wray
5) Clerk's Salary	The National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) has agreed on pay rates applicable from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025. The Council is asked to confirm that this increase should be implemented as soon as possible. The agreement will mean an increase in salary from £16.30ph to £16.93ph, backdated to April 2024.
6) Budget and Precept for FY 25/26	The Council should expand on ideas and ambitions for the next FY and associated precept and budget requirements. A final decision can be made in December.
7) Planning Applications	None received
8) Update on Somerford Chapel	To discuss improvements to car parking and future uses for the Chapel
9) Policies to Review	To consider the Council's Financial Regulations .
10) Attendance and proxy voting at local authority meetings	The Government has launched a consultation on remote attendance and voting at meetings. Should the Council submit a collective response, or allow Councillors to send individual views?
11) Congleton Neighbourhood Plan	Congleton Town Council has put its draft NP out for consultation. Should the Council submit a collective response, or allow Councillors to send individual views?
12) Parish Signage	Brereton Parish Council has asked us to remove one of our boundary signs. How should the Council respond?
13) Defib at Somerford Park Farm	Brereton Parish Council has asked if we want to take over responsibility for the defibrillator on the wall at Somerford park Farm. Should we?
14) Update on the migration to our .gov.uk website	To discuss progress with the new website set up, and new email addresses/accounts.
15) Rhead's Meadows	Updates on any recent developments
16) Blackfirs Wood	Updates on any recent developments.
17) Highways	To discuss any Highways issues of concern.
18) Housing Developments	To update the meeting on housing developments within the parish.
19) Chairman and Members' Reports	Councillors will report on follow up to items discussed at the last meeting, or matters that have arisen since

20) Clerk's Report	The Clerk will report on any follow up to items discussed at the last meeting, including the planned meeting with the new Police and Crime Commissioner.
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*Carlton Evans, Clerk of the Council: **Next meeting: 16 December 2024***