SOMERFORD PARISH COUNCIL

LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME QUALITY GOLD

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You are summoned to attend the Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 20 August 2025, 7.00pm at Holmes Chapel Community Centre

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

AGENDA	
Declarations of Interest	Members are encouraged to declare pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests as soon as they are aware
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 16 July 2025 draft minutes
3) Cheshire East Ward Councillor Report	To receive a report from Cllr John Wray
4) Co-option of new Councillor	After advertising the current Councillor vacancy, and if no parishioners have called for an election, the Council should consider co-opting candidates. If any candidates are present the Chair will temporarily exclude the public so that interviews can take place and the Council can make a decision.
5) Accounts	**Finances as of 01 August:** Account Balance: **£54,294.32** **Receipts since 01 July 2025:** • **£nil** **Payments to note since 01 July 2025** • £48.42 – NEST, Clerk pension • £43.65 – Clerk, mileage reimbursement for Q2 • £69.12 – TCS Management, payroll services • £179.39 – HMRC

	• £551.73 – Clerk Salary **Payments to approve:** • £125.95 – Streetscape for works at Blackfirs Wood • 1029.22 – Streetscape for works at Rhead's Meadows • £1,300.56 – Crewe Colour Printers, Newsletter • £574.08 – ChALC affiliation fee
Discussion/Decision	
6) Planning Applications	**25/2577/HOUS** Two storey front extension, single storey side and rear extensions, erection of front porch, landscaping, associated external alterations and remodelling. **Ivy Cottage, Back Lane, Somerford** **25/2663/HOUS** Erection of single storey rear extension and internal alterations. **5 Black Firs Lane, Somerford**, **25/2774/RES** Reserved Matters application for layout, scale, access, landscaping and appearance of the dwelling, in accordance with condition 3 of the approved Outline application 22/0829C - **25 Chelford Road, Somerford**
7) Christmas lights at Blackfirs Lane/Chelford Road	To discuss quotes from contractors to dress the Christmas trees with lights as well as removing and storing them.
8) Goodwins Pool Fencing	The Clerk will update the meeting about his contacts with the Congleton Anglers' Society about repairs to the fencing at the Holmes Chapel Road junction
9) Rhead's Meadows	Updates on any recent developments or issues for discussion (including Streetscape works on site and replacement dog bins)
10) Blackfirs Wood	Updates on any recent developments or issues for discussion (including Streetscape works on site).
11) Highways	To discuss any Highways issues of concern.
12) Policies to Review	Comms and Social Media. Cllr Hardman will update the meeting on progress with refining a new Comms and Social Media policy
13) Housing Developments	To update the meeting on housing developments within the parish.

14)	**Chairman and Members' Reports**	Councillors will report on follow up to items discussed at the last meeting, or matters that have arisen since
15)	**Clerk's Report**	The Clerk will report on any follow up to items discussed at the last meeting or matters that have arisen since.

Carlton Evans, Clerk of the Council: ***Next meeting: 17 September 2025***