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**You are summoned to attend the Parish Council Meeting on
Wednesday 16 September 2026, 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
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.
2) Minutes	To approve the 19 August 2026 draft minutes
3) Councillor Vacancy and Co-option	A Somerford resident has expressed an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor. If present, the Council is invited to interview the candidate.
4) Cheshire East Ward Councillor Report	To receive a report from Cllr John Wray
5) Accounts	Bank Balance as of 01 September 2026: £82,531.56 Of which: Current Account: £11,816.29 PSDF: £70,715.27 Received since 1 August 2026: • £nil Payments to approve: • £1,540 – G Bell, reimbursement of payments to Andrew Douglas for installation and maintenance of benches and sign repairs Payments to note since 1 August 2026: • £49.98 – NEST, Clerk Pension • £3,468.00 – Streetscape, Q1 maintenance

	• £3,468.00 – Streetscape, Q2 maintenance • £81.24 – Community Heartbeat, defib battery • £124.31 – G Bell, varnish etc for bench maintenance • £162.00 – Community Heartbeat annual subscription • £568.64 – Clerk August Salary • £187.35 – HMRC • £240.00 – Shona Amies, annual website management
6) External Audit	To note the External Auditor report and discuss what action is needed, if any.
7) Planning Applications	None Received
8) Local Council Award Scheme	The Council no longer meets the criteria for Quality Gold status and should discuss options for the future.
9) ROMIs	To discuss any changes for handling the Registers of Members' Interests in light of recent changes to the Localism Act 2011
10) Contractors and works at Rhead's Meadows and Blackfirs Wood	To review the current arrangements with Streetscape To identify whether any additional works are needed
11) Road Signs or Finger Posts	To discuss progress with sourcing quotes for new parish finger posts
12) New NALC pay scales	The National association of Local Councils has recently published details of revised pay scales for clerks. The Council is invited to discuss the implications.
13) Highways	To discuss any Highways issues of concern.
14) Housing Developments	To update the meeting on any matters relating to housing developments within the parish.
15) Chairman and Members' Reports	Councillors will report on follow up to items discussed at the last meeting, or matters that have arisen since
16) 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: 21 October 2026***