

Somerford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 15 July 2026

Holmes Chapel Community Centre, 7.00pm

Present

- Councillor Geoff Bell (Chair)
- Councillor Jeanette Hardman (vice-Chair)
- Councillor Trevor Massey
- Councillor Bill Chorlton
- Mr Carlton Evans – Clerk

Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Hardman and Chorlton for any discussion of the Loachbrook Estate.

Part 1 Public Forum

Congleton Town Councillor Robert Douglas updated the meeting on his further research into outstanding s106 monies.

085/26 – Apologies

The Council received and **resolved** to accept apologies from

- Councillor Jake Saxton (travel)
- Councillor Simon Hughes (travel)

086/26 – Minutes

The Council **resolved** that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 17 June 2026 be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

087/26 – Accounts

See Annex 1

088/26 – Cheshire East Ward Councillor report

Councillor Wray updated the meeting about changes to Cheshire East's refuse collection services.

089/26 - Planning Applications

None Received.

090/26 – Newsletter

The Clerk reported on his contacts with companies that could print and distribute the Parish Council Newsletter. The Council asked him to continue his investigations and schedule a further discussion on costs and content at the August meeting.

091/26 – Contractors for works at Rhead's Meadows and Blackfirs Wood

The Council recalled it had previously discussed three quotes for maintenance works at Blackfirs Wood and Rhead's Meadows, and had selected Congleton Town Council's Streetscape team. The Council now discussed two quotes it had received (including from Streetscape) concerning a longer term and more comprehensive Service Level Agreement for maintenance and other ad hoc works. Both quotes were similar in terms of scope, but one was significantly more expensive. On that basis the Council **resolved** to select the Streetscape team's quote and asked the Clerk and Chairman to meet Streetscape and further refine the SLA and timetable of works.

092/26 – s106 monies

The Council asked the Clerk to discuss possible uses for any available monies with Cheshire East Highways and schedule a discussion of this at its August meeting.

093/26 – Highways

Councillors noted that most of the fly posting at the Wallhill roundabout had been removed by Streetscape.

094/26 – Housing Developments

Cllr Hardman noted she is still awaiting a meeting with the new Bovis/Vistry regional director to discuss outstanding remedial works that are needed around the estate.

095/26 - Chairman and Members' Reports

The Council asked the Clerk to schedule a discussion of the purchase and installation of larger dog bins at the August meeting.

096/26 - Clerk's Report

Nothing further to report.

The meeting ended at 1945 hrs.



Chairman

Annex 1 - Accounts

Bank Balance as of 01 July 2026: **£91,771.64**

Of which: Current Account: **£41,239.14** PSDF: **£50,532.50**

Received since 1 June 2026:

- £nil

Payments approved:

- £nil

Payments noted since 1 June 2026:

- £568.64 – Clerk (May) Salary
- £49.98 – NEST, Clerk Pension
- £50.00 – Mr G Roberts, Internal Auditor
- £568.64 – Clerk (June) Salary
- £187.35 - HMRC