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**You are summoned to attend the Parish Council Meeting on
 Wednesday 21 January 2026, 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	
<u>Declarations of Interest</u>	Members are encouraged to declare any 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 November 2025 draft minutes
3) Cheshire East Ward Councillor Report	To receive a report from Cllr John Wray
4) Accounts	<p>Finances as of 01 January 2026:</p> <p>Account Balance: £72,357.49</p> <p>Receipts since 01 December 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £nil <p>Payments to note since 01 December 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £1,488.24 – John Harding annual verge cutting • £49.98 – NEST, Clerk Pension • £363.16 – Congleton TC, dog bin emptying <p>Payments to approve: None</p>
Discussion/Decision	
5) Budget 26/27 and precept request	To finalise discussions on future work plans and decide the size of the precept to request from Cheshire East Council

6) Planning Applications	None received
7) Public Sector Deposit Fund	To note the opening of the new account and to reconfirm the amount for the initial deposit.
8) Policies to review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk Assessment • Social Media Policy • Code of Conduct • Disciplinary • Grievance • Complaints
9) Cheshire East Local Plan	To discuss the Cheshire East Local Plan and Call for Sites, and the implications for Somerford
10) Peak Cluster CCS proposal	Whether to make representations about the proposed Carbon Capture and Storage pipeline through Cheshire.
11) Rhead's Meadows	Updates on any developments or issues for discussion and a report on a recent meeting with Bellway, and a meeting with Streetscape about ongoing maintenance
12) Blackfirs Wood	Updates on any recent developments or issues for discussion, including recent land clearance in the Public Open Space at the perimeter, and a meeting with Streetscape about ongoing maintenance
13) Police and Crime Commissioner survey	Whether to respond collectively to a survey about reductions in the number of Cheshire PCSOs. Deadline 23 rd January
14) Highways	To discuss any Highways issues of concern, including whether additional radar speed signs should be installed at strategic locations.
15) Housing Developments	To update the meeting on housing developments within the parish including a recent site visit to the new Anwyl development.
16) Chairman and Members' Reports	Councillors will report on follow up to items discussed at the last meeting, or matters that have arisen since the last meeting
17) 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: 18 February 2026***