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**You are summoned to attend the Parish Council Meeting on 14 October 2026
at 7.30 pm, at Astbury Village Hall**

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 should declare pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests as soon as they are aware
Part 1 – Public and Press	The Chairman will invite members of the public to make representations, answer questions or give evidence in respect of the business on the agenda
1) Apologies	To receive any apologies for absence
2) Minutes	To approve draft minutes of the 09 September 2026 meeting
3) Accounts	Bank Balance as of 01 October 2026: £26,821.14 Of which: • £976.06 - unspent NCIL from April 2025 Received since 01 September: • £11,000 - Precept Payments to approve: • £None Payments to note since 01 September • £43.45 – NEST, Clerk Pension • £252.00 – PKF Littlejohn, External Audit • £604.72 – Clerk Salary, including back pay • £200.00 – Cllr P Critchlow, daffodil bulbs • £150.00 – Cllr P Critchlow, Remembrance Day poppies

	• £420.00 – Eden Arboriculture, tree survey
4) Cheshire East Council	To receive a report from Ward Councillors
5) External Audit Update	To consider any action needed in light of the recent qualified External Auditor Opinion.
6) Planning Applications	26/3260/PIP Permission in Principle for a minimum of two and a maximum of four dwellings Land Off Newcastle Road, Astbury (next to Astbury Garage) CW12 4RL Deadline 23 September 2026, extension sought 26/3273/HOUS Proposed two storey side extension. 9 New Road, Ackers Crossing Deadline 07 October 2026, extension sought 26/3434/FUL Proposed change of use of the land for the siting of a temporary rural worker's dwelling for three years Doric Riding Stables Bent Lane Deadline 22 October 26/3407/HOUS Proposal to change rear elevation to include large openable windows 1, BROWNLOW HALL MEWS Brook Lane, Deadline 26 October Update On: 26/2988/PRIOR-3MA Prior approval for proposed conversion of existing building into 1No dwelling. THE SMITHY Brownlow Heath Lane
7) Business Plan	Councillors will continue discussions on the range of projects they would like to pursue through a new costed Business Plan
8) Budget 2027/2028	The Council is invited to consider a budget for 27/28 and what precept to request
9) Church Grant Request	St Mary's Church is seeking a grant toward the costs of specific elements of the action they have had to take to make safe the vestry roof. The Council is invited to consider this request.
10) Newsletter printing and distribution	• To discuss the new arrangements for the newsletter and any changes needed, including costs.

	To discuss advertising the sycamore tree works planned for the new year including photos.
11) Highways	To receive any updates on Highways matters
12) Defibrillator	To discuss progress with the installation of the replacement defib in the phone box at Ackers Crossing
13) Common Land	To receive an update on discussions about additional works at the Common Land.
14) Chairman and Members' Reports	To update the meeting on any important matters which may have arisen since the last meeting
15) Clerk's Report	To update the meeting on any important matters which may have arisen since the last meeting or other items.

Carlton P Evans, Clerk to the Council – Next meeting, 11 November