

CHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Thursday 12th September, 2024 at 7:30p.m. at The Hub, Elmstead Road, Chelford.

Present Councillors B. Brindley (Chairman), J. Fielding, C. Howlett, C. Montaldo,
T. McCrum, D. Wilson, S. Wilson.
Members of the public (4).
Dr. E. M. Maddock – Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer.

1. Apologies for absence

Councillor C. Wright – Personal reason.

239/24 RESOLVED (a) To receive and approve the apologies for absence. (All in favour)

2. Declarations of interest

Councillor T. McCrum – Item 3(a) – Personal connection to member of public present

Councillor J. Fielding – Item 6(e)(ii) – Member of Chelford Social Committee

Councillor C. Montaldo – Item 6(e)(ii) – Member of Chelford Social Committee

240/24 RESOLVED (a) To receive and note the declarations of interest. (All in favour)

3. Public forum for questions

- (a) **Questions from residents:** A resident raised dissatisfaction regarding the quality and frequency of verge cutting along Dixon Drive. It was reported that a quotation had been obtained from the grass cutting contractor to carry out additional visits and to collect the grass cuttings. Members advised that clarification relating to grass cutting had been requested from Cheshire East Council and a response was awaited.

7:48p.m. – One resident excused themselves from the meeting and left.

A resident provided an update on attempts to secure improved broadband speeds within the Parish. A petition has been created to allow the level of interest for improved broadband speeds to be quantified to support lobbying efforts to Digital Cheshire. It was reported that information about this matter had been included in the latest newsletter and would be shared on social media.

8:08p.m. – One resident excused themselves from the meeting and left.

Representatives from Jones Homes attended the meeting to provide an update relating to the potential development land off Knutsford Road (adjacent to Cricketers Green). Sale of the development land to Jones Homes had been completed and a parcel of land (car park and access road) had been subsequently sold to Chelford Farm Supplies. A 20 unit scheme is currently proposed for the development land with a planning application expected to be submitted to Cheshire East Council in the coming months.

241/24 RESOLVED (a) To receive the comments and queries from residents. (b) That the Clerk continue to pursue information from Cheshire East Council relating to verge cutting. (All in favour)

8:33p.m. - Two members of the public excused themselves from the meeting and left.

- (b) **Issues raised via social media:** It was reported that a query relating to an oak tree at Oak Road had been raised. The resident had been directed to Cheshire East Council for appropriate information.

242/24 RESOLVED (a) To receive and note the update. (All in favour)

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4. **Cheshire East Ward Member Cllr. A. Harrison – report on matters of interest:**
Borough Councillor A. Harrison was not present at the meeting.

243/24 RESOLVED (a) **To note that Borough Councillor A. Harrison was not present at the meeting.** (All in favour)

5. Minutes

- (a) The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 8th August, 2024 had been previously circulated to all Members.

244/24 RESOLVED (a) **That the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 8th August, 2024 be confirmed as a correct record.** (All in favour)

6. Finance

- (a) **Financial Statement 2024/25 as at 12th September, 2024:** Members considered the financial statement 2024/25 which was unanimously accepted. (Appendix A)

- (b) **Receipts:** The Chairman noted the receipts since the last meeting at Appendix B.

- (c) **Payments:** The Chairman outlined the basis of payments listed at Appendix C.

245/24 RESOLVED (a) **That the financial statement as at 12th September, 2024 be received and observations duly noted. (Appendix A)**
(b) **To note the receipts at Appendix B.**
(c) **That the schedule of payments at Appendix C be approved and duly authorised.** (All in favour)

- (d) **Release of s.106 funds for use within Parish:** It was reported that no update had yet been received in respect of the release of community funding, however, a response from the s.106 Monitoring Officer had been received in respect of indoor sports funding.

246/24 RESOLVED (a) **To receive and note the update.** (All in favour)

(e) Grant applications

- i. **Chelford Parish Hall on behalf of Chelford Indoor Bowling Club:** It was reported that the Cheshire East Council s.106 Monitoring Officer had confirmed that funding could be released to purchase the indoor bowling mats.

- ii. **Chelford Social Committee:** It was reported that approaches to local businesses for a donation of or substantial discount off a shed had been unsuccessful.

247/24 RESOLVED (a) **That the grant application submitted by Chelford Parish Hall be withdrawn on the basis that funding is available from existing s.106 funds.**
(b) **That a grant, in the sum of £710, be made to Chelford Social Committee to provide a new shed at The Hub.** (All in favour)

- (f) **Chelford Community Newsletter advertising fees 2024/25:** Members considered the receipts and payments relating to the 2023/24 newsletter period.

248/24 RESOLVED (a) **That confirmation of newsletter advertising fees be deferred to the next meeting to allow printing costs for the forthcoming year to be confirmed.** (All in favour)

7. Planning Matters

- (a) **Recent planning decisions:** Members noted the planning decisions which had been issued by Cheshire East Council in respect of development within the Parish since the last meeting. (Appendix D)

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- 249/24 RESOLVED** (a) That the recent planning decisions be received and duly noted. (All in favour)
- (b) **Planning applications for consideration**
- i. None.
- ii. **Any planning applications received since the last meeting:**
24/3159M: 1 Yewtree Cottage, Alderley Road, Chelford. SK11 9AP
Lawful development certificate for proposed construction of a single storey side and rear extension, detached double garage and log store and single-storey outbuilding to contain a swimming pool and gym.
- 250/24 RESOLVED** (a) That the following comments be submitted to Cheshire East Council in respect of application 24/3159M:
Chelford Parish Council considers that the proposed outbuilding to house a swimming pool and gym is disproportionately large when compared to the size of the plot associated with the property.
Concerns are raised regarding drainage arrangements for the disposal of water from the proposed swimming pool. It is considered that details of suitable, sustainable arrangements should be provided to the Local Planning Authority.
It is also considered that the proposed outbuilding to house a swimming pool and gym could be considered unneighbourly to the adjacent property by way of potential ongoing noise arising from pool equipment (e.g. pumps). (All in favour)
- (c) **Application to discharge secondary treated sewage effluent to surface water at Wild Shore Chelford, Alderley Road, Chelford, Cheshire. SK11 9AP:** It was reported that the permit application had been approved.
- 251/24 RESOLVED** (a) To receive and note the permit decision. (All in favour)
- 8. Chelford Activity Park**
- (a) **Issues identified during routine inspections:** Councillor B. Brindley reported that there had been no issues encountered over the last month. It was noted that use of the multi-use games area appeared to have reduced following removal of the goal hoop nets.
- 252/24 RESOLVED** (a) To receive and note the report. (All in favour)
- (b) **Maintenance of the cableway:** It was reported that the revised quotation, from the equipment manufacturers, had been received for a maintenance inspection and repair of the cableway. It was noted that the final charge due may be lower than the quotation depending on the extent of parts which need to be replaced.
- 253/24 RESOLVED** (a) That the quotation, in the sum of £1,318.14, from Proludic be accepted.
(b) To record that the proposed work has been procured under the provisions of Financial Regulation 11.1(a)(iii). (All in favour)
- (c) **Hedge/boundary review:** Members considered the report setting out phase one of the work and associated quotation.
- 254/24 RESOLVED** (a) That the proposed work to restore the boundary hedges to their original height and width be approved.
(b) That the quotation, in the sum of £1,570.00, from Northwich Town Council be approved.

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(c) To record that the proposed work has been procured under provision of Financial Regulations 11.1(a)(iv).

(All in favour)

(d) **Chelford Activity Park refurbishment works:** It was reported that a response to the complaint submitted to the Chief Executive of Cheshire East Council is expected in the coming weeks.

255/24 RESOLVED (a) To receive and note the update. (All in favour)

(e) **Chelford Activity Park booking:** It was reported that an expected booking request had not yet been received.

256/24 RESOLVED (a) To receive and note the update. (All in favour)

9. Assets

(a) **Ongoing maintenance tasks:** It was reported that, weather permitting, the edging of the BMX track is due to be completed by the end of September. The notice board refurbishment (Station Road) and bus passenger shelter improvement work are due to commence following completion of the BMX track work.

257/24 RESOLVED (a) To receive and note the update. (All in favour)

(b) **Speed indicator devices:** It was reported that quotations for repairs had been submitted to the insurers. It is planned to order the two replacement speed indicator devices following completion of the insurance claim.

258/24 RESOLVED (a) To receive and note the update. (All in favour)

(c) **New street furniture:** It was reported that quotations had been received for the provision and installation of four benches, four dog poo bag dispensers and one notice board.

259/24 RESOLVED

(a) To receive and note the update.

(b) To confirm the proposed locations of the street furniture.

(c) That the quotations from ANSA Environmental Services Ltd. be accepted in the sum of £6,724.55 for the provision (3) and installation (4) of benches; £952.75 for the provision and installation of four dog poo bag dispensers and £3,255.62 for the provision and installation of a notice board.

(d) That the existing 'Village gateway project' earmarked reserve be unearmarked and re-allocated to funding the delivery of the street furniture. (All in favour)

(d) **Red telephone kiosks:** It was reported that consideration needs to be given to the proposed use of the red telephone kiosk near the roundabout and possible future use of a replacement kiosk in the village.

260/24 RESOLVED

(a) That the Clerk secure information relating to the cost to refurbish the existing kiosk and the cost to purchase a new kiosk.

(b) That the Clerk contact the owner of the nearest property to the kiosk site at Knutsford Road to seek their views regarding replacing the kiosk. (All in favour)

10. Highway Matters

(a) **Updates relating to reported highway defects:** Members considered the updates relating to reported highway defects at Appendix E. It was noted that the Chelford Edging Group had undertaken footway clearance along Knutsford Road. The dead tree at Dixon Drive had been removed. The branches obstructing the footway along Holmes Chapel Road had also been removed.

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- 261/24 RESOLVED (a) To receive and note the updates. (All in favour)**
(b) **Highway defects requiring attention:** It was reported that the pothole at Holmes Chapel Road (near to the church) required repairing again.
- 262/24 RESOLVED (a) That the Clerk report the above issue to Cheshire East Council for attention. (All in favour)**
(c) **Village gateways:** Members noted the draft designs which had been previously circulated. Several queries were raised regarding the proposal.
- 263/24 RESOLVED (a) That the Clerk forward the queries to Borough Councillor A. Harrison for response. (All in favour)**
(d) **Updates relating to highway priorities:** Members considered the updates relating to reported highway defects at Appendix F.
- 264/24 RESOLVED (a) To receive and note the update. (All in favour)**
(e) **Road closure:** Members noted the following planned road closures:
i. Peover Lane from junction of Snelson Lane to outside of Ivy Bank on 16th - 20th September, 2024 to allow Cheshire East Highways to carry out drainage investigation.
ii. Peover Lane from Chelford roundabout to outside of Mere Hall on 28th October, 2024 to allow works by Electricity North West.
- 265/24 RESOLVED (a) To receive and note the information. (All in favour)**

11. Correspondence

- (a) To consider specific correspondence received by the Parish Council since the date of the last ordinary meeting and determine such actions as Members consider appropriate thereto:
i. Cheshire East Council: Invitation to Town and Parish Council Online Network meeting on Tuesday 17th September, 2024. (Topic: Transformation Plan)
- 266/24 RESOLVED (a) That Councillor D. Wilson attend the meeting on behalf of the Parish Council. (All in favour)**
ii. Skipton Building Society: Notice of interest rate reduction from 2nd September, 2024.
- 267/24 RESOLVED (a) To receive and note the information. (All in favour)**
iii. NatWest Bank plc: Notice of interest rate reduction from 16th October, 2024.
- 268/24 RESOLVED (a) To receive and note the information. (All in favour)**
iv. Cheshire East Council: Library Strategy Consultation 2024.
- 269/24 RESOLVED (a) That no response be submitted to the consultation. (All in favour)**
v. Cheshire East Council: Consultation relating to the proposed introduction of evening and Sunday car parking charges in Cheshire East.
- 270/24 RESOLVED (a) That no response be submitted to the consultation. (All in favour)**

12. Community Matters

- (a) **Chelford Ward Policing Team:** It was reported that the latest police update indicated that there had been no reported incidents within Chelford parish during the last month.
- 271/24 RESOLVED (a) To receive and note the report. (All in favour)**
(b) **Community Speed Watch:** It was reported activities were expected to recommence in the near future once all required documentation had been

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completed by volunteers.

272/24 RESOLVED (a) To receive and note the update. (All in favour)

- (c) **Mere Court Park:** It was reported that any required maintenance to the pond area will be completed during the winter months to reduce the impact on wildlife. The rewilded areas of the site are to be retained with periodic trimming to prevent encroachment onto the path and playing field area. The master plan of the site is to be reviewed with a view to completing outstanding work, including the installation of picnic benches.

273/24 RESOLVED (a) To receive and note the update. (All in favour)

- (d) **Newsletter:** Newsletter edition 19, the trades directory and information document had been previously circulated to all Members.

274/24 RESOLVED (a) That the content of newsletter edition 19, the trades directory and the information document be approved. (All in favour)

- (e) **Parish Broadband:** The discussion at item 3(a) was noted.

275/24 RESOLVED (a) To receive and note the update. (All in favour)

- (f) **Annual Parish Meeting updates:** It was reported that updates from Esther McVey MP were still awaited in respect of the issues raised at the Annual Parish Meeting.

276/24 RESOLVED (a) To receive and note the update. (All in favour)

- (g) **Chelford Parish Hall:** It was reported that the transfer of the custodian trusteeship was expected to be completed by the end of November, 2024.

277/24 RESOLVED (a) To receive and note the update. (All in favour)

- (h) **Remembrance Events:** It was reported that the Chairman intended to lay a poppy wreath at the Service of Remembrance in November. Previously approved donations to the Royal British Legion were reviewed.

278/24 RESOLVED (a) To approve the attendance, by the Chairman, at the Chelford Service of Remembrance in November. (b) To confirm the donations to the Royal British Legion in the sum of £25 (direct to Royal British Legion) and £45 (via the Chelford Street Poppies). (All in favour)

- 13. Co-option of Parish Councillor** – It was reported that no expression of interest forms had been received from residents.

279/24 RESOLVED (a) To receive and note the update. (All in favour)

14. Matters for inclusion on next/future meeting agenda

- (a) Review of Parish Council policies.
(b) Review of subscriptions to other bodies, insurance and earmarked reserves.
(c) Motion relating to the effectiveness and quality of Cheshire East Council monitoring of output from contracts and contractors.

15. Dates of next meetings – Members noted the calendar of meetings for the remainder of 2024/25:

- (a) Thursday 10th October, 2024 at 7:30p.m. at The Hub.
(b) Thursday 14th November, 2024 at 7:30p.m. at The Hub.
(c) Thursday 12th December, 2024 at 7:30p.m. at The Hub.
(d) Thursday 9th January, 2025 at 7:30p.m. at The Hub.
(e) Thursday 13th February, 2025 at 7:30p.m. at The Hub.
(f) Thursday 13th March, 2025 at 7:30p.m. at The Hub.

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(g) Thursday 10th April, 2025 at 7:30p.m. at The Hub.

To consider passing a resolution under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the public and press from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it could involve the likely disclosure of exempt information.

280/24 RESOLVED (a) That a resolution to exclude the public and press from the following item of business on the grounds that it could involve the likely disclosure of exempt information is not required as there are no items to discuss. (All in favour)

16. Matters for consideration including those transferred from above items – None.

The meeting was declared closed by the Chairman at 9:33p.m.

Signed:..... Approval date: 14th November, 2024

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APPENDIX A

Financial Statement – 2024/25 as at 12 th September, 2024					
Actual 2023/24 £	Details	2024/25 Budget £	Actual to Aug. 24 £	Agenda Sep. 24 £	Budget Balance £
	Receipts				
47,498.00	Precept	50,949.00	25,474.50		25,474.50
0.00	Balances	3,000.00	0.00		0.00
2,971.19	Investment interest	0.00	1,243.88	168.90	0.00
0.00	Sale of assets	0.00	0.00		0.00
0.00	Grants, donations & refunds	0.00	0.00		0.00
1,651.75	Newsletter advertising	1,675.00	112.50		0.00
0.00	Unpresented cheque (2023/24)	0.00	1,250.00		0.00
2,698.09	VAT refund		2,009.79		949.89
54,819.03	Total receipts	55,624.00	30,090.67	168.90	26,424.39
	Payments				
13,797.21	Salary (Clerk)	15,994.00	6,134.70	1,226.94	8,632.36
689.07	National Insurance (Employer)	530.00	340.35	68.07	121.58
3,049.16	Pension contributions (Employer)	3,254.00	1,355.75	271.15	1,627.10
815.26	Allowances (Clerk)	930.00	304.21	70.13	555.66
139.19	Administration	300.00	0.00		300.00
0.00	Chairman/Member allowances	0.00	0.00		0.00
435.00	Audit fees (internal & external)	565.00	264.00		301.00
629.44	Insurance	1,000.00	0.00		1,000.00
70.00	Donations (inc. s.137)	370.00	0.00		370.00
200.00	Grants	3,000.00	0.00		3,000.00
1,539.15	Newsletter	1,467.00	565.43		901.57
98.14	Street lighting	330.00	72.57		257.43
64.98	Website	126.00	35.00	12.00	79.00
1,986.00	Professional services	2,143.00	293.00		1,850.00
0.00	Advertising	100.00	0.00		100.00
574.25	Subscriptions/affiliation fees	695.00	551.72		143.28
347.50	Room hire	420.00	330.00		90.00
270.00	Training	550.00	125.00		425.00
4,348.42	Chelford Activity Park maintenance	7,175.00	3,245.32	665.00	3,264.68
2,619.50	Chelford Village maintenance	6,100.00	1,145.00	525.00	4,430.00
2,015.06	Assets – purchase	5,000.00	0.00		5,000.00
815.00	Assets – maintenance	3,825.00	0.00		3,825.00
499.88	Community Events	500.00	0.00		500.00
0.00	Neighbourhood Plan	250.00	0.00		250.00
64.62	Contingency	1,000.00	0.00		1,000.00
2,009.79	VAT		709.49	240.40	
37,076.62	Total payments	55,624.00	15,471.54	3,078.69	38,023.66

Cash/Bank reconciliation	01/04/24	08/08/24	12/09/24	31/03/25
Balance B/Fwd	119,404.95	119,404.95	134,024.08	131,114.29
Add total receipts	55,624.00	30,090.67	168.90	26,424.39
Less total payments	55,624.00	15,471.54	3,078.69	38,023.66
Balance C/Fwd	119,404.95	134,024.08	131,114.29	119,515.02
Cumulative balances	Balance	Balance	Balance	Balance
	01/04/24	08/08/24	12/09/24	31/03/25
General funds	46,822.19	61,441.32	58,531.53	46,932.26
Earmarked reserves	72,582.76	72,582.76	72,582.76	72,582.76
	119,404.95	134,024.08	131,114.29	119,515.02

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Cash/Bank Reconciliation as at 12th September, 2024

Cash

Balance brought forward 01/04/24		
Current Account	5,333.82	
Business Reserve Account	2,177.90	
Liquidity Manager Account	30,293.00	
Skipton Building Society	81,600.23	
	119,404.95	
Plus receipts	30,259.57	
Less payments	18,550.23	
Balance carried forward 12/09/24:	131,114.29	

Bank (NatWest)

Business Reserve Account	13,147.50		05/07/24
Add receipts/transfer since above statement			
	0.00	0.00	
Less unrepresented cheques			
	0.00	0.00	
		13,147.50	12/09/24
Current Account	13,439.37		05/08/24
Add receipts/transfer since above statement			
	0.00	0.00	
Less unrepresented cheques			
Approved	-4,701.01		
For approval	-3,078.69		
Less payments already issued	0.00	-7,779.70	
		5,659.67	12/09/24
Liquidity Manager Account	30,706.89		30/08/24
Add receipts/transfer since above statement			
	0.00	0.00	
Less unrepresented cheques			
	0.00	0.00	
		30,706.89	12/09/24
Skipton Building Society			
Community Saver Account	81,600.23		01/04/24
Add receipts/transfer since above statement			
	0.00	0.00	
Less unrepresented cheques			
	0.00	0.00	
		81,600.23	12/09/24
Total bank balances 12/09/24		131,114.29	

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APPENDIX B

Receipts

NatWest Bank plc	£88.35	Gross interest – July, 2024 (LM)
NatWest Bank plc	£80.55	Gross interest – August, 2024 (LM)

APPENDIX C

Payments for approval

Cheque No 001619	E. M. Maddock	£1,178.73	Salary and allowances: Sep. 24
Cheque No 001620	H.M. Revenue & Customs	£118.93	PAYE payments
Cheque No 001621	Northwich Town Council	£1,140.00	Floral display watering and grounds maintenance: Aug. 24
Cheque No 001622	S+K+J+M Robertson	£288.00	Hedge cutting: winter 2023/24
Standing Order	Cheshire Pension Fund	£338.63	Pension contributions: Sep. 2024
Direct Debit	1&1 IONOS	£4.20	Email account fee: Aug. 2024
Direct Debit	1&1 IONOS	£6.00	Web hosting: Aug.-Sep. 2024
Direct Debit	1&1 IONOS	£4.20	Email account fee: Sep. 2024

APPENDIX D

Outstanding planning applications & recent planning decisions

- 23/1921M Land to the south of Peover Lane, Chelford. SK11 9AJ
Construction of two new dwellings and the gifting of the land outlined in blue to the community to enable the re-establishment of the former cricket facilities.
DECISION STATUS – Undecided
- 23/2213M Fishing Lane, Bollington Lane, Nether Alderley.
Provision of two parking areas and three fishing cabins. Retrospective permission for erection of fencing.
DECISION STATUS – Undecided [To be considered by committee]
- 24/2010M Willow Glade, Peover Lane, Chelford. SK11 9AJ
New single dwelling to replace existing building.
DECISION STATUS – Undecided [Additional documents submitted 05/09/24]
- 24/2186M Foxfields, Peover Lane, Chelford. SK11 9AL
Demolition of an existing extension and the construction of a single-storey rear swimming pool extension, including amendments to the existing terrace.
DECISION STATUS – Approved with conditions (15/08/24)

APPENDIX E

Updates relating to reported highway matters

1. Damaged chevron sign at Chelford Roundabout
UPDATE: Cheshire East Council advised that the work was complete (16/07/24). Upon inspection this was noted as incorrect and a challenge to the update submitted to Cheshire East Council. Awaiting response from Cheshire East Council.

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2. Street light out at Knutsford Road, to the east of junction with Dixon Drive
UPDATE: Cheshire East Council update advises the issue has been fixed.
3. Street lights out at Chelford Roundabout, between Alderley Road and Chelford Road exits
UPDATE: Repairs have been delayed due to safety concerns and the loss of electricity supply to the columns.
4. Overgrown hedge at Knutsford Road
UPDATE: Request sent to resident regarding trimming works.
5. Overhanging trees along Knutsford Road from railway bridge to junction with Highland Drive
UPDATE: Work to trim bushes and trees complete.
6. Leaning speed limit sign at junction of Pepper Street and Knutsford Road
UPDATE: Cheshire East Council advise that a job to reset the sign has been put down for consideration of future work as the type of work does not meet category 1 requirements for an immediate repair. The sign has been checked by Cheshire East Council for stability and is not considered to be at risk of falling. No timescale for the repair work being completed is available.
7. Obscured bollard at traffic lights on Alderley Road
UPDATE: Cheshire East Council update advises that the issue has been fixed.
8. Overgrown footway along Alderley Road
UPDATE: Cheshire East Council advises that this location is included in the routine maintenance programme.
9. Dead tree at Dixon Drive near to Millbank Close
UPDATE: Cheshire East Council has assessed the issue and determined that the tree needs to be inspected by a qualified arborist. The time it will take to carry out the inspection will depend on the priorities of the arborist. The report will be updated once more information is available.
10. Overgrown hedge at Station Road / station car park
UPDATE: Report has been forwarded to the maintenance team for attention.
11. Trees around telephone wires at Station Road.
UPDATE: Telephone service issues need to be reported to service provider by customer.
12. Weeds along gutter of Elmstead Road
UPDATE: Cheshire East Council has assessed the report and arranged to carry out work as soon as possible.
13. Proposal for litter bin at Chelford Roundabout (near to telephone kiosk)
UPDATE: Cheshire East Council is not placing out any new litter bins or taking on any additional litter bin emptying. This location has been added to the litter bin request list.
14. Yellow parking restrictions lines worn away along Dixon Drive (near to Galloway Grange)
UPDATE: Cheshire East Council has assessed the issue and added it to the improvement programme for repair over the longer term. This means that it is unlikely that any improvement work will take place during the current financial year.
15. Request for low level lighting at Dixon Drive
UPDATE: Awaiting response.
16. Pothole at Oak Road (near junction with Knutsford Road)
UPDATE: Cheshire East Council has assessed the report and arranged to carry out a repair as soon as possible.

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17. Obstructed footway along Holmes Chapel Road (near to cricket ground)
UPDATE: Awaiting assessment.
18. Numerous signs for Galloway Grange development within Parish
UPDATE: David Wilson Homes has apologised for the oversight in leaving the signage in place and is making arrangements for the signs to be removed.
19. Signs for Open Gardens event
UPDATE: National Garden Scheme has apologised for the signs not being removed following the event. Arrangements have been made for the signs to be removed and for future signs to be removed in a timely manner.
20. Signs for Pear Tree Barns
UPDATE: Awaiting response from developer.
21. Advertising signs (5) on roundabout
UPDATE: Signs relating to Olympian Garden Buildings are authorised signs permitted following planning permission under application 22/3044M.
22. Signs obscured by foliage
['Chelford Village Hall' sign at Knutsford Road; speed limit sign on Chelford Road; roundabout sign on Holmes Chapel Road; junction sign on Holmes Chapel Road]
UPDATE: Awaiting assessment.
23. Dirty signage
[Chevrons at Alderley Road; speed limit signs at Alderley Road; bend sign at Alderley Road; speed limit sign on Knutsford Road; speed limits at Holmes Chapel Road]
UPDATE: At present signage work is limited to category 1 defects only.
24. Rusted pole supporting Jodrell Bank sign at Knutsford Road
UPDATE: At present signage work is limited to category 1 defects only.

APPENDIX F

Highway Priorities 2023/24

Immediate priorities:

1. Review of zebra crossing at Knutsford Road
UPDATE: No update.
ACTION: Continue to log incidents at the crossing and lobby for crossing improvements.
2. Review of yellow lines at junction of Oak Road and Knutsford Road
UPDATE: Response from Cheshire East Council: Cheshire Constabulary data shows that over the last five years there has been one reported injury collision at this location. The data does not include damage-only collisions or near misses. The request has been added to the list of locations for consideration during prioritisation assessments which inform future work programmes.
ACTION: Continue to log incidents at this location. No further action at this time.

High priority issues:

3. Review of options to tackle speeding issues within the Parish
UPDATE: Provision of two new SIDs along Knutsford Road being progressed. Community speed watch to resume following relevant training. Potential for average speed cameras to be assessed when initial pilot scheme at Plumley has been completed.
ACTION: Continue to pursue provision of two new SIDs. Community speed watch to

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resume. No further action at this time in respect of average speed cameras.

4. Footway surface condition along Knutsford Road from junction with Station Road to railway platform access
UPDATE: Issue logged with Cheshire East Council for attention.
Issue referred to Cheshire East Council Walking Champion for attention.
ACTION: Continue to press for repairs to this section of footway.
5. Siding out of footways along Knutsford Road
UPDATE: Issue logged with Cheshire East Council for attention.
ACTION: Awaiting update from Borough Councillor Harrison.
6. Review of gullies and drainage issues
UPDATE: Gully emptying data being analysed and correlated to any current flooding issues.
ACTION: Continue to monitor flooding issues and report as necessary.
7. Signage (or other measures) to deter parking on footways (e.g. Elmstead Road, Knutsford Road (near shops))
UPDATE: Knutsford Road: Road Safety Team reviewing impact of commercial businesses on parking issues.
Elmstead Road: The request has been added to the list of locations for consideration during prioritisation assessments which inform future work programmes. Where parked vehicles are causing an obstruction or preventing egress from properties they can be reported to the police. Where parking restrictions exist, enforcement is undertaken by the Cheshire East Council parking services team.
ACTION: No further action at this time.

Other highway priorities to be pursued:

8. Re-instatement of worn yellow lines on Dixon Drive
UPDATE: See Appendix H
ACTION: Continue to press for re-instatement work to be carried out.
9. Review of street lighting provision within the Parish (particularly along Knutsford Road)
UPDATE: Existing defective columns reported to Cheshire East Council for attention.
ACTION: Monitor repair work and re-report where further defect occur.
10. Installation of village gateways
UPDATE: Draft designs prepared including the following features:
 - New boundary sign with white picket gateway fencing at Knutsford Road (plan shows located on Parish Council owned Grass Splay)
 - Existing boundary sign with new white picket gateway fencing at Knutsford Road (plan shows located at current boundary sign site)
 - New 'SLOW' marking on Knutsford Road (eastbound) between Egerton Arms and junction with Dixon Drive
 - Refresh 'SLOW' marking on Knutsford Road (eastbound) near to junction with Oak Road

 - Refresh 'SLOW' marking on Knutsford Road (westbound) between railway bridge and junction with Highland Drive
 - Refresh 'SLOW' marking on Knutsford Road (westbound) between Chelford Parish Hall and railway bridge
 - New 30mph roundel and dragons teeth on Knutsford Road (westbound) to the east of Chelford Activity Park boundary.
ACTION: Awaiting further details of proposed village gateways.

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11. Removal of redundant signage

UPDATE: See Appendix H

ACTION: Report redundant signage to Cheshire East Council as required.

12. Install more robust bollards at Dixon Drive (no through road point near Galloway Grange)

UPDATE: No update.

ACTION: Continue to press for improvements to the bollards.

13. Enforcement of hedge/shrub/tree cutting adjacent to footways

UPDATE: Individual issues reported to Cheshire East Council as required.

ACTION: Report issues as required.

14. Installation of rumble strips

UPDATE: No update.

ACTION: Parish Council to consider possible locations and desirability of rumble strips.