

# Chelford Parish Council

## Notice of Parish Council Meeting

**Date:** Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2025

**Time:** 7:30p.m.

**Venue:** The Hub, Elmstead Road, Chelford.

*E.M.Maddock*

Dr. E. M. Maddock PSLCC, Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer.

Dated 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2025

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All attendees will be expected to respect social distancing preferences of other attendees.

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## Agenda

To Members of Chelford Parish Council,

You are hereby summoned to attend the Parish Council Meeting, as shown above, to consider and determine the following business:

- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Declarations of Interest**
  - (a) To receive Declarations of Interest in any items on the agenda.
- 3. Public Forum for Questions**
  - (a) To receive questions from members of the public.
  - (b) To receive a summary of issues raised via the Parish Council social media account.
- 4. Cheshire East Ward Member: Cllr. A. Harrison**
  - (a) To receive a report on items of interest to the Parish Council.
- 5. Minutes**
  - (a) To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 as a correct record and approve signing by the Chairman.
- 6. Finance**
  - (a) To receive and consider the Financial Statement 2025/26 as at 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 (Appendix A)
  - (b) To note receipts as listed at Appendix B.
  - (c) To approve the payments listed at Appendix C.
  - (d) To note that a Liquidity Manager Account (95 day notice) has been opened at NatWest bank.
  - (e) To approve the transfer of £1,000 from the Business Reserve Account to the Current Account.
  - (f) To approve updating the standing order to Cheshire Pension Fund to £384.56 for payments from May 2025 onwards.
  - (g) To receive updates relating to s.106 funds available to Chelford parish.

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## 7. Planning & Licensing Matters

- (a) To receive and consider recent planning decisions issued by Cheshire East Council in respect of development within the Parish and any updates relating to outstanding applications. (Appendix D)
- (b) To consider the following planning applications:
  - i. 25/0792/DSC: Cheshire East Leisure Amenity Lane North of the Cattle Market, Dixon Drive, Chelford. SK11 9AX  
Discharge of condition 16 on approved application 18/0171M - Demolition of all existing structures and buildings, remediation of the site and the erection of a residential led mixed use development comprising 89 no residential dwellings (use class C3) and 140 sq m (1,500 sq ft) of business floorspace (use class B1) together with landscaping, access points from Dixon Drive, car parking, an acoustic fence and associated infrastructure.
  - ii. Any planning applications received following the issue of the agenda may be included for discussion if required.
- (c) To confirm comments submitted in respect of the following licensing application:
  - i. Tatton Perk, Westminster House, Knutsford Road, Chelford. SK11 9AS  
Sale by retail of alcohol. Monday to Sunday 09:00 – 23:00.

## 8. Chelford Activity Park

- (a) To receive a summary of issues identified during routine inspections of the site.
- (b) To receive and consider a booking request for use of part of Chelford Activity Park.

## 9. Highway matters

- (a) To receive new highway defects for attention from Members.
- (b) To receive updates relating to ongoing highway matters. (Appendix E)

## 10. 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. Manchester Airport: Barrierless forecourts information.  
[Information at: <https://chelfordparishcouncil.org.uk/manchester-airport-barrierless-system/>]
  - ii. Manchester Airport: Invitation to Parish Council forum. (07/05/25, 2p.m., online)
  - iii. Cheshire East Council: Notice of increases to car parking charges; introduction of Sunday charges and introduction of evening charges.  
[Information at: <https://chelfordparishcouncil.org.uk/changes-to-cheshire-east-car-parking-arrangements/>]
  - iv. Cheshire East Council: Changes to supported bus services.  
[Information at: <https://chelfordparishcouncil.org.uk/enhanced-bus-services/>]
  - v. Network Rail: Notice of expected travel disruption over the Easter bank holiday weekend. [Information at: <https://www.nationalrail.co.uk/spring/>]
  - vi. Break Free from CEC Campaign: Campaign to reform Macclesfield Borough Council. (Appendix F)

## 11. Reports from external meetings

- (a) Cheshire East Council: Town and Parish Council Network Meeting. (18/03/25)

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## 12. Community Matters

- (a) To receive a report from the Chelford Ward Policing Team on matters of interest or concern within the Parish.
- (b) To receive an update on community speed watch activities.
- (c) To confirm approval for the content of newsletter edition 25.
- (d) To receive and consider updates from David Wilson Homes relating to the proposed development of land to the east of the railway line.
- (e) To receive and consider updates relating to proposed development of land west of Cricketers Green.
- (f) To receive and consider updates relating to broadband upgrades within Parish.
- (g) Railway 200 (200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the railways)
  - i. To receive and consider updates relating to the proposed Chelford Primary School arts and poetry project.
  - ii. To receive and consider updates relating to any other proposed activities/events to mark Railway 200.

## 13. Co-option of Parish Councillors

- (a) To consider the co-option of new parish councillors (3).

## 14. Matters for inclusion on next/future meeting agenda

- (a) Several carried forward from previous meetings.
- (b) Updates relating to the delivery of the refurbishment work and associated phase one remedial work at Chelford Activity Park.
- (c) Updates relating to possible improvements to the bike track.
- (d) Outcome of RoSPA inspection at Chelford Activity Park.
- (e) Outcome of tree inspection at Chelford Activity Park.
- (f) Updates relating to ongoing Parish Council projects (including improvement work to bus passenger shelter at Knutsford Road)
- (g) Updates relating to ongoing highway priority issues.
- (h) Review nationally recommended updates to Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.
- (i) Review impact (if any) of new legislation. (The Separation of Waste (England) Regulations 2025 and The Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025.)

## 15. Dates of next meetings: To note dates of meetings:

- (a) Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 at 7:30p.m. at Chelford Primary School.  
(Annual Parish Meeting immediately followed by Annual Parish Council Meeting)

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.

## 16. Matters for consideration including those transferred from above items (as required)

*E.M.Maddock*

Dr. E. M. Maddock PSLCC,  
Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer.

Dated 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2025

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## APPENDIX A

Financial Statement – 2025-26 as at 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2025					
Actual 2024/25 £	Details	2025/26 Budget £	Actual to Apr. 25 £	Agenda Apr. 25 £	Budget Balance £
	<b>Receipts</b>				
50,949.00	Precept	53,587.00	0.00	26,793.50	26,793.50
0.00	Balances	5,000.00	0.00		0.00
3,951.23	Investment interest	0.00	0.00		0.00
0.00	Sale of assets	0.00	0.00		0.00
5,196.92	Grants, donations & refunds	0.00	0.00		0.00
1,768.75	Newsletter advertising	1,625.00	0.00		0.00
1,250.00	Unpresented cheque (2023/24)	0.00	0.00		0.00
2,009.79	VAT refund	0.00	0.00		49.20
<b>65,125.69</b>	<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>60,212.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>26,793.50</b>	<b>26,842.70</b>
	<b>Payments</b>				
15,263.88	Salary (Clerk)	16,931.00	0.00	1,424.28	15,506.72
891.45	National Insurance (Employer)	1,655.00	0.00	155.72	1,499.28
3,373.29	Pension contributions (Employer)	3,462.00	0.00	306.22	3,155.78
785.41	Allowances (Clerk)	1,000.00	0.00	76.63	923.37
227.34	Administration	350.00	0.00		350.00
0.00	Chairman/Member allowances	0.00	0.00		0.00
579.00	Audit fees (internal & external)	590.00	0.00		590.00
731.92	Insurance	1,000.00	0.00		1,000.00
70.00	Donations (inc. s.137)	370.00	0.00		370.00
710.00	Grants	3,000.00	0.00		3,000.00
1,602.65	Newsletter	1,678.00	0.00		1,678.00
103.29	Street lighting	380.00	0.00		380.00
98.00	Website	146.00	0.00	8.50	137.50
293.00	Professional services	2,155.00	0.00		2,155.00
0.00	Advertising	100.00	0.00		100.00
636.72	Subscriptions/affiliation fees	670.00	0.00	564.66	105.34
355.00	Room hire	420.00	0.00		420.00
195.00	Training	550.00	0.00		550.00
7,685.96	Chelford Activity Park maintenance	9,420.00	0.00	449.99	8,970.01
2,697.50	Chelford Village maintenance	6,035.00	0.00		6,035.00
10,932.92	Assets – purchase	5,000.00	0.00		5,000.00
440.34	Assets – maintenance	3,800.00	0.00		3,800.00
0.00	Community Events	500.00	0.00		500.00
0.00	Contingency	1,000.00	0.00		1,000.00
4,265.44	VAT		0.00	49.20	
<b>51,938.11</b>	<b>Total payments</b>	<b>60,212.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,035.20</b>	<b>57,226.00</b>

Cash/Bank reconciliation	01/04/25	01/04/25	10/04/25	31/03/26
Balance B/Fwd	132,592.53	132,592.53	132,592.53	156,350.83
Add total receipts	60,212.00	0.00	26,793.50	26,842.70
Less total payments	60,212.00	0.00	3,035.20	57,226.00
Balance C/Fwd	132,592.53	132,592.53	156,350.83	125,967.53
<b>Cumulative balances</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Balance</b>
	<b>01/04/25</b>	<b>01/04/25</b>	<b>10/04/25</b>	<b>31/03/26</b>
General funds	61,949.57	61,949.57	85,707.87	55,324.57
Earmarked reserves	70,642.96	70,642.96	70,642.96	70,642.96
	132,592.53	132,592.53	156,350.83	125,967.53

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## Cash/Bank Reconciliation as at 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2025

### Cash

Balance brought forward 01/04/25	
Current Account	-419.29
Business Reserve Account	20,174.23
Liquidity Manager Account	31,237.36
Skipton Building Society	81,600.23
	<u>132,592.53</u>
Plus receipts	26,793.50
Less payments	3,035.20
Balance carried forward 10/04/25	<u><u>156,350.83</u></u>

### Bank (NatWest)

<b>Business Reserve Account</b>	20,174.23		31/03/25
Add receipts/transfer since above statement			
	<u>-1,000.00</u>		
		-1,000.00	
Less unrepresented cheques			
	<u>0.00</u>		
		<u>0.00</u>	
			19,174.23 10/04/25
<b>Current Account</b>	14,247.73		31/03/25
Add receipts/transfer since above statement			
	1,000.00		
	<u>26,793.50</u>		
		27,793.50	
Less unrepresented cheques			
Approved (2024/25)	-14,667.02		
For approval	<u>-3,035.20</u>		
		<u>-17,702.22</u>	
			24,339.01 10/04/25
<b>Liquidity Manager Account</b>	31,237.36		31/03/25
Add receipts/transfer since above statement			
	<u>0.00</u>		
		0.00	
Less unrepresented cheques			
	<u>0.00</u>		
		<u>0.00</u>	
			31,237.36 10/04/25
<b>Skipton Building Society</b>			
<b>Community Saver Account</b>	81,600.23		31/03/25
Add receipts/transfer since above statement			
	<u>0.00</u>		
		0.00	
Less unrepresented cheques			
	<u>0.00</u>		
		<u>0.00</u>	
			81,600.23 10/04/25
Total bank balances 10/04/25		<u><u>156,350.83</u></u>	

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## APPENDIX B

### Receipts - 2024/25

NatWest Bank plc	£27.80	Gross interest – January, 2025 (BR)
Skipton Building Society	£215.54	Gross interest – January, 2025
NatWest Bank plc	£20.79	Gross interest – February, 2025 (BR)
Skipton Building Society	£194.67	Gross interest – February, 2025
NatWest Bank plc	£72.00	Gross interest – March, 2025 (LM)
NatWest Bank plc	£21.37	Gross interest – March, 2025 (BR)

### Receipts - 2025/26

Cheshire East Borough Council	£26,793.50	Precept 2025/26 (50%)
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## APPENDIX C

### Payments for approval - 2024/25

Cheque No 001659	Zurich Municipal	£731.92	Insurance premium 2025/26
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### Payments for approval - 2025/26

Direct Debit	1&1 IONOS	£6.00	Web hosting: Mar.-Apr. 2025
Cheque No 001660	E. M. Maddock	£1,316.80	Salary and allowances: Apr. 2025
Cheque No 001661	H.M. Revenue & Customs	£261.49	PAYE payments
Cheque No 001662	Northwich Town Council	£285.00	Grounds maintenance: Mar. 2025
Cheque No 001663	Home Assist	£212.49	Bike track work
Cheque No 001664	Cheshire Association of Local Councils	£504.66	Affiliation fee 2025/26
Cheque No 001665	CPRE	£60.00	Membership fee 2025/26
Standing Order	Cheshire Pension Fund	£384.56	Pension contributions: Apr. 2025
Direct Debit	1&1 IONOS	£4.20	Email accounts: Apr. 2025

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## APPENDIX D

### (a) Recent planning decisions

23/1921M

New Croft, 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 – Appeal dismissed

**(b) Outstanding planning applications - None**

## APPENDIX E

### Updates relating to reported highway matters

1. Overgrown hedge at Knutsford Road  
UPDATE: Awaiting response from resident regarding trimming works.
2. Overgrown footway along Alderley Road  
UPDATE: Cheshire East Council advises that this location is included in the routine maintenance programme.
3. Request for low level lighting at Dixon Drive  
UPDATE: No update.
4. Signs obscured by foliage  
UPDATE: Hedge cutting has been undertaken and improved visibility of several signs. Review to be undertaken to identify any signs which remain obscured.
5. Damaged bollard at Peover Lane (near junction with roundabout)  
UPDATE: A job has been raised and scheduled to be carried out by Cheshire East Highways.
6. Damaged sign at Peover Lane (near junction with Knutsford Road)  
UPDATE: Cheshire East Highways has assessed the report and aims to carry out a repair in the next 20 working days.
7. Banner at junction of Oak Road with Knutsford Road.  
UPDATE: No update.
8. Request for loading bay outside Chelford Surgery, Elmstead Road.  
UPDATE: No update.
9. Request for 20mph speed limit outside Chelford Primary School, Oak Road.  
UPDATE: No update.



**Parish Clerks, please ensure all councillors receive a copy of this email.**

Dear

It's come to my attention there may be some confusion regarding current discussions on local devolution. I'd like to clarify the realistic opportunity now available for Macclesfield's former borough to secede from Cheshire East Council (CEC) and form an independent Unitary Authority based upon Macclesfield's historic borough boundaries.

### **Official Government Position**

We have received formal confirmation from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) confirming that a recognised democratic pathway exists, as outlined in the English Devolution White Paper, to establish new Unitary Authorities. Although Cheshire East Council itself has not been invited to reorganise at this stage (being already unitary), the government explicitly states openness to considering structural changes where clear evidence demonstrates that existing council boundaries or management hinder the sustainable delivery of high-quality public services.

This creates an exciting and realistic opportunity for our community to proactively develop a strong, evidence-led proposal demonstrating financial and practical viability for a new Macclesfield Borough Council.

### **Benefits of a New Unitary Authority**

Early analysis strongly suggests forming a new Macclesfield Borough Council isn't merely achievable—it's financially advantageous. Establishing a new Unitary Authority could enable local services to be maintained or improved at the same or lower cost to residents, potentially creating a budget surplus and reinstating services previously cut by Cheshire East Council.



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A formal feasibility study by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) would form part of this evidence-based process, rigorously assessing financial and operational viability.

## **Growing Community Momentum**

Securing a strong democratic mandate is crucial, and significant community support is rapidly growing. Official thresholds indicate we initially require 3,800 resident signatures from Macclesfield's constituency and 2,600 from Tatton's—targets already realistically within reach.

If your council has experienced frustration with management by Cheshire East Council and believes in restoring genuine local control over taxes, investment, services, and decision-making, we invite your support. Many residents, former councillors, and officers from the previous Macclesfield Borough Council (1974–2009) have already expressed their backing, highlighting consistent concerns with the current arrangement.

## **Effective Local Advocacy**

If your council faces challenges such as increased precepts or reduced service quality under Cheshire East Council, publicly supporting the Break Free From CEC campaign could significantly strengthen your community's voice. Your support creates a genuine win-win scenario: either Cheshire East addresses your concerns directly, or your backing helps ensure the creation of a new Macclesfield Borough Council, delivering greater local representation, improved governance, and restored or enhanced services.

Your community genuinely has nothing to lose and potentially everything to gain.

## **Next Steps – Your Support**

Councillors wishing to individually express support can join fellow Town and Parish councillors who've already signed the petition here.

More importantly, we now specifically request formal backing from Town and Parish councils. We kindly ask that your council adds a question of support for a new Unitary Authority, based on Macclesfield's former boundaries, to your next meeting agenda.

After discussion, if your council wishes to publicly announce support, please reply directly to this email.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Smith  
Macclesfield Resident  
Break Free From CEC Campaign