



# Goostrey Parish Council

## AMENITIES COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the MEETING on TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2020

at 7.00 PM Via VIDEO CONFERENCE

**Present:** Cllrs Rathbone (TR)(Chairman), Morgan (PM)(Vice-Chairman), Beckham (NB), Lord (SL), Roberts (DR) and Williams (EW)

**In Attendance:** S Jones Clerk to the Council

- 1. Declarations of Interest** - There no declarations made.
- 2. Apologies for Absence** – There were no apologies for absence.
- 3. Minutes of the meeting of 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020** - **Resolved:** *The Minutes of the Meeting of 29<sup>th</sup> September were accepted as a true record of the meeting.*
- 4. Purchase of New Bench and hard standing for Booth Bed Lane (opposite Meadow Avenue)** To select the bench design and costs of installation to replace the bench which was at this location and had to be removed as it was unsafe and beyond repair. The new bench is to be located on Booth Bed Lane opposite the junction with Meadow Avenue and will be funded from £850 in earmarked reserves with additional funding from the Amenities Budget for 2020/21. (see report in Appendix)

**Motion 1 - Resolved:** *The Amenities Committee resolved to purchase the Evergreen cast iron and recycled plastic wood slatted bench, with grey metalwork @ £678.00 plus VAT (including delivery) and associated installation costs to a value of £397.00 plus VAT.*

- 5. SDU at Booth Bed Lane** - To consider a proposal to replace the failed unit (see report in Appendix). The Chairman highlighted that a letter from the Police and CEC Highways had confirmed that they would not support the installation of average speed cameras in the Village as the scheme only supported these cameras on “A” roads.

The proposed SDU would include data collection and remote access to download data. The new unit should in the first instance be located on Main Road, Station Road or New Platt Lane, and then change the location as necessary using TWM to carry out the works. It is possible that battery changing and moving the SDU’s could be combined to save some costs.

The SDU will be funded from the £3,000.00 in earmarked reserves allocated to an SDU purchase.

**Motion 2 - Resolved:** *The Amenities Committee resolved to purchase a TWM Mini 300 SDU Speed Sign at an estimated cost of £2,715.00 plus VAT, to replace the failed unit on Booth Bed Lane.*

6. **Church Bank Planters** - To confirm the style of the stone in the gabions, and the costs of the materials and installation of new planters for either side of the bench (see report in Appendix). The Clerk reported that only one quote had been received and as it was for £2,690.00 plus VAT. This was extremely high, and more quotes had been requested and were expected in the next two weeks.

**Motion 3– Resolved:** *The Amenities Committee resolved to set a maximum spend for the planters at £1,500.00 plus VAT and that if an acceptable quote is not forthcoming the matter will be brought back to the Committee.*

7. **Budget for 2021/22** – Review of the budget proposal for Amenities 2021/22

- i. Review Budget for 2021/22 – the Budget was updated with the reduced costs for Graveyard Maintenance and Village Maintenance – (see revised Budget in Appendix)

**Motion 4 – Resolved:** *The Amenities Committee resolved to approve the updated Budget for the Amenities Committee at a total of £11,296.00.*

- ii. Select Contractor for graveyard and village maintenance

**Motion 5 – Resolved:** *The Amenities Committee resolved to accept the quote for graveyard and village maintenance from Northwich Town Council for the year from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022. This should not be published outside the council until Greenfingers have been informed.*

8. **Annual Plan** - To review progress on any items for the Annual Plan (for full details of the actions on the Annual Plan see Minutes of the Amenities Meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> September Appendix)

#### **Summary report of actions since the last meeting**

- A) Revise the Resilience Plan to take account of learnings from the Covid-19 situation Including an emergency network of support for any purpose.**

**Action:** SL and PM volunteered to undertake the review/update with support from the Clerk with a view to them producing a first revised draft by end of December 2020. **Update:** Meeting to be scheduled to discuss.

- B) Get feedback from villagers on their views on what they want to see in the village for the future.**

**Update:** NB and TR have had an initial discussion and an outline for a questionnaire.

**Action:** Clerk to research pricing options for “Survey Monkey”. **No update.**

- C) Create a Plan to implement the Environmental Policy utilising the Environmental group as well as deciding what a longer-term strategy would look like.**

**Action:** Put an item in the Parish Magazine for December 2020. **Update:** An article appeared in the Parish Magazine November 2020.

- D) Implement the plans and make a positive difference to the village in 2021-22, potentially using the village volunteer network and the owners of commercial premises for feedback and implementation. No update.**

- E) Define and implement visual speeding deterrents, including resolution on the proposal to install village ‘gates’.**

**Action:** Clerk to set up as a regular reminder in advance of PC and Amenities Meetings for highways items.

**F) Consider the potential to provide electric car/van charging points (environmental improvement) at the village hall?** (see report in Appendix)

Given the feedback from the Village Hall Management Committee it does not appear there is a demand for publicly available charging points in the village at the present time. This item should be reviewed at the beginning of each financial year to see if the demand increases enough to make it viable to consider installing the charging points at the Village Hall.

**G) Investigate and implement improvements to the Booth bed Lane play area.**

This is a stalled project and needs to be revitalised.

- i. Need to establish that CW&C S106 money is still available and confirm the amount. **Actions:** PM to establish the funds are still available and what sort of equipment/facilities could be provided for the sum concerned by end of October 2020. **Update:** PM has established that the S106 monies of £34,500 are still available for the play area. There is also a sum of £15,000 for bicycle storage and CCTV at the Station. He indicated that the Parish Council could take on responsibility for the project but would need to sign an agreement with CEC, or ANSA could facilitate the improvements with the Parish Council being a local stakeholder.

**Motion 6- Resolved:** *The Amenities Committee resolved to become a local stakeholder in the process of improving the Booth Bed Lane play area and to request that ANSA facilitate the project.*

**Action:** Clerk to speak with the resident who has been spearheading the project to find out if there has been any progress

**9. Village Assets** - To receive an update on the audit of assets – Cllr Morgan reported that he had checked the items on the asset register (as shown in the Appendix). The following items were identified as issues in need of attention:

- i. One of the flood light columns in the village hall car park has its little access door held on by cable ties - could do with being locked – **Completed:** *The car park lights were replaced with LED units on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020 and the lighting column door repaired.*
- ii. Phone box is in a shocking aesthetic state. A specialist refurbishment is required but this will be hindered by the leylandii on two sides of it. **Action:** Clerk to write to the owner of the hedge next to the phone box to discuss how the hedge could be cut back to allow access to all sides of the phone box for refurbishment and ongoing. Clerk also to source contractors who would be able to refurbish the phone box.
- iii. Church Bank bollards – there are signs of rot on several of the bollards. **Action:** PM to give the reflectors retrieved from the bollards to the Clerk.
- iv. The rustic bench on the Mill Lane side of the Bog Bean looks as if it will need replacing within the next financial year. The bench at Shearbrook has sharp pieces on the base. **Action:** Clerk to arrange for these to be checked and detail actions required to rectify the issues.

- v. A few items would benefit from some attention:
  - a. The mirror on main road opposite Manor Avenue, need cleaning – **Action:** SL to clean the mirror.
  - b. Stop sign at the junction of Main Road and Church Bank, post rusted through – **Action:** Clerk to report this to CEC Highways.
  - c. Station Road sign, at an angle needs re-instating – **Action:** Clerk to report to CEC Highways.
  - d. Station Road, road narrows sign, faded beyond recognition – **Action:** Clerk to report to CEC Highways.
  - e. Station Road, holly tree on Cemetery Bank has been hit by passing large vehicles and needs to be made safe/removed – **Action:** Clerk to report to CEC Highways.

**10. Hedges and Foliage Overhanging the Footway** - To consider a proposal to pass the review of hedges and foliage overhanging the footway to our CEC Highways Representative and the Ward Councillor as is the case in several other local councils (see report in Appendix).

**Motion 7 – Resolved:** *The Amenities Committee resolves to request that the CEC Highways contact, and the Ward Councillor take over the monitoring of hedges/plants/trees encroaching onto the footways/highways in Goostrey.*

**11. Correspondence** – No correspondence had been received.

**12. Minor items and matters for the next agenda**

- i. Friends of Goostrey Station – DR reported that Northern Rail had indicated that the rental of the ticket office could go ahead.
- ii. **Action:** Clerk to start a reminder system for actions to be sent out to committee members at the end of the first week of each month.

**13. Date of next meeting** – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021

## **APPENDIX**

### **4. Purchase of New Bench and hard standing for Booth Bed Lane (opposite Meadow Avenue) – To select the bench design and approve costs for installation**

#### **Example Benches with Installation Charges**

Costs for a bench the same as the one at the end of Bank View – cast iron ends, the ends can be in green, black, red, blue, red or grey.

Supplier earth anchors – Bench cost including delivery is £678.00 incl Delivery + VAT (bench is 1800 mm long)

<https://www.earth-anchors.com/products#!/Evergreen-seat-311/p/69605910/category=20528859>

Recycled plastic bench in brown (or black) - Supplier earth anchors – Bench cost including delivery is £434.00 incl Delivery + VAT (bench is 1800mm long)

<https://www.earth-anchors.com/products#!/Surrey-Forest-Saver-recycled-plastic-1-8-metre-seats-358/p/96733408/category=20528863>

Bench with Cast Aluminium ends (in black only) with arms and recycled plastic slats (in black or brown) - Supplier Glasdon – Bench cost including delivery £503.03 incl free Delivery + VAT (the bench is 1903mm long)

<https://uk.glasdon.com/seating/park-benches/lowther-seat>

Note that the price is for black or brown slats, the light-coloured slats add £110.00 to the price.

**Installation costs** would be £397.00 + VAT for removing the tarmac, laying new slabs and installing the bench. The length of the slabbed area will be 3048mm, with most benches being 1800mm this would allow for a planter at each end, but probably not the conical planters we have currently (they could be left on the grass at either end of the new base and levelled, with a possibility of replacement with planter up to 500mm square which would fit in the space available).

**Funding** – There is £850.00 allocated in Reserves for a new bench at this location, any additional costs for the installation would need to be funded from the current year's budget the balance of which is £645.00

### **5. Proposed Replacement of Defective Speed Indicator Device (SID)**

1. Introduction The PC has five SIDs currently located at Station Road (Wood's access), Main Road (opposite Crown PH), Main Road (Shear Brook), New Platt Lane (200m from Parish boundary), Boothbed Lane (Adjacent to playground). There are two additional vacant posts where units may be moved to if required. The unit located at Boothbed Lane has failed and has been examined by suppliers – TWM (Winsford) who have advised that the unit cannot be repaired. It is therefore necessary to consider purchase of a replacement SID.
2. Options
  - a) It would be possible to operate just with the four remaining units and perhaps rotate them without capital investment. However, Units have not been rotated for more than four years due to health and safety considerations and no suitable volunteers being available. Similarly, there has been no data collection from the units for more than three years due to the need for use of a ladder to make a usb cable connection between the SID and a laptop computer. It is possible to have the rotation of the devices undertaken by a contractor at an estimated cost of £200 per visit
  - b) Advances in technology means that SID functionality changes frequently and early obsolescence becomes an issue. TWM are able to provide a wide range of devices with different capabilities and with a wide range of costs.

c) Devices range simple solar powered Speed Limit Roundel Vehicle Activated signs at a cost of £2,119 to sophisticated CAPTIS Smart Speed Device (which includes Automatic Number Plate Recognition and remote interrogation and collection of data at a cost of £7,706 inclusive of data collection with modem and installation.

d) TWM also provide a Mini 300 SDU Speed Sign which is the modern equivalent of the units currently installed at Newplatt Lane and Main Road, Crown, The cost of a Mini 300 inclusive of data collection with modem which enables remote interrogation and data collection and installation is £2,715 (Exc. VAT).

e) A quotation provided by Messagemaker Displays (Redhill, Surrey) for similar equipment, but including a 5-year Warranty totals £3,025 (Exc. VAT). A further quote from Mallatite (Tipton, West Midlands) totals £3,339 (Exc VAT). In addition to the increased cost, accepting either of these suppliers would have the disbenefits of the PC acquiring a mix of non-compatible equipment for a single function and expected service issues and costs resulting from a distant supplier.

### 3. Decisions Required

It is recommended that the PC continues with “fixed” location devices and purchases a Mini 300 SDU Speed Sign, as set out above, at an estimated cost of £2,715, inclusive of a 24-month warranty, all funded from previously allocated PC reserves. This will restore the total number of operating devices in the village to five and support the initiatives by the Parish Council to reduce the incidence of speeding vehicles.

The initial location of the device to be determined in consultation with the PCSO (possibly one of the Main Road locations) and the existing device at this location to be re-sited at Boothbed Lane. The new device may subsequently be moved to other locations for set periods to enable collection of data at each location.

It is anticipated that a summary of remotely retrieved data may be routinely included with the Speed Watch Report at future PC meetings.

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### 6. **Church Bank Planters** – To confirm the style of the stone in the gabions, and the cost of the materials and installation of the new planters for either side of the bench.

#### **Pricing**

One quote has been received from Acorn Landscape Services for £2690 + VAT (attached). This seems to be a particularly high figure for the work requested. More quotes are being sought and are expected prior to the Parish Council meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> November. It may be prudent to set a limit for the spend on the Planters and review the quotes against that figure. It is suggested a figure in the region of £1500 plus VAT be considered.

A caveat to the motion would be that a maximum spend be applied of £1500 plus VAT but that if there are no quotes which fall below that figure which are acceptable the decision is brought back to the Amenities Committee.

#### **Size**

The external size of the planters is 1500mm x 500mm x 500mm (x 2 planters)

#### **Mesh size**

50mm x 50mm (this appears to be the recommended mesh size for a stable structure)

#### **Wire diameter**

Minimum of 5mm (I have been informed this is the required diameter for gabions in public places)

### Construction

There are two methods on the market:

- a) a cage within a cage where the void between the cages is filled with stone.
- b) a cage with a planter inserted and the void between the planter and the cages is filled with stone.

### Gabion Stone

There seem to be a number of options:

- a) cobbles or pebbles of a diameter larger than the mesh size
- b) angular gabion stone
- c) slate or other flat stones

Example of the appearance required



## 7. Budget for 2021/22

- i. Review of Budget for 2021/22 – See updated budget below . Figures for the current supplier and the lowest cost supplier have been included for comparison.

Amenities	Budget 2018/19	Budget 2019/20	Budget 2020/21	Budget 2021/22	Budget 2022/23
<b>Maintenance - Village</b>					
Village maintenance (inc Grass cutting)	£500.00	£2,000.00	£2,065.00	£1,500.00 *	£1,730.40
Street Furniture & Repairs	£500.00	£1,727.00	£850.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
Graveyard Maintenance	£3,500.00	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	£3,596.00 *	£4,202.40
Rose Day Stand & Toilets	£0.00	£250.00	£750.00	£650.00	£750.00
VE Day 75th Anniversary Event	-	-	£500.00	-	-
<b>TOTAL Maintenance - Village</b>	<b>£5,000.00</b>	<b>£6,977.00</b>	<b>£7,165.00</b>	<b>£6,746.00</b>	<b>£7,682.80</b>
<b>Parish Projects</b>					
Speedwatch	£1,000.00	£1,400.00	£800.00	£800.00	£800.00
Senior Citizens' Lunch	£1,600.00	£1,750.00	£1,900.00	£1,950.00	£2,000.00
Christmas Lights (Bogbean)	£1,500.00	£700.00	£750.00	£800.00	£800.00
Planters/plants	£540.00	£560.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
<b>TOTAL Parish Projects</b>	<b>£4,640.00</b>	<b>£4,410.00</b>	<b>£4,450.00</b>	<b>£4,550.00</b>	<b>£4,600.00</b>
<b>TOTAL Amenities</b>	<b>£9,640.00</b>	<b>£11,387.00</b>	<b>£11,615.00</b>	<b>£11,296.00</b>	<b>£12,282.80</b>

ii. FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS ONLY

Select contractor for graveyard and village maintenance. The three contractors who have provided quotes are listed below together with the quoted cost. All costs are ex VAT.

Congleton Town Council	£8,168.43
Northwich Town Council	£5,096.00
Greenfingers	£5,760.00

**8. Annual Plan** – To review progress on any items for the Annual Plan.

i. Electric Charging Points for Village Hall Car Park – DR

Cllr Roberts has raised this issue with the Village Hall Management Committee as a minor item. The idea could not be totally discounted as it was not an agenda item and at that stage in the meeting the School representatives were not present. However, it was the opinion of the remaining members of the committee that there are probably 20 electric cars in Goostrey and that owners charge them at home and it was unlikely that people would travel through Goostrey and want to charge their cars. There are other practicalities to consider ie suppliers require users to sign up for an account and charging points accept funds from all accounts.

An official response from the Village Hall Management Committee will require the item be on the agenda of a future meeting of the VHMC.

Attached are a number of brochures for the installation of the charging equipment from different suppliers.

**Osprey charging** – “Osprey have a proprietary site selection data analysis tool and team that can assess any location in the UK to determine its viability as a rapid electric vehicle charging location. On sites that pass this matrix then Osprey will Fully Fund all CAPEX and OPEX and deliver a profit share revenue line back to the landlord – in this case Goostrey Parish Council. We can assess any site free of charge and with no obligation for either party to proceed.

So effectively if suitable we can deliver this at no cost to the Parish Council and it will create an additional revenue line for you”

Osprey authorities brochure [https://ospreycharging.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/Local-Authorities-brochure\\_2019.pdf](https://ospreycharging.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/Local-Authorities-brochure_2019.pdf)

**BP** - Following on from budget allocation of £10 million funding from Central Government for Local Authorities to install Electric Vehicle Charge Points across Council owned Car Parks, administered by the Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) as the On-Street Residential Charge Point scheme (ORCS), BP Chargemaster has set up a dedicated team to assist County, District and Borough Councils to install Charge Points for Residential use and will help each Council to access up to £100,000 from the £10 million fund highlighted here:

<https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/transport/local-authorities/street-residential-chargepoint-scheme>

The ORCS funding is accessed by application to the Energy Savings Trust (EST) who are managing the OLEV scheme and is specific to Fast Charging units (7 kW) to serve EV Drivers in residential areas where there is a lack of off-street parking.

Capped at £100,000 per Council, the funding will cover 75% of the CAPEX costs and requires 25% match funding which BP Chargemaster will offer as our investment. In addition, following CAPEX, BP Chargemaster will also carry the operational costs including repair, maintenance and electricity costs. This means that the project will be zero cost to the Council. The contractual arrangement will be a simple Host Agreement between the Council and BP Chargemaster for 7 years. If procurement is required, the ESPO framework will enable direct award.

Prior to agreements and funding applications we will carry out all site surveys and feasibility assessments of chosen locations across the Council Car Parks.

To help prepare you for successful grant award, there are steps that each Local Council will need to take in order to help progress their application.

These are:

- **Identify demand for Charge Points in your area**– you can do this by setting up a link on your Website for the public to request EV Charge Points near their homes. Please see example in this link: <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/parking-and-travel/parking/electric-vehicles-and-charging> On this example the Council uses the Parking section
- **Provide Postcodes for the Local Authority area**– we only need the 1<sup>st</sup> three digits in the postcodes for the area within the Councils boundary. We will match these against Electric Vehicle drivers registered with BP Chargemaster to help prove demand for EV Charging. \_
- **Provide a list of Local Council Car Parks that can serve local residents**– we at BP Chargemaster will then undertake a feasibility exercise and prepare costed proposals for the ORCS application
- **Please consider the attached OLEV – EST guidance and application form and how this will be completed for your application**  
We can share with you an example of a successful application based on earlier funding granted to Nottingham City Council in 2018-2019 and by Derbyshire County Council for High Peak Borough and Derbyshire Dales District Councils in 2019-2020. Combined, these represent OLEV funding of £250,000 for 9 Residential Car Parks

The Parish Council would need to make a start on the first 3 bullet points then BP will help to start the application process with costed proposals for Car Park sites and begin to identify demand.

## 9. Village Assets – To receive an update on the audit of assets – PM

Goostrey Parish Council Asset Register at 31st March 2020										
Description	Type	Location	Order of insp.	Date of insp.	Comments	Suggested action	Price	Date Purchased	at 31/03/20	
Planter	Fixed	Bank View	19	18/10/2020	No signs of damage or cracks	None	£262.00	June, 2002	£0.00	
Churchill Oak Monument	Fixed	Bogbean	1	13/10/2020	No visible signs of damage on both parts and very solidly fixed.	None	£150.00	March, 2015	£150.00	
Metal Village Sign	Fixed	Bogbean	27	18/10/2020	Post solid. Paint flaking on sign itself and post paint worn in places. Lichen.	Repaint		Unknown	£0.00	
Seat	Fixed	Bogbean	26	18/10/2020	Only back feet fixed. Damp and mossy with some loose logs. Fixings at rear rusted.	Being under the trees the best is damp in the winter months which is hastening deterioration and it is unattractive to sit on. Replace in 2022/23	£130.00	June, 2001	£0.00	
Seat	Fixed	Bogbean	25	18/10/2020	Solid. Slats (wooden) warn and cut but still solid. Nothing protruding to injure users.	Refurbish - sand and paint slats or replace		Unknown	£0.00	
Planter	Fixed	Booth Bed Lane	X				£113.00	June, 2001	£0.00	
Picnic Tables	Fixed	Booth Bed Play Area			In use at time of inspection.		£1,244.00	February, 2008	£497.60	
Seat	Fixed	Boothbed Crescent	36	18/10/2020	Back right bench. Fixing feet rusty but fairly solid. Bench wobbly but okay. Solid to sit on with no protruding parts. Right arm looseish	Consider replacement but in better condition than the one on Bogbean				
Seat	Fixed	Boothbed Crescent	37	18/10/2020	Back left a memorial bench. Solid. Fixing feet rusty front right has protruding metal. Seat solid.	Review the protruding metal at base. Consider replacement but in better condition than the one on Bogbean	£280.00	July, 2002	£0.00	
Seat	Fixed	Boothbed Lane Junction	33	18/10/2020	Solid - nothing protruding. Needs a lick of paint. Piece of metal sticking up from base of one fixing leg.	Refurbish and investigate metal at base		Unknown	£0.00	
Oak bollard	Fixed	Church Bank Corner	6	18/10/2020	Closest to road sign and next to drain. On the lean and loose. Exposed post at ground level doesn't show much sign of rot. Red reflector has fallen off and collected.	Straighten and concrete (?) in. Replace reflector				
Oak bollard	Fixed	Church Bank Corner	7	18/10/2020	Missing post.	Replace				
Oak bollard	Fixed	Church Bank Corner	8	18/10/2020	Also on the lean. Missing white reflector. Quite rotten at base	Replace with new reflectors				
Oak bollard	Fixed	Church Bank Corner	9	18/10/2020	Upright and solid but signs of rot at base.	None				
Oak bollard	Fixed	Church Bank Corner	10	18/10/2020	Solid - both reflectors missing (white collected).	Replace reflectors				
Oak bollard	Fixed	Church Bank Corner	11	18/10/2020	Both reflectors missing, split from top down. Solid. No reflectors but loose one kept. Mushrooms around	Replace with new reflectors				
Oak bollard	Fixed	Church Bank Corner	12	18/10/2020	base - sign of rot? Split down from top.	Replace with new reflectors				
Oak bollard	Fixed	Church Bank Corner	13	18/10/2020	Split from top. Rot at base no reflectors.	Replace with new reflectors				
Oak bollard	Fixed	Church Bank Corner	14	18/10/2020	No reflectors. Mushrooms at base and loosr. Split.	Replace with new reflectors				
Oak Bollard	Fixed	Church Bank Corner	15	18/10/2020	Solid - white reflector missing. No sign of rot.	Replace reflector	£435.00	January, 2011	£435.00	
Seat	Fixed	Church Bank Corner	3	18/10/2020	Solid. Slats in good condition - some varnish weathered or wearing.	None		Unknown	£0.00	
Notice Board	Fixed	End Bank View	21	18/10/2020	Solid and clean, no sign of rot at the base.	None	£400.00	July, 2001	£0.00	
Notice Board	Fixed	End Booth Bed Lane	34	18/10/2020	Solid needs a clean.	None		Unknown	£0.00	
Planter	Fixed	Front of Precint Shops	X		Missing - relocated		£113.00	June, 2001	£0.00	
Planter	Fixed	Kettle Store	X		Missing - relocated		£113.00	June, 2001	£0.00	
Planter	Fixed	Kettle Store	X		Missing - relocated		£113.00	June, 2001	£0.00	
Phonebox	Fixed	Main Road - Bank View	22	18/10/2020	All glass panels in tact but really needs refurbishment inside and out. Paint flaking badly in places and losing its charm. Doesn't smell of wee!	Needs specialist refurbishment but the Leylandii on two sides will hinder a full job.	£1.00	December, 2012	£1.00	
Highway Mirror	Fixed	Main Road opp. Manor Ave	18	18/10/2020	Post firm, mirror undamaged. Could do with a clean.	Clean	£27.00	May, 2017	£27.00	
Seat	Fixed	Main Road/Bank View	20	18/10/2020	Solid. Nothing found protruding that could catch a user. Benefit from a clean.	Clean	£504.00	January, 2007	£100.80	
SDU	Fixed	Opposite the Crown	17	18/10/2020	Post firm and fixings and cables all look okay. Cover for USB accesspoint open and too high to reach.	Close USB access point - water could get in?	£3,500.00		£3,500.00	

Notice Board	Fixed	Old Paddock	16	18/10/2020	Relatively new. Firmly fixed, no sign of damage. Glass could good with a clean but does not obscure notices.	Clean	£220.00	March, 2011	£220.00
Planter	Fixed	Old Paddock corner	X		Missing - relocated?		£113.00	June, 2001	£0.00
Defibulator	Fixed	Phone Box	23	18/10/2020	Seems okay no damage are contact details correct.	Check contact details		April, 2013	£0.00
Notice Board	Fixed	Precint	24	18/10/2020	Solid, newish, some signs of rust on legs but fairly superficial at this time	None		Unknown	£0.00
Seat	Fixed	Sandy Lane	40	18/10/2020	Looks quite new solid.	None	£325.00	June, 2009	£260.00
Seat	Fixed	Shearbrook Bank	28	18/10/2020	Solid but right hand leg badly corroded. Slats sound but benefit from refurb. Nothing protruding	Refurb (memorial bench)		Unknown	£0.00
SID post	Fixed	Station Road	2	18/10/2020	Post firm. SID equipment looks in good condition and all attached.	None			
SID post	Fixed	New Platt Lane	35	18/10/2020	Solid no issues found	None			
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SID Post	Fixed	Shearbrook	29	18/10/2020	Post solid - needs a clean.	Clean	£1,522.70	May, 2008	£913.62
Lighting Column (if these are the ones in the Village Ahll car park)	Fixed	Village Hall car park.			6 x streetlight type all look okay (should they be changed to LED?) and two floodlights.the floodlight by village hall seems to have access door held on by cable tie - needs securing.	Appropriate fix on column door. Can these be LED?		Unknown	£0.00
Road Sign Church Bank	Fixed	Church Bank Corner	5	18/10/2020	Sign new and firmly installed.	None	£165.00	October, 2019	£165.00
Fido Dog Bin	Fixed	Booth Bed Lane	39	18/10/2020	new, solid	None	£109.00	July, 2019	£109.00
Fido Dog Bin and post	Fixed	Church Bank Corner	4	18/10/2020	Post solid and bin in good condition.	None	£190.00	January, 2020	£190.00
Planter	Fixed	Boothbed Lane/Main Road co	30	18/10/2020	No signs of cracks but big chip out of rim.	None			
Planter	Fixed	Boothbed Lane/Main Road co	31	18/10/2020	No signs of cracks but small chip out of rim.	None			
Planter	Fixed	Boothbed Lane/Main Road co	32	18/10/2020	No signs of cracks.	None			
Planter	Fixed	Boothbed Lane crescent	37	18/10/2020	Left - no damage no chips	None			
Planter	Fixed	Boothbed Lane crescent	38	18/10/2020	Right - no damage no chips	None			

**10. Hedges and Foliage Overhanging the Footway** – To consider a proposal to pass the review of hedges and foliage overhanging the footway to our CEC Highways Representative and the Ward Councillor.

### **Background**

Many of the footways in Goostrey are narrow, some are barely wide enough for one person to traverse. There is a similar situation for some roads in the Parish which are narrow and are narrowed further by unkempt hedges and trees.

Historically the Parish Council has contacted residents to ask if they will cut back hedges, trees or foliage overhanging the footway/carriageway to enable pedestrians and motorists to make full use of the footway/carriageway.

The response is mixed, and very often there is no action taken by the resident, in which case the matter is referred to CEC Highways for resolution.

This dilutes the effectiveness of the Council in the discharge of its duties.

### **Proposal**

Chelford and Lower Withington Parish Councils employ a different method, whereby they request that their CEC Highways contact and the Ward Councillor walk around the village and note properties where there are issues with hedges, trees and overhanging foliage and then CEC Highways take action to resolve the matter with the residents direct.

The frequency of the activity would need to be agreed with the CEC Highways contact and the Ward Councillor but once every six months might be a reasonable place to start.

The advantages of this solution are:

- any complaints the Parish Council receives from residents in this regard can be logged using the CEC Highways Reporting System and the matter can then be tracked.
- CEC Highways make the rules regarding how far the hedge etc can encroach onto the highway/footway and are therefore better placed to make the complaint to the owner of the property.
- Less time for the Clerk and Committee Members monitoring and chasing residents to cut back the plants on their boundaries.