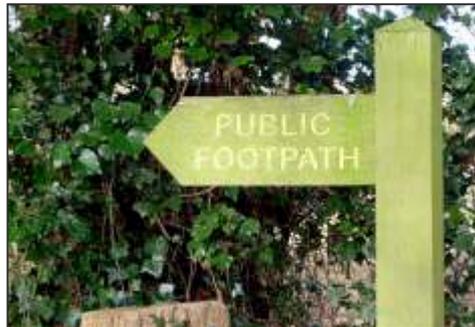


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PARISH PLAN 2017



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## FOREWORD

On behalf of Chadwick End Parish Council (CEPC) I welcome the publication of this important document for our community. This parish plan represents the culmination of almost two years work and has been produced by a steering group of dedicated volunteers. This group was set up with the agreement of CEPC but working independently with separate funding from the Big Lottery Fund. We offer sincere thanks to the members of the steering group and the Big Lottery Fund.

The detail you will read in the plan is as a result of the honest and considered opinions of the residents of the parish who completed the questionnaires that were delivered to every household. These responses are vital in understanding the key issues and concerns currently affecting our residents and community and also how they see Chadwick End Parish in the future. We are grateful to all those who took the time to answer and return the questionnaire and hope that community engagement will continue to increase over the coming years.

Of course, it is not just the feedback that is important, it is also the actions that result that will make a difference to our village and lifestyle. Hopefully, we will all see progress in the key areas identified in the short, medium and long term. Everyone can play their part in making change happen.

Publication of this plan should be seen as the start, rather than the end, of a process. Therefore, the parish plan will be reviewed regularly to monitor progress with the stated actions and to initiate other proposals that affect us.

I hope that you read this parish plan and feel inspired enough to get involved personally to help with some of the ideas put forward. With this collective approach we can ensure that Chadwick End Parish continues to be a wonderful place to live.

Very best wishes



Rob Horsfield  
Chair, Chadwick End Parish Council



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# INTRODUCTION, METHODOLOGY AND PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION

## Introduction

The government first proposed the idea of parish plans in the Rural White Paper November 2000. The idea was to enable communities to “identify key facilities and services, set out the problems that need to be tackled and demonstrate how distinctive character and features can be preserved”.

With the support of Chadwick End Parish Council, a steering group was set up of volunteer residents to produce a parish plan.



## Methodology

The Parish Plan Steering Group developed a questionnaire to collect the views of Chadwick End Parish residents on a wide range of subjects relevant to living in the parish in the next 5-10 years. The responses from the completed questionnaires form the basis of this parish plan, which will be used to influence the Parish Council and Solihull Council and other appropriate bodies with decisions that are taken with regards to Chadwick End and its future development.

The questionnaires were delivered to each household by a team of volunteers, included with the main questionnaire was a household survey and a volunteering and further contact sheet.

The steering group made an early decision that all the information provided from the questionnaires would be processed and analysed by an independent third party in order to ensure complete confidentiality and objectivity. Stratford-on-Avon District Council was selected to administer the survey based on their wide experience in providing similar services to other parishes.

The completed questionnaires were collected by the volunteers in sealed envelopes and were passed to staff at Stratford Council to open. This way all responses were guaranteed to be anonymous and not identified to an individual or household. Stratford Council aggregated the responses to create the resulting report.

The survey took place between May and June of 2016. The volunteers aimed to deliver a questionnaire to every household in the parish. Exactly 200 individual questionnaires were returned, plus 140 household questionnaires. 62 volunteering and further contact sheets were also received.

The parish plan has been developed using the analysis produced by Stratford District Council.

## Implementation

The analysis of the responses from the survey provides a valuable set of data about the parish, opinions and priorities on which to base future decisions and action plans.

A number of the wishes expressed in the responses to the questionnaire will be easier to deliver than others and all will have their own timescale. However, it is hoped that within the community there is a pre-disposition to action and that this document will spark further discussion, innovation and implementation. Throughout this plan key recommendations of actions are highlighted and at the back of this document there is a full action plan with some target timelines alongside an indication of which parties can make or influence the actions being followed through.



# HISTORY OF OUR PARISH

## Chadwick means 'farm near a spring'.

Originally Chadwick End was a small village that supported a farming community and along with the near neighbours of Baddesley Clinton and Bedlam's End grew considerably between 1905 and 1960. Chadwick End is not a traditional village with a cluster of houses around a village green but rather a crossroads settlement which has expanded over time with a ribbon development along the Warwick Road (A4141).

In the last thirty years the makeup of the village and the parish have changed following the move to less labour-intensive methods of farming and the consequent lack of local employment. This has meant the parish has become more of a commuter settlement where it is difficult to sustain local shops and businesses. As at the end of 2016, Chadwick End Parish has 291 dwellings that are home to 546 people.

The following is a brief history of the most notable developments and landmarks within the parish.

## Chadwick Manor

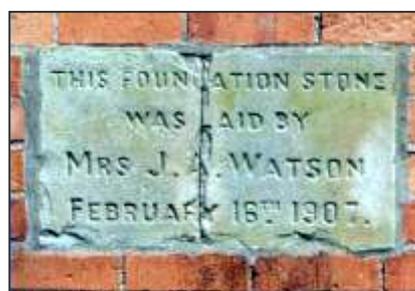
Chadwick Manor was built in 1875 for Gilbert Wilkes and his family. After Gilbert Wilkes' untimely death in December 1882, Chadwick Manor was sold to Richard Ramsden sometime between 1883 and 1886.

In the early 1900's Chadwick Manor was owned by the Watson family who occupied the Chadwick Manor Estate until 1931, when the Chadwick Manor Estate was divided up and sold as 31 individual lots, by the executors of the will of John Watson. The estate covered an area across the parish of approximately 780 acres and in addition to Chadwick Manor and its grounds the lots included the Black Boy Inn, a cottage and boot repairers shop in Oldwich Lane, Pasture Field Heronfield, Police Cottage, accommodation land and allotments in Netherwood Lane, two pairs of cottages in Oldwich Lane, to name just a few of the lots.

Following a period of time as a hotel, including a golf course (opened in 1938 and then ploughed up as part of the Second World War effort) Chadwick Manor was sold to a developer and converted into private flats in the early 1980s.

## Village Hall

The foundation stone of the Institute, now the Village Hall, was laid in 1907, the funds for the building of the Village Hall came from the Watson family who owned the Chadwick Manor Estate which extended to land and property across the parish, including the land that the Village Hall was built on.



(Photographs provided by The Knowle Society)

## Playing Fields

In the early 1970s Mr Norman Moore generously donated the land for the playing fields to the parish in recognition of his daughter Anne gaining a silver medal for show jumping in the 1972 Olympic Games. Mr Moore also donated the pavilion, whilst the Parish Council erected the pavilion, completed the servicing, landscaping and fencing. The field, known as 'Moorefield', became a football pitch, and a play area was subsequently provided by the Parish Council.



## Priest Park Wood

Priest Park Wood in Chadwick End is scheduled as 'Ancient Woodland', meaning that it existed before 1600.



## Chadwick End Roll of Honour

This roll of honour (believed to be funded by the Watson family) commemorates those Chadwick End residents who served in the First World War. Its current location is unknown.

*[Photograph provided by The Knowle Society]*



## Village Church, Shops and Other Businesses

In 1993 Chadwick End's village store closed, which also housed the Post Office. After many months of negotiation with Royal Mail a Sub Post Office was located in the old porch of the Village Hall for a period of time, until that too was closed. The village had previously had many thriving businesses, including a garage, a restaurant (Ye Old Bakehouse), various public houses, antiques shop, and also a church which was sold and knocked down in the 1980's, with a modern house being built on the site.

## PARISH COUNCIL

In this part of the questionnaire, we asked residents how much they knew about Chadwick End Parish Council (CEPC), its roles, responsibilities and activities, the councillors and the precept. We were also interested in how many people had attended CEPC meetings and why, the use of other communication methods and how effective these have been. The following summarises these results.

### About The Parish Council

- Nearly half the residents, 47%, understood the role and responsibilities of CEPC, with another 37% understanding some. 80% stated that it would be useful to know more about CEPC
- Only 23% knew who the councillors and Parish Clerk were and 60% stated they could easily contact CEPC
- Only 3% (6 people) were interested in standing as a CEPC candidate at the election in 2019, with 6% (12 people) undecided whether to try for the role
- Over half, 53%, were willing to help CEPC as a volunteer at future events and completed a personal details sheet
- The annual precept was not understood by 37%, 66% did not know how much they were paying and 63% did not know if they were getting value for money



### Communication

Asked about CEPC regular meetings, 50% felt they were advised about the meetings, with only 22% having actually attended. Over half, 55%, feel that it would be useful for CEPC councillors to hold surgeries to discuss local matters, with every month the most popular suggestion

With regard to planning applications, 58% knew that CEPC review all cases in its parish and 89% of residents would like to be advised directly about significant planning cases



Asked about communication methods from CEPC:

- 48% were aware of the CEPC website and only 16% had registered with the site
- The seasonal CEPC newsletter is received by 66%, with 24% not receiving it
- The information on the Village Hall notice board is read by 36% of residents
- The preferred communication methods were: 57% by email; 48% by post; 4% by text
- 80% would be interested in receiving a regular community magazine, with another 44% not sure. An acceptable price was £0.50 to £20, with the majority willing to pay £1 per copy

## Actions for Parish Council

- CEPC to provide more information to residents about what it does
- Every household to receive information about the annual precept
- The bi-monthly CEPC meetings to be more effectively promoted
- CEPC to consider holding regular clinics for residents
- Provide access to information about all planning applications in the parish
- Publicise the new CEPC website
- CEPC to consider the introduction of a parish magazine

## Comments about Parish Council

“To have dates well in advance, to have met and spoken to the councillors”

“More information about meetings and their content agenda items which I feel are relevant to me”

“Newsletters”

“Attended most meetings, allows me the chance to meet other villagers and to understand their issues. Gives me the chance to feel part of the community and to get involved as and when I am available”

## LOCAL FACILITIES, LEISURE AND RECREATION

In this section we asked questions about the local facilities and activities in Chadwick End, whether residents feel these are adequate and if more should be provided. If a service is not provided here we were interested in where people went to get that service, including shopping, medical care, childcare and public services. A summary of the answers is shown below.

### Shopping

Where do residents buy most of their food shopping:

- 55% in Dorridge
- 45% in Knowle

Do you think Chadwick End needs a village/community shop:

- 62% of residents felt a shop is needed
- 21% of residents felt a shop is not needed

If there were to be a village shop how often would you shop there:

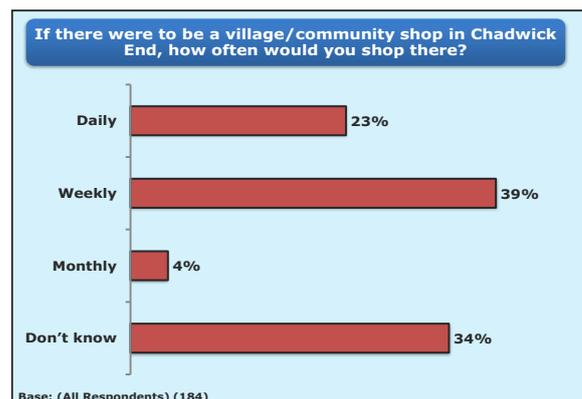
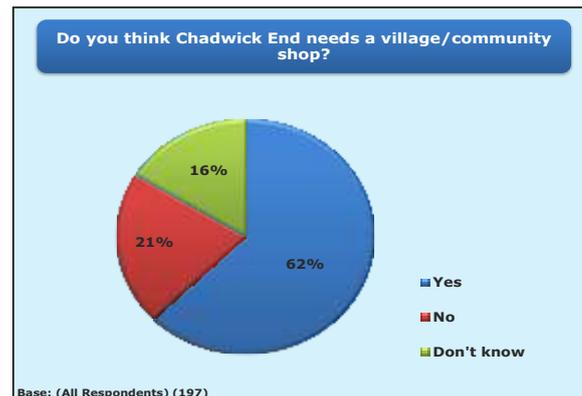
- 23% stated they would use it daily
- 39% stated they would use it weekly
- 4% stated they would use it bi-weekly
- 34% didn't know

As it would likely be a community shop 25% replied positively to do voluntary work in the shop. Regarding a village Post Office, 25% thought it very useful, 47% a bit useful with 28% not useful at all. Only 13% were interested in having a local producers market.

The lack of a cash machine in Chadwick End was a problem to only 13%

### Local events

65% of residents knew that CEPC had organised social events in 2015 and 79% had attended the village fete, and/or a quiz or the skittles night at the village hall. Over half of residents, 52% did not feel informed about news and events in the parish. Asked what type of social events should be organised, residents came up with a huge range of ideas, e.g. BBQ, beer festival, cinema evening, coffee mornings, barn dances etc.



## Village Hall

The Village Hall is available to hire. 55% stated that they did not know how to hire it and only 7% have hired it for a personal event. Asked what they were prepared to pay as an hourly rate to hire the hall, it ranged from £2 to £100, with the most popular £10 per hour.

### Comments about Village Hall

"It is a great space for events - kitchen does need to be re-furnished and I understand this is planned"

"I think events in the hall should be advertised with an 'old fashioned' leaflet drop as it still seems that not enough people are aware of what is going on there"



## Children's Playground

Asked if the children's playground was important, 91% responded positively, although 29% felt that the playground could be improved



### Comments about Playground and Playing Fields

"Make maximum use out of the field for all ages with different activities, local scouts, cubs, guides, adventure scouts etc"

"More equipment, more up to date equipment. This would attract more children, on hot sunny weekends, maybe sell drinks/snacks in the hall"

## Playing Field

Only 34% responded that good use is made of the playing field behind the village hall. There were many ideas about what other community activities could take place on the field.

## Other local attractions

This is how often residents visit other local attractions:

	Often	Occasionally	Never
The Orange Tree	31%	62%	7%
The Black Boy	5%	38%	58%
Heronfield Animal Sanctuary	2%	26%	72%
Log Home Farm Shop	2%	21%	77%

## Allotments

Chadwick End has 15 allotments for hire. 8% (15 people) have an allotment, with 10 (67%) of these situated in Chadwick End. Another 9% were interested in having an allotment in Chadwick End.

### Actions for Local Facilities, Leisure and Recreation

- Look at the viability of a Village shop
- Undertake a review of the Village Hall, playing field and playground to ensure that these facilities are well used and promoted
- Promote local businesses to Residents
- Review the allotments in Chadwick End

## COMMUNITY GROUPS AND LOCAL SERVICES

### Introduction

Local groups are an integral part of a strong community and significantly enhance our quality of life. Access to other services is often a contentious issue in rural communities – especially when competing for resources with urban and suburban areas nearby.

This section covers some of the services provided by SMBC, services provided locally and the emergency services.

### The Emergency Services

93% of us feel safe and secure in Chadwick End and the emergency services were generally rated well:

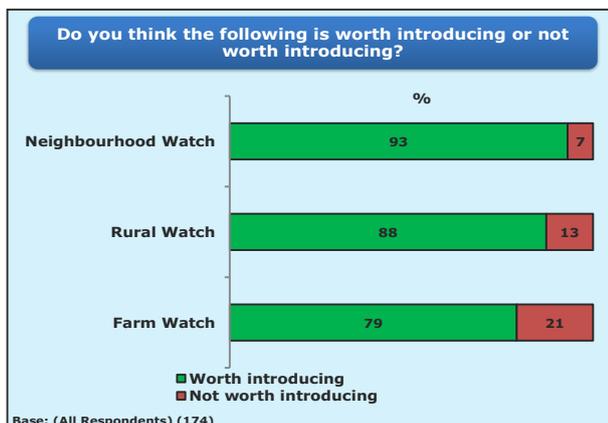
West Midlands Police were rated as neither good nor poor by 29% and as good or very good by 61%.

78% expressed confidence that the Ambulance Service would be able to respond quickly when required and the figure for the Fire and Rescue Service was 82%.

There is strong support for being better prepared ourselves with 76% in favour of there being a Parish Emergency Plan and 89% in favour of us having a defibrillator in the village. There is also significant support for groups that work with the emergency services:

Since living here, have you needed to call:

The Police	Yes – 42%
The Ambulance Service	Yes – 25%
The Fire and Rescue Service	Yes – 6%



## Community Groups and Services

The responses regarding community groups and services were interesting. When asked whether there are enough local services and community groups for children, teenagers, families, adults and the elderly, around 85% answered “don’t know”. This may indicate a low expectation driven by a fairly weak sense of community. However, the variety of ideas expressed in the comment sections certainly indicated the possibility of making significant progress in this area.

Are there enough local services/community groups provided for:

Children	Yes – 2%	No – 14%	Don’t know – 84%
Teenagers	Yes – 1%	No – 16%	Don’t know – 84%
Families	Yes – 2%	No – 10%	Don’t know – 88%
Adults	Yes – 10%	No – 14%	Don’t know – 76%
Elderly	Yes – 2%	No – 11%	Don’t know – 87%

### Comments for Community Groups and Services Included:

#### For children:

“No playgroup etc in the area. Would also be great if something like ‘Rugby tots’ or dance classes operated from the village hall.”

#### For teenagers:

“Youth club, activities, organised events, off road biking / trekking, scouts / ranger group.”

#### For families:

“Social club / meeting place”

#### For adults:

“Could have groups such as garden club, crafts/cake club. Given I work full time a long way away, events at the weekends would be good as I am often home too late in the week to attend groups in the week (eg the pilates class) even though I would like to.”

#### For the elderly:

“Monthly meets for general chats, coffee mornings.”

## Communication

Local communication was highlighted as an issue with 52% not feeling informed about local news and events. 80% would be interested in receiving a regular community magazine although there is also strong demand for email contact and a well maintained Parish Council website.



### Actions for Community Groups and Local Services

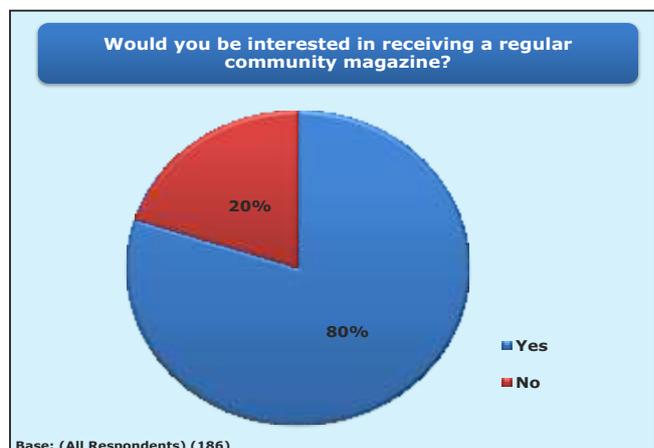
- Issues with the emergency services should be raised directly with the relevant authority
- CEPC to set up group to produce a Parish Emergency Plan
- CEPC to undertake to get a defibrillator for the village
- Find a volunteer expert to advise community groups: how to set up; resources available locally; support available from SMBC
- Find a volunteer to help co-ordinate Neighbourhood/Rural/Farm Watch initiatives
- Local communication to be driven by CEPC – perhaps one Parish Councillor should take ownership

### Comments Regarding How to Improve Local Communications:

“A good website - regularly updated”

“List of events on noticeboard, bright posters on a couple of lamp posts”

“The notice board is too far away for some people to visit regularly so leaflet drops could serve better”



# OUR ENVIRONMENT

## Introduction

When asked to name the one thing we most like about living in Chadwick End, the vast majority of us wrote about the quality of the environment – whether that was the rural location, the appearance of the area or the peace and quiet.

This section covers a wide range of factors that influence the quality of our environment: street lighting; flooding; public rights of way; litter; dog fouling; pollution.



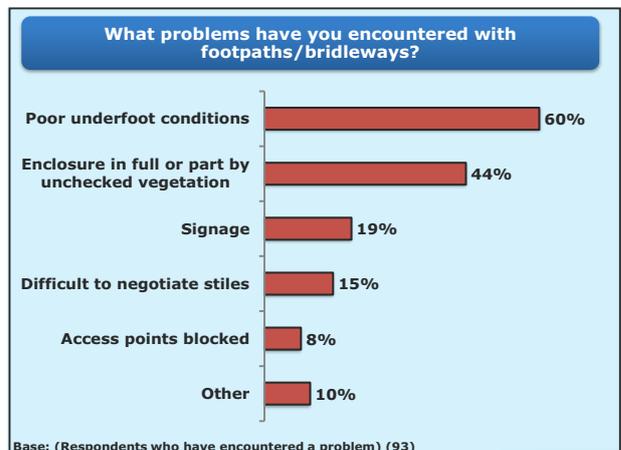
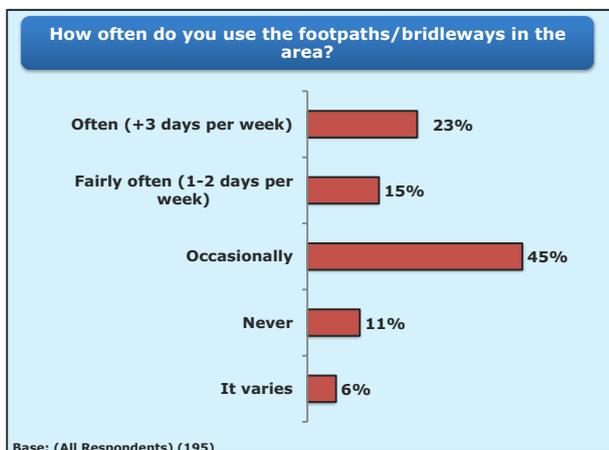
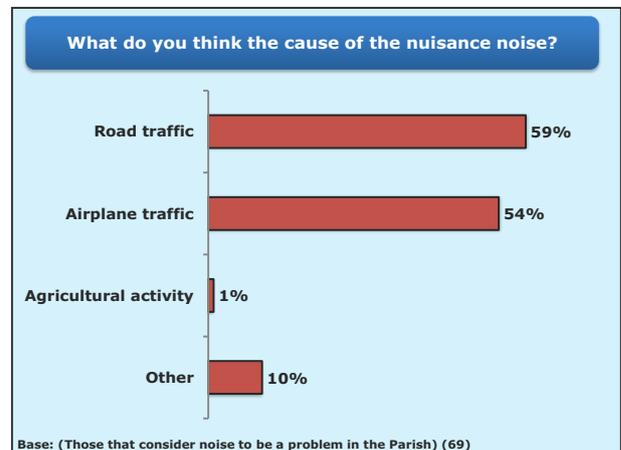
## Key Survey Results

88% felt that lighting was fit for purpose and only 4% expressed a problem with light pollution.

31% felt that noise pollution was a problem with road and airplane traffic being the major issues.

Flooding wasn't an issue for 78%. The concerns raised by the remaining 22% were mainly regarding the main road by the village hall but there were also significant issues raised regarding side roads. Most of us use the footpaths and bridleways at least occasionally and 83% felt that the condition was generally good or satisfactory – although some problems were highlighted.

People who felt that there were problems with litter (31%), fly tipping (34%) and dog fouling (20%) were in the minority but there were many strong comments regarding these issues. 64 respondents indicated that they would be willing to participate in litter picking sessions and 33 gave their details on a volunteer sheet.



## Comments from the Survey Regarding Environmental Issues:

“Some paths are very bad in wet weather and signage can be a problem until you learn the right way. Overgrown hedges can be a problem on some paths”

“The lack of footpath between the Black Boy and Arbour Tree Lane is a problem and is a danger”

“The problem is not the dog fouling itself but the way people pick it up then leave bag in hedge”

“Still floods seriously by village hall, last winter still bubbling up through the ground, lifted tarmac pavement by hall and bridge. Several places on Oldwich Lane West and Sparrowcock Lane also problematic”

## Actions for Our Environment:

- Most environment issues are best raised directly with the relevant local authority (SMBC if within the Parish). The parish councillors and other residents are also interested in these issues so please also share concerns through the CEPC website, through social media groups or at parish council meetings
- Litter picking and other tidy up activities are already in progress. With enough volunteers we can increase the frequency and scope of these activities and also put more time into lobbying SMBC and WDC to take action. For details on how to get involved please see the CEPC website or the village notice board.

## TRAVEL & TRANSPORTATION

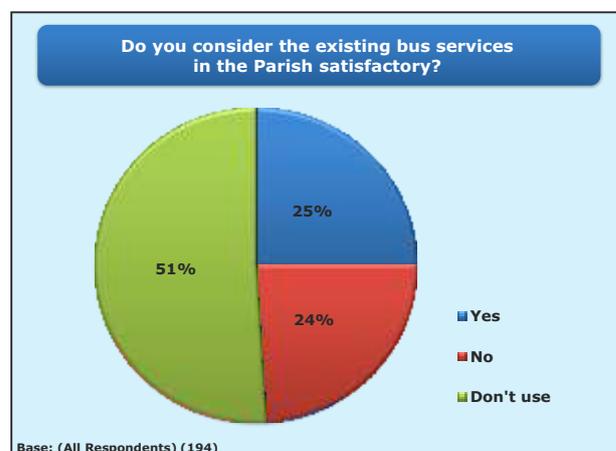
In this section in the questionnaire we asked questions relating to transport and highways. We asked you to think about travelling around, to or from the parish by car, train, bicycle, bus or any other means and we invited you to comment on such matters as road repairs and speed limits, below is a summary of the responses received.

### Mode of Travel

Unsurprisingly, the questionnaire results showed that the car was the main transport type. The majority of respondents (96%) have a car with only 4% not having one.

### Bus Service

- A quarter of residents felt that they did not consider the bus service to be satisfactory. Over half (51%) did not use the bus service.
- 66% of residents said that if the bus services were more frequent they may be encouraged to use it.
- 52% said that if there were more destinations they may be encouraged to use it more frequently



### Train Services

Residents were asked which station they travel from and how often. The majority of residents use a train less than once a month. The most used station was Dorridge.

### Taxi Service

60% of residents said they use taxis to and from the Chadwick End area.

Of the residents that use a taxi to and from the area, 81% said it was easy to get one, 5% said it wasn't and 14% said it varies.

### Comments on Travel and Transportation

"It was useful to catch the bus to the railway station in Dorridge but that stopped!"

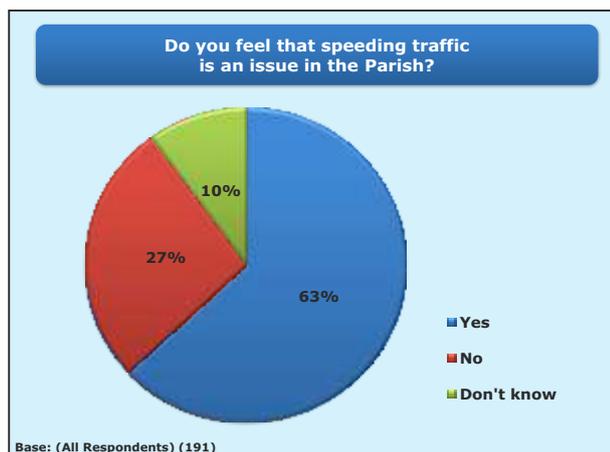
"Just turning up on time would be a start!"

## Walking and Cycling

- Residents were asked if there were any places in the parish where it was difficult to use a wheelchair or buggy. 16% of residents said there was a problem, 12% said that there wasn't and 72% said they didn't know.
- 54% of residents said that the pavements were well maintained. Only 16% said that they were not well maintained.
- 63% of residents considered it safe to cycle in the parish. 37% considered it not safe.
- Half of residents said that speeding vehicles restricted them cycling. 17% said that the lack of lighting restricted them.

## Traffic and Roads

63% of residents felt that speeding traffic is an issue in the parish. Only 27% said there wasn't an issue.



Respondents were asked to list the roads where they felt there was an issue with speeding traffic. A total of 111 people commented about speeding being an issue while most were about the main Warwick Road there were a significant number of comments about Oldwich Lane West and a few raised serious concerns about Cuttle Pool Lane.

### Comments on Traffic and Roads

"30 speed limit but a lot of people go a lot faster through Chadwick End. I think we need a speed camera!"

"Especially both directions downhill to the Orange Tree Taxis serious evening offenders. HGVs early morning. 30m mph speed limit is useless if not enforced"

"A lack of pavement between Arbour Tree and Bakers Lane makes it very dangerous"

"Cuttlepool Lane should be described as a death trap"

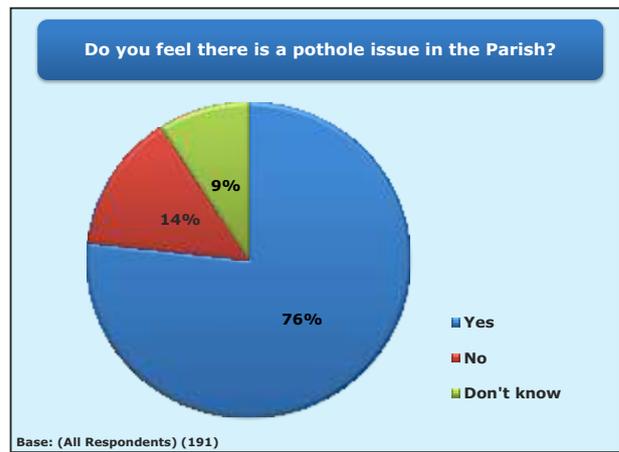
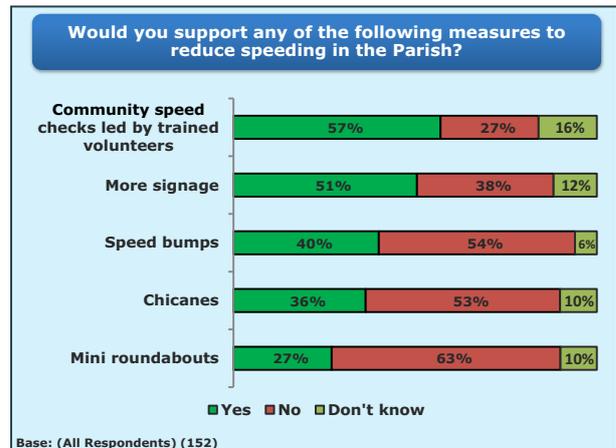
"Even local people speed through village"



Over half of residents (57%) said that they would support the use of community speed checks led by trained volunteers and (51%) the provision of more signage to reduce speeding in the parish.

## Road Maintenance

- Over three quarters (76%) of residents felt that there is a pothole issue in the parish.
- 36% of parishioners said they had previously reported potholes to Solihull Council.
- Only 13% of residents said that when they reported a pothole problem it was dealt with promptly, 61% said that the problem was dealt with eventually and 26% said the problem wasn't dealt with at all.
- Over half of residents felt that the roads and pavements in the winter are cleared and gritted. 33% said they were not.



## Actions for Travel and Transportation:

- Review bus service provision with appropriate bodies and seek improvements to the service
- Review those areas in the parish that residents identified as difficult to walk with a buggy or wheelchair
- Short term; approach police for more support in enforcing the speed limit, longer term formulate proposals for other options for restricting speeding
- Strengthen the speed watch team with more volunteers
- Approach Solihull Council to deal with pot hole issues identified

## SERVICE PROVIDERS

In this section in the questionnaire we asked questions relating to the provision of utilities and services. We asked you to provide comments on where you thought improvements could be made, the below is a summary of the responses received.

### Utility Provision

Residents were asked their view on the provision of utilities in the village. The majority felt that they were either good or adequate but 64% said that the mobile network was poor and 45% felt that broadband was also poor.



What is your view on the provision of utilities in the village?	Good	Adequate	Poor
Water	73%	21%	4%
Electricity	63%	31%	5%
Telephone (landline)	62%	24%	6%
Mobile network	10%	25%	64%
Broadband	17%	35%	45%
TV	56%	34%	6%
<b>Base: (All respondents 191)</b>			

### Heating provision

The majority of residents said their main source of home heating was either gas or oil.

### Broadband provision

Residents were asked if they were aware that fibre broadband existed in the village.

- Just over half (54%) of residents said they did not know it was available.

Residents were asked if they had standard broadband or high speed broadband connection.

- Almost eight out of ten parishioners 79% said they had standard and 48% high speed.
- 90% of residents said that they always or sometimes have a problem with the speed of their broadband connection at home.
- 36% of people said that they use their home for homeworking.

## Comments on Service Providers

"Broadband and mobile signal very poor"

"Frequency of power cuts glitches and inconvenience caused thereby. Need for top standard maintenance - ground power lines to replace overhead"

"Would be useful and cost effective to have gas piped into village"

## Actions for Service Providers

- Review whether there is a way for residents to get a better deal on LPG and heating oil provision
- Approach broadband service providers to request resolution of the poor broadband connection
- Better publicise the availability of high speed broadband

## HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT

In this section we asked questions relating to potential housing and development in the Parish. We asked you to consider the ownership and mix of the existing properties and if you considered there is a need for new developments of residential and commercial properties. The following is a summary of the responses which were submitted.



### Ownership and mix of existing properties

The ownership of the existing properties in the Parish is as follows:

- 51% own their property outright
- 35% own their property with a mortgage
- 10% rent privately or from a housing association
- 4% other type of ownership

We asked your opinion as to whether there is currently a good mix of housing within the parish and you responded as follows:

- 74% either agreed or strongly agreed that there is a good mix of house sizes
- 6% either disagreed or strongly disagreed
- 20% neither agreed or disagreed or have no opinion

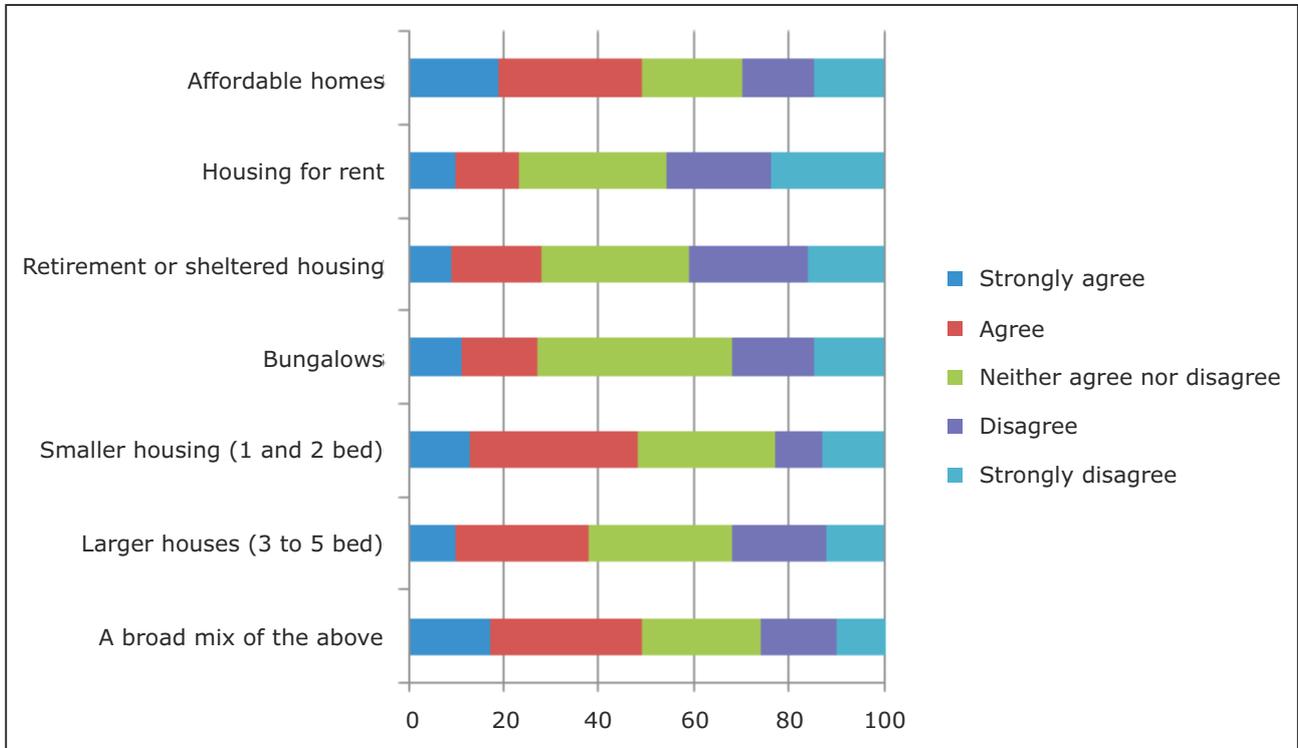
### New housing development in the parish

We asked you if there is a need for new homes in the parish and you responded as follows:

- 22% agreed or strongly agreed that there is a need for new homes
- 43% disagreed or strongly disagreed that there is a need for new homes
- 35% neither agreed nor disagreed or have no opinion



We asked you to indicate the level of agreement if new homes were to be provided, what type of housing should this be and the residents responded as shown in the chart below:



We then asked you if you agree that housing should be provided, what type of development would you like to see and you responded as follows:

- 48% would prefer a number of smaller developments (1 to 5 dwellings)
- 18% would prefer medium size developments (up to 9 dwellings)
- 6% would prefer larger developments (more than 9 dwellings)
- 24% would prefer a mix of the above
- 4% would prefer other types of development

### Comments on the Type of Development Included:

“Release plots of land at reasonable cost for self build”

“Would not agree with large estates to be built”

“No requirement”



As expected there were many comments on potential housing developments within the parish and strong views were expressed. Some of the comments are as follows:

### Comments on housing development within the Parish:

“I don't think there should be much more redevelopment as problems will increase with population”

“Not behind my house”

“Any increase in housing/population would need to be supported with increased capacity in services/utilities and better drainage and a shop”

“None. There is enough development going on/planned in the area ie Knowle, Baddesley, Lapworth”

“Would not like green belt land to be used for housing, moved here to be part of small community”

“The only new build I would support is a shop (like the one in Shrewley village)”

“The green belt must be maintained, but we need good quality retirement housing to solve Lapworth/Baddesley Clinton/Chadwick End, there is none at present”

“Housing should still be located in the village centre. This would bring more residents to provide income for a village shop also more bus services could be introduced to support them”



### Commercial Development

We asked you if you agreed or disagreed that there is a need for new commercial premises (such as smaller industrial units) in the parish. You responded as follows:

- 6% strongly agreed or agreed that there is a need for commercial development
- 67% strongly disagreed or disagreed that there is a need for commercial development
- 27% neither agreed nor disagreed or have no opinion

### Comments on Commercial Development in the Parish Included:

“Away from the main roads”

“Use redundant agricultural/farm complex for small scale, high tech precision engineering firms”

## Actions for Housing and Development

- Review all planning applications and support only applications which are in keeping with the rural character of the parish
- The majority of residents believe there is no requirement for further housing developments in the parish and therefore CEPC should only support housing applications which do not affect the rural character of the parish
- Residents consider that there is currently a good mix of housing within the parish and therefore CEPC should only support applications which retain this mix and ensure that affordable housing is also included in applications as appropriate
- Residents believe that any housing developments should be small developments of up to 5 dwellings and CEPC should take this into account in supporting applications
- The majority of residents believe that commercial development is not required in the parish and therefore CEPC should resist any commercial planning applications

## GENERAL

In this section of the questionnaire we asked questions relating to the one aspect you like most about living in Chadwick End and which are your three main concerns about the parish. We also gave you an opportunity to make any general comments on issues we may have overlooked in the questionnaire.

As you would expect we received a variety of responses to the questions in this section but there were some reoccurring issues raised in most of the responses as shown in the summary below.

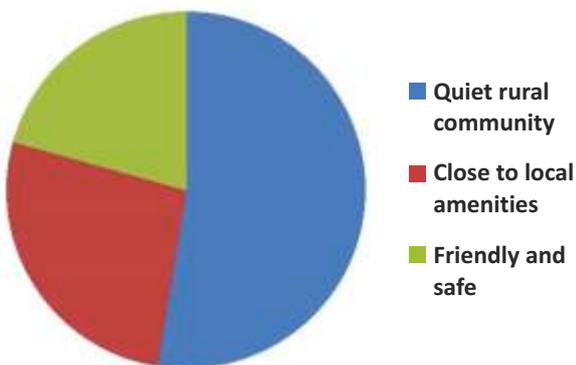
### One aspect you like most about living in Chadwick End

There were three strong themes which occurred in most of the responses as follows:

- 51% made reference to living in a quiet rural community with the opportunity to cycle and walk in the beautiful countryside
- 26% enjoy the countryside but also like the close proximity to the local amenities in places such as Knowle, Dorridge and Warwick.
- 20% consider that Chadwick End is a friendly, safe and clean place to live with a supportive community



### One aspect you like most about living in Chadwick End

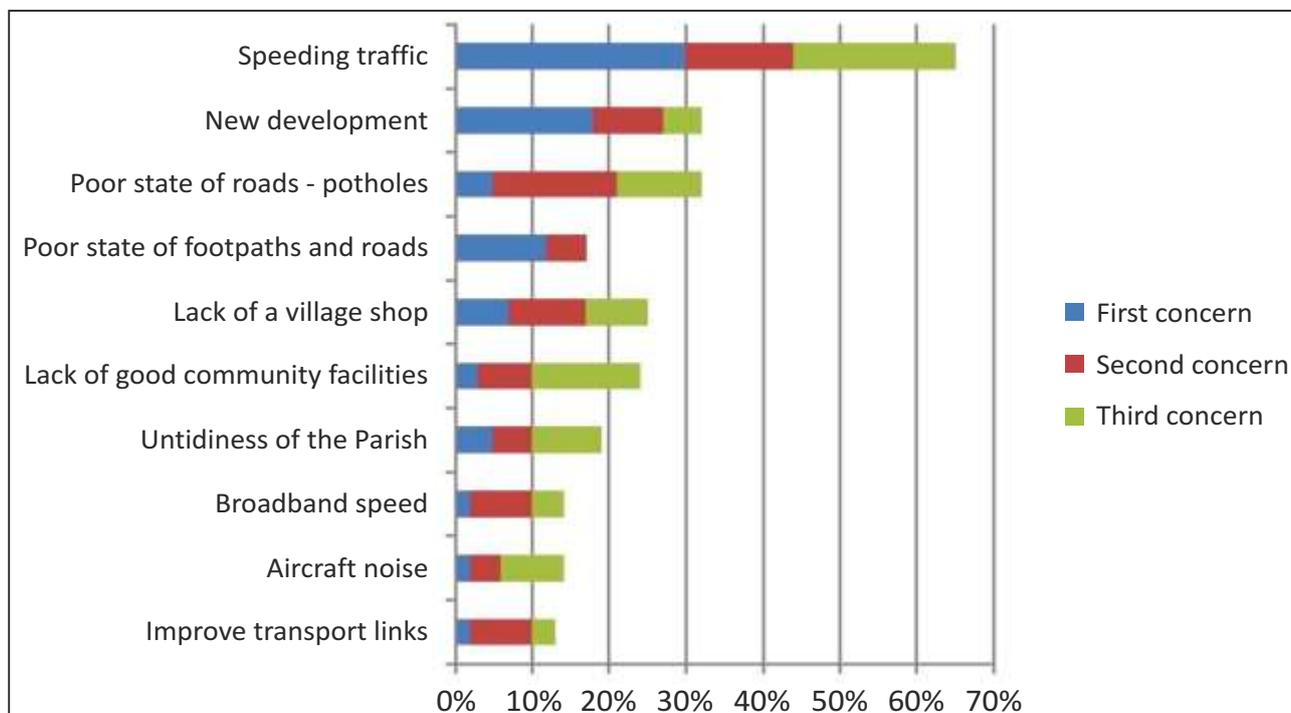


### Comments about Living in Chadwick End:

- "Rural aspect but close to larger amenities if required"
- "The picturesque quiet location"
- "Rural location within reach of Solihull, open countryside"
- "It's quiet and friendly. I feel safe here"
- "Countryside living with good transportation links"
- "Neighbours – always willing to help"
- "Unspoilt green belt with local community spirit"
- "In the countryside but close to amenities"

## Of all the issues raised in this survey which three concern you the most?

There were many different responses to this question but certain comments reoccurred and the following is a summary of the top ten issues across the three concerns:



	Concern	1st	2nd	3rd
1	Volume of traffic and speeding mainly on the A4141 through Chadwick End but also on other roads in the parish.	30%	14%	21%
2	New development would damage the quiet rural environment	18%	9%	5%
3	The poor state of the roads and in particular the potholes across the parish	5%	16%	11%
4	The state of the footpaths and pavements and in particular the lack of a continuous footpath to Knowle	12%	5%	0%
5	The lack of a village shop	7%	10%	8%
6	The use of the village hall and the lack of good community facilities compared with other local communities	3%	7%	14%
7	The state of the village hall and the general untidiness of the parish due to litter, fly tipping and dog fouling	5%	5%	9%
8	The broadband speed available within the parish and the poor mobile signal	2%	8%	4%
9	Aircraft noise and the adoption of Option 6 by Birmingham Airport which has moved the flightpath over the parish	2%	4%	8%
10	Improve the transport links with the surrounding area and in particular a more frequent bus service	2%	8%	3%

## Other concerns which were also raised included:

- Parking problems in some roads
- No mains gas supply in the village
- Maintenance of trees and bushes along the roadside which create safety issues
- Crime and security issues and the need for improved street lighting
- Lack of good communications between the Parish Council and the residents
- Lack of regular police patrols and response times from the police and fire services



## Other issues

The responses to this question were similar to the issues of concern raised in the previous question and the topics include:

- The lack of a village shop
- The need to appreciate that the parish includes much more than just Chadwick End village
- Improve the communications between the Parish Council and the residents
- Better facilities within the parish – the existing village hall is not fit for purpose
- The volume and speed of traffic
- Poor broadband speed
- Lack of mains gas supply

### Issues which concern residents:

“Speeding traffic”

“No village shop”

“Future development is not sustainable at the present”

“Lack of cycle paths to Knowle/Dorridge”

“Lack of pavements and pot holes in the road”

“Lack of activities in the village hall”

“Lack of footpath between Black Boy and Arbour Tree Lane”

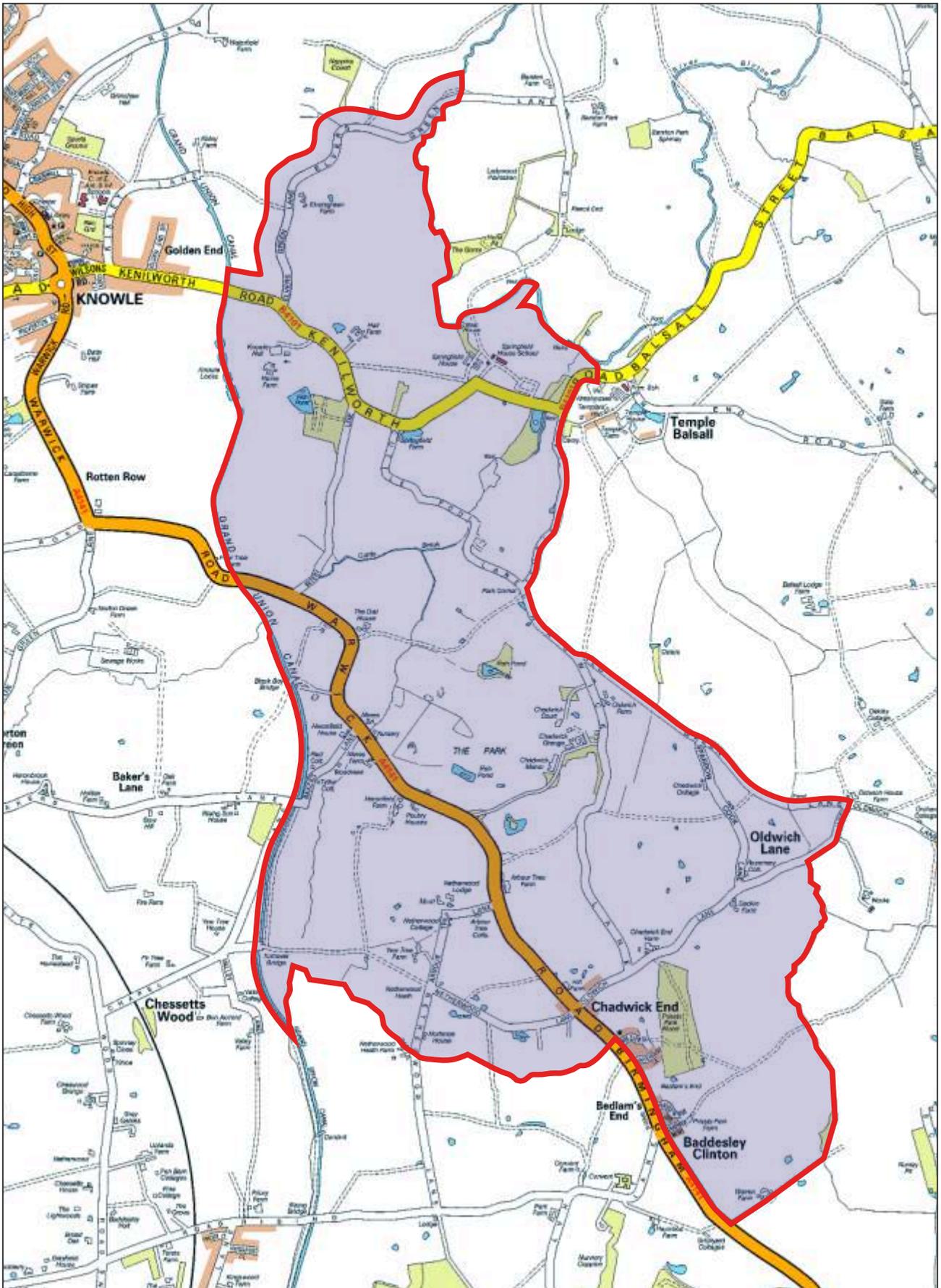
“Poor public transport”

“Lack of street lighting”

“Noise from aircraft increasing”



# APPENDIX I – Map of Parish boundary



## APPENDIX 2:

### Action Plan

The following action plan summarises the actions proposed by the Parish Plan Steering Group using the information collected in the questionnaire.

As a rough guide when setting priorities, actions have been rated by their perceived impact on our community where 1 = high, 2 = moderate and 3 = low.

The action plan will be reviewed by the steering group every 6 months and an updated version will be published on the CEPC website.

The action plan has been presented to the Parish Council and they have agreed to adopt the actions assigned to them and to use it to inform their decisions in general.

Section 1: Parish Council					
Subject	Reason for action	Proposed action	Action owners	Impact	Timescale
I:1 Parish Council information	80% of respondents stated it would be more useful to know more about CEPC	CEPC to produce and distribute to every household in the parish a leaflet explaining its role and responsibilities, details of the Parish Clerk and Councillors and how they can be contacted.  The new CEPC website to be updated with same details.	CEPC	1	By 1st April 2017
I:2 Precept	63% did not know if they were getting value for money	Once the precept is agreed with SMBC each year CEPC to provide information to every household of the budget and objectives for the coming year.	CEPC	1	January each year
I:3 Meetings	50% of Residents felt they were not advised of the CEPC meetings and only 22% have actually attended a meeting.	Promote the bi-monthly CEPC meetings more effectively, ensuring that every household is aware of the dates of the meetings and provide these in advance for the year to 30th May. After May Annual General meeting each year.	CEPC	1	Following May 2017 Annual General Meeting
I:4 Interaction with residents	55% stated that it would be useful for CEPC Councillors to hold regular surgeries	CEPC to discuss holding regular clinics for residents	CEPC	2	By 1st April 2017
I:5 Website	52% of respondents were not aware that CEPC have a website and only 16% have registered on the website	Promote the new CEPC website to all households in the parish and get everyone with internet access to register.	CEPC	1	Ongoing via all methods of communication to households
I:6 Communication	The seasonal newsletter is not received in 24% of households. The preferred communication methods are 57% email; 48% post; 4% text	CEPC to establish a system that will ensure that every household in the parish receives information preferably by their preferred choice of communication method. Encourage more use of the new CEPC website.	CEPC	1	By 1st April 2017
I:7 Parish magazine	80% would be interested in receiving a regular community magazine.	CEPC to discuss the introduction of a Parish magazine.	CEPC	3	During 2017
I:8 Planning applications	89% responded that they would like to be advised about significant planning applications received in the parish.	Post all cases received from SMBC on the CEPC website. Introduce an automatic daily update to all registered users. Post cases on the village notice board.	CEPC	2	By 1st April 2017

## Section 2: Parish Council - Local Facilities, Leisure and Recreation

Subject	Reason for action	Proposed action	Action owners	Impact	Timescale
2:1 Village shop	62% of residents felt a shop is needed.	CEPC to establish a steering group to look into the possibility of opening a community village shop in Chadwick End.	CEPC & residents	2	During 2017
2:2 Local events	52% did not feel informed about news and events in the Parish	CEPC to set up a Social Committee to arrange and oversee all the events and activities in the Parish.	CEPC & residents	2	During 2017
2:3 Village hall	55% stated that they did not know how to hire the village hall.	CEPC to design and produce some leaflets promoting the village hall, including details of hire charges and procedures.	CEPC	2	By 1st April 2017
2:4 Playing field	Only 34% responded that good use is made of the playing field.	CEPC to establish a working group to review how the playing field behind the village hall can be better used for all the community.	CEPC & residents	2	During 2017
2:5 Local attractions	Low attendance/support of some local attractions.	Meet with the local businesses and discuss how we can promote them to increase local attendance.	CEPC	1	During 2017

### Section 3: Community Groups, Local Services and Environment

Subject	Reason for action	Proposed action	Action owners	Impact	Timescale
3:1 Emergency services	Direct feedback available	CEPC to share the results of the survey and the feedback given with the emergency service providers.	CEPC	3	During 2017
3:2 Emergency services	89% agreed a community defibrillator should be available	CEPC to undertake to obtain and maintain a defibrillator to be located centrally in the village.	CEPC	3	1st October 2017
3:3 Emergency services	75% of respondents felt that a parish emergency plan should be developed.	CEPC to establish a steering group to discuss and compile a parish emergency plan to cover serious incidents.	CEPC & residents	3	1st October 2017
3:4 Community groups	There appears to be demand for community groups but a lack of empowerment, initiative and direction.	Find a volunteer expert to advise community groups: how to set up; resources available locally: support available from SMBC.	CEPC & residents	1	1st June 2017
3:5 Community groups	There appears to be demand for community groups but a lack of empowerment, initiative and direction.	Find a volunteer to help co-ordinate neighbourhood/rural/farm watch initiatives.	CEPC & residents	2	1st October 2017
3:6 Communication	52% of respondents did not feel informed about local news and events. 80% would be interested in receiving a regular community magazine.	Improvement of communication to be driven by CEPC with one parish councillor and one other resident taking ownership.	CEPC & residents	1	1st April 2017
3:8 Environment	Actions requiring third party to undertake	Most environmental issues are best raised with the relevant local authority (SMBC if within the parish). The parish councillors and other residents are also interested in these issues so please also share concerns through the CEPC website, through social media groups or at parish council meetings.	Residents	1	Ongoing
3:8 Environment	Actions that can be undertaken by us as a community.	Litter picking and other tidy up activities are already in progress. With enough volunteers we can increase the frequency and scope of these activities and also put more time into lobbying SMBC and WDC to take action. For details on how to get involved please see the CEPC website or the village notice board.	Residents	1	Ongoing

## Section 4: Travel and Transportation

Subject	Reason for action	Proposed action	Action owners	Impact	Timescale
4:1 Bus service	66% of residents said that if the bus services were more frequent they may be encouraged to use it and 52% said that if there were more destinations they may be encouraged to use it more frequently.	Discuss bus service provision with appropriate companies and bodies and seek improvements to the service.	CEPC &	2	During 2017
4:2 Walking	30 people said there was a problem on certain paths.	Review specific places in the parish that residents identified as difficult to walk with a buggy or wheelchair and recommend appropriate action to SMBC.	CEPC & SMBC	1	By 1st June 2017
4:3 Speeding	63% of residents felt that speeding traffic is an issue in the parish, with over half saying that they would support the use of community speed checks.	Continue with local Speedwatch sessions and recruit more volunteers, approach police for more support in enforcing the speed limit. Longer term, discuss with SMBC and WDC proposals for restricting speeding.	CEPC, residents, police, SMBC 7 WDC	1	Ongoing
4:4 Road condition	Over 3/4 (76%) of residents felt that there is a pothole issue in the parish.	Discuss with SMBC the pot hole issues identified and how these can be more effectively repaired.	CEPC/SMBC	2	By 1st April 2017

## Section 5: Service providers

Subject	Reason for action	Proposed action	Action owners	Impact	Timescale
5:1 Broadband	The vast majority of residents said that they always (29%) or sometimes (61%) have a problem with the speed of their broadband connection at home and 54% were not aware that we have fibre broadband in the village.	Provide information regarding availability of fibre broadband: through links on CEPC website and poster in notice board.	CEPC	2	By 1st April 2017
5:2 Utilities	The majority of residents said their main source of home heating was either LPG (42%) or oil (40%).	CEPC to provide a forum where residents can get in touch with each other in order to form buying groups.	CEPC & residents	3	By 31st December 2017
5:3 Natural Gas	Natural gas not available in the parish	To discuss with suppliers the possibility of supplying natural gas into the parish.	CEPC	3	By 1st April 2018

## Section 6: Housing and Development

Subject	Reason for action	Proposed action	Action owners	Impact	Timescale
6:1	Generally the majority of residents enjoy living in a rural community and consider there is a good mix of housing.	Review all planning applications and support only applications which are in keeping with the rural character of the parish and in accordance with residents' expressed wishes.	CEPC/SMBC	I	Ongoing
6:2	Majority who responded disagreed or strongly disagreed that there is a need for new homes (22% said there should be no development)	The majority of residents believe there is no requirement for further housing developments in the parish and therefore CEPC should only support housing applications which do not affect the rural character of the parish.	CEPC	I	Ongoing
6:3	74% either agreed or strongly agreed that there is a good mix of house sizes.	Residents consider that there is currently a good mix of housing within the parish and therefore CEPC should only support applications which retain this mix and ensure that affordable housing is also included in applications as appropriate.	CEPC	I	Ongoing
6:4	48% would prefer a number of smaller developments.	Residents believe that any housing developments should be small developments up to 5 dwellings and CEPC should take this into account in supporting applications.	CEPC	I	Ongoing
6:5	67% strongly disagreed or disagreed that there is a need for commercial development.	The majority of residents believe that commercial development is not required in the parish and therefore CEPC should resist any commercial applications.	CEPC	I	Ongoing

## APPENDIX 3 – Volunteer Sheet Summary

Question	People who gave positive survey responses	People who gave details on volunteer sheet	People who have participated as at end 2016
Would you be interested in standing as a candidate at the next CEPC election?	3	3	N/A
Would you be willing to help CEPC as a volunteer at future events?	51	26	10 people either helped out at the fete or donated prizes
Would you volunteer to work at the community shop?	45	28	N/A
Would you be willing to be involved in Neighbourhood Watch?	82	45	N/A
Would you be willing to be involved in Rural Watch?	51	30	N/A
Would you be willing to be involved in Farm Watch?	39	21	N/A
Would you be willing to participate in litter picking sessions?	64	33	18 (10 from the 33 names on the volunteer sheets, 8 previously involved and continuing)
Would you be willing to be trained by the police to be part of the community speedwatch team?	24	12	6 have either started or are awaiting training

We see from the above that the volunteer sheets have resulted in some more of us becoming involved in community activities.

However, for most activities, a positive survey response only resulted in contact details actually being given about half of the time.

Also, for the two specific activities already underway (speedwatch and litter picking) the proportion of people who gave their details and have then subsequently become involved are 50% and 30% respectively.

## APPENDIX 4 – Household Summary

**Questionnaires were completed by 140 households representing 320 residents.**

Of those households: 27% are single occupier, 45% are occupied by 2 people and the remaining 28% have between 3 and 8 in the household.

**Of the people represented, the primary occupation was described as:**

- in paid employment or self-employed: 49%
- retired: 26%
- in education: 14%
- homemaker: 4%
- long-term sick or disabled: 3%
- other: 2%
- voluntary worker: 1%
- carer: 1%

**By age we are:**

- 0-18 years: 18%
- 19-24 years: 5%
- 25-44 years: 16%
- 45-64 years: 30%
- 65 years and over: 31%

**And by length of time living in Chadwick End we split as follows:**

- Less than 1 year: 7%
- 1-5 years: 29%
- 6-10 years: 18%
- 11-15 years: 14%
- 16-25 years: 14%
- More than 25 years: 18%



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