

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF DISLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11TH JUNE 2014**

Present:

Cllrs. Davenport, Guy, Kidd, Marshall, Pattison & Watson
Thirty eight members of the public.
Meeting started at 7.30pm

3384 **To receive any apologies for absence** – Apologies received from Cllr. Harris

3385 **To receive any Declarations of Interest** – none received.

3386 **Dispensations** – none required.

3387 **Public Forum**

Cllr. Guy said that she thought it would be helpful to remind residents about the role of Disley Parish Council in Local Government and made the following comments before the public speaking.

- There are seven democratically elected members of this council and their main role is to work for and support the views of residents.
 - There is a procedure for dealing with all planning applications. Disley Parish Council is not the planning authority – this is the responsibility of Cheshire East – but every planning application is discussed by Parish councillors and comments are sent to the planning officers at Cheshire East. It is the responsibility of Cheshire East Council to notify nearby residents about a planning application as soon as it has been registered.
 - It is not the role of Parish Councillors to remain impartial when considering planning applications.
 - Residents who wish to comment on any planning application are advised to use the online portal, write or send an E-mail to Cheshire East Planning quoting the Application Number and planning reasons for your comments. Our Parish Clerk is available during from 9 a.m. till 2 p.m. on weekday mornings to collate responses and help with advice.
 - If a resident wishes to speak at the Cheshire East Planning Board Meeting three minutes only are allowed for a resident to speak (more than one speaker and the time is divided).
 - It is not unusual for a development proposal to be discussed informally with Parish Councillors. The views expressed at such a meeting are based on the information provided and are given in good faith without prejudice to the formal consideration of a planning application at a Council Meeting.
 - Disley Parish Council in collaboration with the Disley Parish Plan and other village groups has spent a considerable amount of time recently in providing a document on future planning "Disley Village Strategy 2012 to 2030 and this information has been sent to Cheshire East for inclusion in the Cheshire East Planning Core Strategy for the same period.
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- There is normally 15 minutes allowed at every Parish Council meeting as a Public Forum for residents to speak on any subject. This evening this has been extended to half an hour in view of the serious concerns expressed about the Dane Hill Close planning application. In order not to waste any of this time in repetition it would be helpful if a few speakers could be elected to speak on behalf of others and if speakers could announce clearly their name. The comments made will be taken into account when the Council discusses the Planning Application for Dane Hill Close site but comments will not usually be answered at the time.
- When the Parish Council resume for the rest of the agenda there can be no more questions or comments from residents.

Cllr. Guy then invited anyone who wished to do so to address their comments and queries to Cllrs.

Tracy Hussain-Qureshi asked Cllrs. for clarification of the submitted plans as they appeared to be lacking in detail. Cllr. Marshall said that this was one of the Parish Council's major issues of contention; the plans were vague with no clear measurements or specifications.

Dawn Rowlands asked what positive comments had been made about the proposed development to Peaks & Plains Housing Trust (P&PHT) by Cllrs. at the two meetings held with them. Cllr. Marshall said she had not made any positive comments in relation to the proposed development .

Lisa Ashwood commented on the poor quality of the submitted plans and asked whether, if revised plans were going to be submitted, there would be an extension of the consultation period. Cllr. Guy and the Clerk said that they anticipated that a further twenty eight day consultation period would apply to any re-submission.

Chris Moores asked why only some residents initially received notification of the proposed development from P&PHT. Cllr. Davenport said that Cheshire East Council is only obliged to inform residents living in the immediate vicinity of any planned development.

Naseem Kamdar Yarwood questioned whether P&PHT had evidenced demand for one bedroomed accommodation in Disley as she had she had accessed information on strategic market assessment for Disley which did not support this. Cllr. Kidd said that the Parish Council had requested this information from P&PHT that it had not been received to date and reference to this would be made in the Parish Council's submission.

Julie Batten asked whether minutes were taken at the two meetings held with P&PHT. Cllr. Guy explained that these had been informal meetings attended by some but not all Cllrs. and that they had not been minuted because the Clerk was not present at either meeting.

Julie also queried the number of flats being proposed as she was of the opinion that 10 to 18 had initially been mooted. Cllr. Guy confirmed that the submitted plans were for 10 flats.

Ann Mills said that she understood that in order for any building to take place on green belt or special county land the designation of special

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status had to be removed. Cllr. Davenport said that this was not the case but he confirmed that development on green belt land was sometimes approved by planning authorities for social housing.

Ann also asked if it was true that Cheshire East Council had agreed to provide land for five hundred homes to be built on behalf of High Peak. Cllr. Davenport confirmed that Cheshire East had agreed to this as part of its duty to cooperate with neighbouring authorities but he added that this was very unlikely to impact on Disley.

Ann said that she had been made aware that Bentside Farm was being mooted as a development site. Cllr. Davenport said that neither he nor Cheshire East Council had any knowledge of this.

Lisa Sherwood asked Cllr. Davenport if there wasn't a conflict of interest for Cheshire East Council planners if P&PHT were required to purchase land from them and pay commuted sums for loss of open space as per the statements in the pre-application advice contained in the Design & Access statement. Cllr. Davenport said that he not aware at this point in time of any discussion regarding the sale of assets i.e. part of the park but said that it was not unusual for a local authority to do this.

Karen Tomlinson said that it was imperative that green belt land, the local amenity and football pitch be protected as these are irreplaceable community assets. She said that she had carried out some research and found that the national policy position was that unmet housing need is unlikely to outweigh building on green belt land.

Michael Clark said that Disley is currently seeing multiple layers of development and as a result it is difficult to gauge the impact on the village. He suggested that any further development in Disley should be halted until the impact of the large development at Redhouse Lane is understood. He also asked, in view of the suggestion that revised plans were likely to be submitted by P&PHT, how the Parish Council could better control communications with residents. The Clerk explained that whilst social media such as Facebook is an excellent communication tool neither she nor Cllrs. are prohibited from using it as neither she nor individual Cllrs. can speak on behalf the Council. However, she said that she sends out regular e-bulletins to all residents on the Parish Council contact list. Residents are required to request to subscribe to this, due to Data Protection rules, but that the database is growing and she would urge as many people as possible to sign up to receive the updates.

Julia Knowles asked why the Parish Council is debating this application when it was clear that the majority of residents were opposed to it. Cllr. Guy said the Parish Council was procedurally required to formally consider and make comment all planning applications.

Susan Cooper said that she was saddened to see that only a small part of the Council meeting agenda had been given over to this very important matter and suggested that the Parish Council should have convened an extraordinary meeting to enable sufficient opportunity for all interested parties to have their say on this application.

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Cllr. Guy thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions and explained that the Council meeting would now resume and that Planning Application 14/2165M would be brought forward in the agenda to enable residents to hear the views of individual Cllrs. and the collective decision of the Council as to its response.

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Chairman's Report

Cllr. Guy reported that the Parish Council had been informed that a young Disley resident, seven year old Robert Jordan, had been awarded a silver medal in the final of Radio 2's '500 Words' competition at the final held at the prestigious Hay festival. With over 118,000 entrants Cllr. Guy said that this was an amazing achievement and asked the Clerk to send a letter of congratulations to Robert on his outstanding success on behalf of the Parish Council.

Noted

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Correspondence

Letter – received from Disley Local History Society re. archives stored in the Community Centre. Clerk has replied and answered queries raised.

Noted

Letter – received from resident of Goyt Road expressing concerns re. Planning Application 14/2165M and the Parish Council's role in representing resident's views. Cllr. Guy said that she hoped these concerns would be addressed when the application was formally considered later in the meeting.

Noted

Letter – received from resident of Dane Hill Close also expressing concerns re. Planning Application 14/2165M. Cllr. Guy reiterated that she hoped that these concerns were duly noted and would be taken into account when considering the application.

Noted

Letter – received from a resident of Dane Bank Drive re. security fencing at Disley Dam. The Clerk has responded, explaining that the Dam is leased to Disley & New Mills Angling Club and the fencing has been made necessary due to recent spates of vandalism and theft resulting in the Angling Club's insurers insistence on additional security.

Noted

Letter – received from Adrian Fisher, Head of Strategic & Economic Planning at Cheshire East Council informing of the submission of the Local Plan Strategy to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government in preparation for independent examination.

Noted

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- 3390 **To agree as a true record the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council held on 14th May 2014.**
Proposed: Cllr. Kidd Seconded: Cllr. Watson
Unanimously agreed
- Resolved** **That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council held on 14th May 2014 be approved as a true record.**
- 3391 **To note the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 28th May 2014**
Noted
- 3392 **To note the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 28th May 2014**
Noted
- 3393 **To consider Planning Applications as listed on Appendix B** (taken out of agenda order)
- 14/2165M** **Garages at the end of Dane Hill Close, Disley SK12 2BP**
Demolition of 24 garages and construction of 2 no. 2 bedroom 4 person houses, 2 no. 3 bedroom 5 person houses, and 10 no. 1 bedroom 2 person houses. Development also comprises associated landscaping works, including the provision of new off road parking spaces for the new dwellings, and for the existing residents.
- Cllr. Guy asked Cllrs. in turn to make comments on this application.
Cllr. Marshall said that she strongly opposed this application because of the proposed encroachment onto green belt land, loss of amenity i.e. the football pitch and part of the park. She also said that she considered P&PHT's proposals to be a complete overdevelopment of this area and questioned the need for one-bedroomed apartments in this locality.
Cllr. Kidd said that from the outset he felt that P&PHT had not presented sufficient information with their proposals and that he also objected to any encroachment onto green belt. He said that he recognised and acknowledged the strong voice coming from the Community in opposition to this application. He said that the application lacked transparency in terms of detail, questioned the validity P&PHT's need assessment for one-bedroomed flats in Disley and concluded that he was opposed to this application.
Cllr. Davenport said he wished to reserve his position in relation to this application as he may be called upon to chair the Planning Committee at which the application is heard and he needed to be careful not to fetter his discretion. However, he did acknowledge the concerns expressed by residents and said that the fact that P&PHT appear to be considering a re-submission indicates that they have listened to residents' views.
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Cllr. Kidd said that he intended arranging a meeting with either Glossop or Bakewell Community Transport groups to see how they operate. The Clerk reported that four residents had come forward following the request for volunteer drivers in the recent newsletter.

Refer to next Finance & General Purposes Committee

3395

To receive report on meeting held on 9th June with Cheshire East Council to discuss \$106 monies available for Disley.

Cllr. Guy reported that this meeting had been cancelled due to Cheshire East Open Space officer's illness and had now been rescheduled for Thursday 19th June at 2.30pm.

Cllr. Pattison said she welcomed the opportunity to meet with the officer because the Parish Council cannot progress phase 2 of the Arnold Rhodes project until Cheshire East clarify what the \$106 monies can be spent on which in turn will inform whether additional funding will need to be sought and applied for.

Cllr. Guy said that she would be away on 19th June but asked if Cllrs. if they could request some of this \$106 money for improvements to the playgrounds and changing rooms at Newtown. Cllr. Pattison said that at meeting with the Open Space officer, attended by her and Cllr. Marshall, it was stated that some of the \$106 money must be used at Newtown. Cllrs. were in agreement that the playground area and changing rooms were in need of upgrades.

Refer to next Finance & General Purposes Committee

3396

To discuss preparations for the Disley Cycle Event

Cllr. Pattison reported on the meeting she and the Clerk held with Declan O'Regan, Cheshire East Leisure, and Rebecca Bryning, Sport Cheshire had been very productive with many ideas about how to build on the success of last year's inaugural event being put forward. It was agreed that a more challenging route for older, more experienced cyclists be included this year and Declan has agreed to map this out and do a trial ride of the proposed circuit. The Clerk reported that the School House surgery had given their permission to use their car park again as the starting area.

Cllr. Pattison said that it was essential to get promotional material into schools before the start of the summer holidays. A further meeting with Declan and Rebecca is scheduled for 18th June at 3.00pm and Cllrs. are welcome to attend.

Cllr. Kidd asked Cllr. Pattison at what stage other volunteers would be invited to get involved with the organisation of the event and whether it was the Parish Council's intention to hand this event over to the community at some stage, given the current Parish Council workload and commitments. Cllr. Pattison said that she felt it was necessary to firm up on details of the event before inviting volunteers to get involved in the practical management of the event.

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To discuss World War 1 commemoration projects

The Clerk said that the Head of Disley School had asked her to thank the Parish Council for agreeing to fund the 'Silent Movie' video for the school and that she was very excited about the project.

The Clerk asked Cllrs. if they wished to agree in principle to any of the other proposed projects that she had provided information and costings for. It was proposed that the Parish Council proceed with the provision of a commemorative seat and lectern for the Memorial Park. However, it was agreed that further revision to the artwork for the Role of Honour lectern was required and the Clerk would present further proposals at the next meeting.

Proposed: Cllr. Pattison

Seconded: Cllr. Watson

Unanimously agreed

Resolved

That Disley Parish Council purchases a commemorative seat and Role of Honour lectern for the Memorial Park as per quotations tabled at the Finance & General Purposes meeting on 28th May 2014

3398

To receive the Cheshire East Councillors Report

Cllr. Davenport said that Cheshire East Council was becoming stronger, more efficient and that there was a possibility that they would achieve a funding surplus this year.

Cllr. Davenport gave details of the geothermal plant in Crewe.

He also reported on the submission of the Local Plan and that he was confident that Cheshire East had a five year land supply as required. He said that as a result of the delay in adopting the Local Plan developers were taking the opportunity to submit plans for large scale housing schemes in the borough.

Cllr. Kidd asked Cllr. Davenport to take up the issue of Cheshire East's grass cutting contractors who were doing such a poor job in Disley with verges either going uncut or being left in a very bad state. Other Cllrs. concurred with this observation.

Cllr. Pattison asked Cllr. Davenport about Cheshire East Council's intentions re. the second phase of asset transfer and devolution of services to Town & Parish Councils. Cllr. Davenport agreed to make enquiries and report back.

Cllr. Guy asked for a progress report on the request for the transfer of the compound on Buxton Road West from Cheshire East which the leader, Cllr. Jones, had requested information on. Cllr. Davenport said that he would follow this up.

Cllr. Pattison asked Cllr. Davenport if he knew when Cheshire East Council would be coming to Disley to speak about the Local Plan site allocation survey. Cllr. Davenport said he would try to find out information on this.

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Cllr. Davenport reported that Cheshire East Council were very keen to promote resident-led Neighbourhood Planning and suggested that the Parish Council re-consider the possibility of a plan for Disley. It was agreed to put this on a future agenda for consideration.

Report received and noted

3399

To receive report on the Local Area Partnership working group

Cllr. Kidd said that there was nothing to report as the next meeting was on 18th June 2014.

3400

To receive report on the Parish Plan Implementation group

Cllr. Kidd reported that he had attended the group's last meeting. The Heritage Trail walks were awaiting final proofing and progress was being made on the Welcome Pack. The Towpath Action Group and Friends of Disley Station group were continuing their work and the group would be actively involved in the Community Transport scheme. Plans for the second Music Weekend event were well underway. It is possible that a meeting will be held in August to discuss sustainability of the Implementation group.

Report received and noted

3401

To receive report from Parish Representative to Disley Footpath Society

Cllr. Watson said that there had not been a recent meeting to report on. Cllr. Watson said that she would make contact with the Chairman to request an update on the Walker are Welcome accreditation scheme.

3402

To receive report on High Peak & Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership

Cllr. Watson reported that she would be attending the next meeting to be held on 12th June at New Mills Town Hall. She referred Cllrs. to the Designated Line Plan for Buxton documents that she had asked the Clerk to circulate together with minutes of the meeting held on 24th March in Glossop.

Cllr. Kidd said that, having read through the document, he questioned the achievability of some of the aims and objectives. He asked Cllr. Davenport how much connectivity there was between this group and the people dealing with SEMMMS mitigation. Cllr. Davenport said that he thought that representatives of the Partnership were invited to attend meetings but wasn't sure if they had attended any.

Report received and noted

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3403 **To authorise payment of accounts totalling £3,340.16 as listed on Appendix A.**

Proposed: Cllr. Guy Seconded: Cllr. Kidd

Unanimously agreed

Resolved **That the payments listed on Appendix A be authorised for payment.**

<u>Trans.No.</u>	<u>Cheque</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u> £
49	004585	Bakestone Motors – Minibus Inspection	90.00
50	004579	Cllr. D. Guy – Chairman's Allowance 2014/15	540.00
51	004586	Ann Carter – Office cleaning, 4 weeks to 28/5/14	40.00
52	004587	Petty Cash – Replenishment May 2014	57.18
53	004588	TVM Traffic Control – Brackets for SID	96.00
54	004589	Colin Eckersley – Mileage expenses	25.29
55	004590	Office Watercoolers – Rental June 14	21.40
56	004597	BT plc – Broadband 1/5-31/7/14	121.68
57	004592	BT plc – Phone bill 762726 1/5-31/7/14	58.42
58	004593	BT plc – Phone bill 766256 1/5-31/7/14	80.63
59	004594	LDW Ltd – Safety Eqpt. & Maintenance Supplies	89.76
60	004595	Print Approved – Newsletter & Annual Report	1,157.60
61	004596	Fire Queen – C/Centre Fire Extinguisher Service	659.42
62	004598	M. Webb – Reimbursement for compost	10.00
63	004599	St. Mary's PCC – Newsletter delivery	150.00
64	004600	United Utilities – C/Centre Water charges	142.78
		Total	£3,340.16

3404 **Items for future meetings**

Neighbourhood Planning

Investigate possibility of Village Green registration for Dane Hill Close park

Defibrillator for Community Centre

Report on UU Reservoir works on Jackson's Edge from Cllr. Davenport

Meeting closed at 9.40pm