

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF DISLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9th DECEMBER 2015**

Present: Cllrs. Adams, Chavasse-Hadfield, Harrop (part), Kennedy, Kidd & Pattison
Two members of the public
Meeting started at 6.30pm

4093 **To receive any apologies for absence** – Apologies received from Cllr. Davenport.

4094 **To receive any Declarations of Interest** – none declared

4095 **Public Forum** – no members of the public wished to speak at the meeting.

4096 **Chairman's Report**

Cllr. Kidd thanked everyone who had been involved in organising the Christmas Tree Lighting event.

4097 **Correspondence**

a) **Copy Letter** – sent by resident of Chantry Road to Cheshire East Council (CEC) expressing concerns about a blocked drain at the junction of Chantry Road and Buxton Old Road.

Noted

b) **Letter** – received from Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council (SMBC) Re. updated versions of its Local Development Scheme and Statement of Community Involvement

Noted

c) **Copy Letter & Petition** – sent by residents to the Chief Executive of GHA Coaches Ltd requesting reconsideration of the company's decision to withdraw the weekly RR3 bus service from Disley to Macclesfield.
Cllr. Kidd proposed that the Ward Councillor be asked to write to GHA Coaches in support of the residents.

Noted

d) **Letter** – received from the Deputy Clerk informing that she was resigning from her post, that her last day of employment would be 31st December 2015 and thanking the Chairman for the opportunities that she had been given during her employ at Disley Parish Council.
Cllr. Pattison asked that thanks and best wishes to the Deputy Clerk were minuted.

Noted

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- 4098 **To agree as a true record the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11th November 2015.**
Proposed: Cllr. Adams Seconded: Cllr. Kennedy
Unanimously agreed
- Resolved** **That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11th November 2015 be approved as a true record.**
- 4099 **To note the minutes of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday 25th November 2015** **Noted**
- 4100 **To note the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Wednesday 25th November 2015** **Noted**
- 4101 **To consider draft budgets for 2016/17**
Cllr. Kidd referred Cllrs. to the letter received from CEC confirming the Tax Base for 2016/17 and the deadline for precept request as 15th January 2016.
The Clerk referred Cllrs. to the two revisions of the budgets which had been re-calculated using the new tax base.
Cllr. Kidd proposed that Finance Committee meeting be held on 21st December 2015 to scrutinise all budget items in detail in order that recommendations on the budget, reserves and Community Centre charges can be made to the next Council meeting on 6th January 2016.
Refer to Finance & General Purposes Committee
- 4102 **To receive update on the Neighbourhood Plan**
Cllr. Kennedy reported that to date seven hundred and fourteen surveys had been returned; five hundred and eighty one in hard copy format and one hundred and thirty three online. This represented a return rate of approximately 34%.
Cllr. Kidd said that the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group should be congratulated on achieving this result and thanked Cllr. Kennedy for his commitment to this project. Cllr. Adams said that she had expected a larger proportion to have been completed online.
Cllr. Kennedy referred Cllrs. to the document that he had prepared on the progress and future development of the plan which had been sent to Tom Evans at CEC for scrutiny and comments.
Cllr. Kennedy also referred to the Terms of Reference document that he had drawn up and asked that both this and the timeline be considered for approval at the next Council meeting on 6th January 2016 prior to the next steering group meeting planned for 7th January 2016.
The Clerk agreed to assist with a funding application to CEC before Christmas.
Cllr. Chavasse-Hadfield asked when CEC would be presenting the survey results. Cllr. Kennedy advised that the analysis should be ready for the next steering group meeting.
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It was agreed that additional volunteers would be required in the new year and that the Public Exhibition planned for April 2016 would be a good opportunity to recruit new members to the group.

Refer to next Council Meeting

4103

To discuss various highway issues pertaining to the village

Cllr. Kidd said that, following representation from residents at the last Council meeting, he had arranged a meeting with CEC Highways for 9th December 2015 to discuss various issues relating to both Jacksons Edge Road and Redhouse Lane. All Cllrs. had been invited to attend. Cllr. Kidd reported that he had attended the Poynton Area Highways Group Meeting earlier in the day on behalf of the Parish Council to lobby for an application made for funding of a minor works project on Redhouse Lane. Cllr. Kidd said that the request had been deferred until the next meeting in February to allow for the project to be assessed. Information was given at the meeting re. CEC's online winter weather reporting and gritting schedules. It was also reported that CEC Highways were exerting pressure on utility companies to complete outstanding works and that the local Highways officer to contact on these issues was Andy Simpson.

Report received and noted

4104

To receive Cheshire East Councillor's report

No report

4105

To receive report on the Local Poynton Community Partnership working group. – No meeting had taken place since the last report.

4106

To receive report from Parish representative on Disley Footpath Society

Cllr. Kennedy reported on the meeting that he had attended earlier in the day. He said that Disley Footpath Society and the Towpath Action Group had now amalgamated. Disley's footpaths had recently been inspected by the Peak & Northern Footpath Society and CEC's Public Rights of Way officer was researching lost ways and permissive paths in the village. A programme of walks for 2016 had also been agreed. Cllr. Pattison said that Disley Footpath Society should be commended for the excellent work they do for the community.

Report received and noted

4107

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

No meeting had taken place since the last report. It was noted that the announcement to award the northern rail franchise to Arriva Northern had been made earlier in the day. Cllr. Kennedy said that he would continue to lobby for additional parking spaces at Disley Station.

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15/5185M

To consider Planning Applications as listed on Appendix B

Ploughboy Inn, 61, Buxton Old Road, Disley SK12 2BN

Change of use from public house to single dwelling (A3 to C3) together with partial demolition and vehicle access for parking

Disley Parish Council is strongly opposed to this application. The Ploughboy is the only public house serving the higher Disley area and it has been a valuable community hub for many years. The Parish Council is aware that residents have made an application for The Ploughboy to be designated as an Asset of Community Value (ACV) and Councillors strongly support this.

The Parish Council understands that in April 2015 the government passed an amendment to the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995. This change, which applies to public houses, seeks to give a community which has demonstrated its desire to retain a local pub further support and a right to consider proposals for the property.

Disley Parish Council is aware that several offers to buy the business and continue to run it as a going concern were made to the current owners and these offers were refused. It is also aware that applications for the de-licencing of viable public houses are generally refused by most Planning Authorities.

Apart from being the only meeting place for residents in this area of the village, The Ploughboy is of historical, heritage and cultural significance. It is well documented that the pub was the 'local' of the celebrated historian AJP Taylor and that he entertained his friend Dylan Thomas there when he came to stay in Disley in the 1930s. Another regular visitor during this time was Christopher Isherwood the Disley born author whose work included 'Goodbye to Berlin' which features the character of Sally Bowles and inspired the musical 'Cabaret'.

National Planning Policy Framework 28 states that in order to promote a strong local economy, local and neighbourhood plans should promote the retention and development of local services and community facilities in villages, such as local shops, meeting places, sports venues, cultural buildings, public houses and places of worship.

National Planning Policy Framework 70 states:

To deliver the social, recreational and cultural facilities and services the community needs, planning policies and decisions should:

- plan positively for the provision and use of shared space, community facilities (such as local shops, meeting places, sports venues, cultural buildings, public houses and places of worship) and other local services to enhance the sustainability of communities and residential environments;
- guard against the unnecessary loss of valued facilities and services, particularly where this would reduce the community's ability to meet its day-to-day needs;

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- ensure that established shops, facilities and services are able to develop and modernise in a way that is sustainable, and retained for the benefit of the community; and
- ensure an integrated approach to considering the location of housing, economic uses and community facilities and services.

Cheshire East Local Plan Core Strategy Policy EG2 – 6 Rural Economy

refers to development that supports the retention and delivery of community services such as shops, public houses and village halls. Disley Parish Council therefore recommends that this application is refused – our village needs the Ploughboy much more than one additional dwelling.

- 15/5217T** Fell 2no. Horse Chestnut Trees
Red Lodge, 21 Buxton Road West, Disley SK12 2LY
Disley Parish Council has no comments to make on this application.
- 4109 **To note Planning Decisions as listed on Appendix B**
- 15/3617M** Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 6 apartments that exactly matches approval 09/01 48P
Dunwood, Homestead Road, Disley SK12 2JN
Application granted with 27 conditions
- 4110 **To authorise payment of Accounts totalling £2,970.09 as listed on Appendix A**
Proposed: Cllr. Chavasse-Hadfield Seconded: Cllr. Adams
Unanimously agreed

Resolved Trans.No.	That the payments listed on Appendix A be authorised for payment.		<u>Amount</u> <u>£</u>
	<u>Cheque</u>	<u>Payee</u>	
728	005076	CEC – Community Centre Planning Application fee	385.00
729	005077	Ricoh – Photocopier charges 1/8-31/10/15	239.14
730	005079	Stockport Computers Ltd. – replacement wireless router	245.00
731	005080	Disley PCC – Newsletter delivery	150.00
732	005081	New Mills, Marple & District Rotary Club – Xmas event – Santa sleigh	50.00
733	005082	Viking Direct – stationery & laminator	208.78
734	005083	Petty Cash – Replenishment Nov 15	90.84
735	005084	BT plc – Phone bill 762726	72.38

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736	005085	BT plc – Phone bill 766256	112.82
737	005086	BT plc – Internet charges 1/11-31/1/15	126.00
738	005087	NALC – Award scheme registration fee	30.00
739	005088	Print approved – Xmas newsletter & Neighbourhood Plan inserts	1,211.00
740	005089	A H Tomlinson Parbans Ltd – Maintenance eqpt.	19.63
741	005090	Office Watercoolers – Rental Dec 15	21.70
742	005091	LDW Ltd. – Maintenance eqpt.	7.80
		Total	£2,970.09

4111 **To note Financial Statement and Budget Comparisons** **Noted**

4112 **Items for future meetings**
Meeting with Brown Rural Partnership re. land rentals
Meeting with JDA Architects re. Community Centre development

4113 **Meetings Schedule Update**
Schedule circulated. Further dates to be added and re-circulated.

The Council **resolved** to exclude the press and public for the following items of the agenda by reason of the confidential nature of the business as defined under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meeting) Act 1960 (Section2) (and as expended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972) on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information.

4114 **To consider recommendations made by the Personnel Committee on Staff Recruitment matters**
The Personnel Committee meeting had not been held. Clerk to prepare recruitment advertisement for Assistant Clerk or Administrative Assistant and forward with NALC pay scales for consideration by members of the Personnel Committee.

Meeting closed at 8.00pm