

# Disley Parish Council Annual Report

Chairman's Review of Disley Parish Council's work for 2013-14



## Awards

Disley Parish Council was pleased to hear MBE's had been awarded to two members of our Disley Community, Councillor Diane Guy for her long-standing services in the community and Pamela Barnes for her work establishing the charity "Action for Sick Children.

Disley Parish Council Civic Awards were presented to James Dunlop for his work steering the successful Restoration Appeal for St Mary's Church, Jane Ryder for running the Basement Youth Club, Hannah Walker for her national achievements in cycling, Tony Jackson for leading the Canal Towpath Action Group and Sheila Sidebottom for her commitment as secretary to the Parish Plan Group and for her volunteer work generally in the village.

Disley Parish received a Highly Commended Award from Cheshire Community Action (CCA) in the Community Spirit award category and Disley and Newtown Well Dressing Committee was congratulated for achieving a new CCA Best Community Initiative Award.

## General

The Parish Council website was upgraded to promote the village and the work of the Council and new e-bulletin continued to expand as a means of providing regular village news updates. Finally I would like to thank all the Parish staff for their help, support and hard work and also my fellow Councillors for all the voluntary work they have carried out during the year.

## Finance Report 2013 – 2014 by Councillor Paul Harris, Chairman of Disley Parish Council Finance Committee.

The balance sheet for Disley Parish Council for 2013/14 (subject to audit) is presented. All income and expenditure has been accounted for.

### Major Income Items:

- £106,330 Precept
- £9,272 Hire Charges
- £7,145 Rental Income
- £7,230 Recharge to CEC for Library Utility and Maintenance Costs
- £6,344 Non-specific grant from CEC - Cheshire East Council paid a council tax support grant intended to help offset changes in the tax base.
- £6,000 Cheshire East Council – Community Transport Grant
- £4,000 Disley AFC towards cost for football pitch improvements

The precept was of no increase on the previous year, holding at £56.91 for a band D property for 2013/2014

### Major Expenditure Items:

- £21,015 Community Centre Revenue Costs
- £14,750 Parish Council contribution to the PSCO service
- £9,805 Newtown Football Pitch
- £9,412 on Parish Maintenance
- £4,868 Provision of Christmas Trees, Village Decorations and Fireworks at the Christmas Lights Switch On Event
- £3,634 Provision of Hanging Baskets
- £2,950 Newtown Car Park
- £2,639 Newsletter production and distribution
- £2,012 Grant to Disley Youth Club – 2012 Legacy Grant Fund
- £1,400 Grant to St. Mary's – Burial Grounds upkeep
- £700 towards the Speed Indication Device

I am pleased to announce that through careful management over 2013/2014 we have achieved a surplus of £856 against the 2013/14 expenditure budget of £135,709. I would like to thank Mary Webb, our Clerk, for her professional accounting skills and excellent work in managing the budget.

## Looking forward to 2014/2015

Every year the Parish Council raises a precept in order to pay for the range of services it provides. Even though Members of the Council carefully scrutinise every line of the budget and make savings wherever it is deemed possible, there has been a small increase in this year's precept of just 4p per week, the precept is £59.07 per year for a Band D property for 2014/15. This minor increase is due to a balance of factors; including a reduction by 15% on last year's payment of the CEC grant (changes to Tax Banding); a general increase in 'the cost of living' and a strategic increase in spending on village events, which the Council anticipates will be of great benefit to Disley.

## Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2014

|                                 | 31/03/13       | 31/03/14       |
|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                 | £              | £              |
| <b>Long Term Assets</b>         |                |                |
| Investment Account              | 70,000         | 70,000         |
| <b>Current Assets</b>           |                |                |
| Debtors                         | 1,923          | 2,120          |
| VAT Recoverable                 | 1,491          | 1,637          |
| Payment in Advance              | 151            |                |
| Cash at Bank                    | 54,689         | 52,192         |
|                                 | <u>58,254</u>  | <u>55,948</u>  |
| <b>Total Assets</b>             | 128,254        | 125,948        |
| <b>Less current liabilities</b> |                |                |
| Loans                           |                |                |
| Receipts in Advance             | 507            | 813            |
| Creditors                       | 0              | 0              |
|                                 | <u>507</u>     | <u>813</u>     |
| <b>Represented by:</b>          |                |                |
| Opening Balance                 | 126,680        | 127,747        |
| Fund Surplus                    | 1,067          | (2,612)        |
| Balance carried forward         | <u>127,747</u> | <u>125,135</u> |

The above statement represents fairly the financial position of the Council as at 31st March 2014 and reflects its income and expenditure during the year. The statement has not been subject to external audit.