

Disley Parish Council Annual Report

Finance Report for 2014-15 by Cllr. Jackie Pattison,
Chairman of Disley Parish Council Finance Committee



The balance sheet for Disley Parish Council for 2014/15 (subject to audit) is presented. All income and expenditure has been accounted for. I have selected expenses that are significant but would be happy to discuss other items following the meeting if anyone wishes.

Major Income Items:

- £109,925 Precept raised
- £10,896 Community Centre Hire Charges – we have seen an increase in income from hire charges of 14% on the previous year
- £7,710 Land Rental Income – from fields, allotments and Disley Dam
- £5,395.35 Recharge to CEC for Library Utility and Maintenance Costs – this is the CEC share of the building expense for the library
- £5,519 Cheshire East Council Tax Support Grant - intended to help offset changes in the tax base although this figure represents a decrease of 15% on the previous support grant
- £3,000 Cheshire East Council – Community Transport Grant and I will be referring to the Community Bus later in my report
- £1,000 Cheshire East Council Grant towards cost of WW1 Commemoration events

The precept was increased by 3.8% on the previous year which equates to £59.07 per annum for a band D property for 2014/2015

Major Expenditure Items:

- £21,015 Community Centre Revenue Costs
- £11,800 Parish Council contribution to the PCSO service
- £858 Drainage work at Newtown
- £2,465 Newtown Football Pitch Maintenance
- £2,025 Tree survey – risk assessment of all trees on Parish owned land – there is a necessity to carry out a survey every 3 years
- £1,310 Tree maintenance work following the survey I have just referred to
- £3,400 on Parish Maintenance – there are no large payments included in this figure, just day to day expenses.
- £5,130 Provision of Christmas Trees, Village Decorations and Fireworks at the Christmas Lights Switch On Event – this has become an extremely popular annual event and is looked forward to and enjoyed by a large number of residents
- £675 Cycle Event
- £6,089 WW1 Commemoration Events and Memorial Park Garden – DPC had set aside monies in the budget and also received grant funding. This amount represents all the monies spent on the celebrations, the rebuilding of a dry stone wall in the memorial garden and the provision of 2 benches and a lectern with the names of the 300 Disley & Newtown residents who served and the 101 who lost their lives in the 1st World War – this will be a permanent memorial in the village and we are looking forward to arranging a small opening event on completion.
- £4,370 Provision of Summer/Winter Floral Displays
- £3,559 Newsletter production and distribution
- £950 Four grant awards made to Parish Plan Music Festival Group, Disley Under Fives, St Mary's Tots Group and one Youth Sports' Grant
- £1,400 Grant to St. Mary's – annual payment for Burial Grounds upkeep
- £1,040 Defibrillator and Emergency First Aid Training for Community Centre Staff and Users.

I am pleased to announce that through careful management over 2014/2015 we have achieved a surplus of £3,244 against the 2014/15 expenditure budget of £141,359. This small surplus will go into the general reserve fund which we are expected to maintain at approximately 25% of the precept.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mary Webb, our Clerk, for her professional accounting skills and excellent work in managing the budget.

Looking forward to 2015/2016

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 an 8.1% increase in this year's precept which equates to £63.86 per year for a Band D property for 2015/16 – and represents an increase of 9p per week for a Band D property. This minor increase is due to a balance of factors; including the reduction in the CEC Tax Support grant, increasing the village handyman's hours from 15 to 35 hours per week and a general cost of living increase.

The parish village maintenance employees, Daniel and Colin, have once again provided us with excellent service and I wish to thank them for all their hard work in supporting the Parish Council and in maintaining the parish assets. Disley Parish Council is very pleased that the decision to increase Daniel's hours has worked extremely well. Daniel has completed training programmes in various trade skills and in turn this has benefitted the Council as he is now able to undertake works that previously required sub contractors. This has saved the Parish Council a considerable amount of money and as such has proved to be a cost effective decision.

I will refer to the Community Bus separately as it does not show fully in this year's accounts as some monies were received in the last financial year.

- Following work carried out by the Parish Council and the Parish Plan Group Disley received the Community Bus free of charge from CEC

- Total funding of £9,000 was also granted

• Initial set up and training costs were incurred but we now have a team of volunteer drivers and the bus is up and running. We have 12 volunteer drivers and 50 group and individual members. The community bus is intended to be self-financing and this is why there is no allocation in this year's budget.

• We have enough money to run for a further year and in the meantime if it is found necessary we will look for community transport grant funding opportunities in order to continue the service.

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2015

	31/03/14	31/03/15
	£	£
Long Term Assets		
Investment Account	70,000	70,000
Current Assets		
Debtors	2,120	2,168
VAT Recoverable	1,637	1,704
Payment in Advance	0	1,704
Cash at Bank	52,192	48,608
	<u>55,948</u>	<u>53,044</u>
Total Assets	125,948	123,044
Less current liabilities		
Loans		0
Receipts in Advance	813	
Creditors	<u>0</u>	<u>51</u>
	813	51
Represented by:		
Opening Balance	127,747	125,135
Fund Surplus	<u>(2,612)</u>	<u>(2,142)</u>
Balance carried forward	<u>125,135</u>	<u>122,933</u>