

# DISLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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## **Finance Report for 2019/20 by Cllr. Cath Birchall, Chair of the Disley Parish Council Finance Committee**

The balance sheet and finance report for Disley Parish Council for 2019/20 (subject to audit) is presented. All income and expenditure has been accounted for.

### **Income**

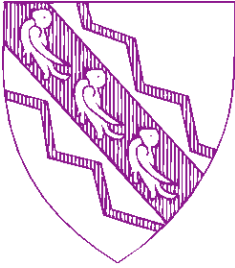
Total income from all sources (excluding reclaimed VAT) was £201,942. The main items of income are as follows:

- The Parish Precept, which was £150,839, a small increase compared to 2018/19 at £150,207.
- The Community Transport Scheme raised £7,530 in income, a 16% increase on the previous year.
- Community Centre hire charges and Cheshire East Council contribution for the Library space generated £19,778 an increase of 24% on 2018/19. This was due to a significant number of new regular and one-off bookings for the Community Hall.
- A significant contribution of £10,915 was received from Cheshire East Council towards the cost of a new heating system in the Community Centre.

### **Expenditure**

The major items of expenditure for the year were:

- Employment costs at £101,242 (£92,491 in 2018/19) which, along with most organisations, are the major expenditure item. Staff are reviewed in line with contracts and local government pay rises and pension contributions. The staff efficiently administer the services we provide particularly running the Community Centre, Community Bus Scheme, maintenance in the village and organising activities and events including the Disley Parish Council Christmas Extravaganza.
- Administration costs at £17,772 (£11,366 in 2018/19) included two new office computers, Council insurances, production of the Disley News newsletter, association fees etc.
- Parish maintenance at £7,354, compared to £3,531 in 2018/19, included a substantial amount of tree safety work carried out on Council land.
- The Community Transport Scheme cost £4,282 (up 9% on 2018/19).
- The Community Centre and Parish Offices cost £15,153 compared to £9,790 in 2018/19 but included £4,000 on roof repairs and £600 on a new hot water boiler for the kitchen.
- Village events totaled £9,531 a substantial increase on 2018/19 mainly due to unforeseen additional Christmas tree costs.



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There was an overall positive budget balance for 2019/20 of £26,354.

## **Community Centre and Parish Offices**

The net cost of running the Community Centre and Parish Offices (including caretaking) was £7,218 but as mentioned above this included the cost of roof repairs and a new hot water boiler.

## **Community Bus Scheme**

The Community Bus Scheme made a net profit (after admin charges) of £2,048 in 2019/20. This profit remains in a ring-fenced reserve for future Bus Scheme use.

## **Capital expenditure**

The Council made capital investments in 2019/20 on a new Community Centre heating system (£18,191) and improvements to drainage at Newtown Playing Fields (£5,750).

## **Reserves**

The Unallocated Capital Reserve at 31/03/2020 stood at £69,539. This is the remainder of the proceeds from the sale of the previous Parish Office. Allocated capital reserves include £4,250 for improvements to Newtown Playing Fields, £10,000 for improvements to Arnold Rhodes and £8,269 for Community Centre improvements.

## **2020/21**

The Parish Council has agreed a precept increase, matched by inflation, of 2.1%, giving a Band D property precept of £75.93 per annum

The priorities of the Council around community wellbeing and green issues have been agreed and are matched in the 2020/21 budget.

The medium and long-term effects of the Coronavirus pandemic will be factored into the Council's financial planning as and when details are known.