



DISLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Disley Parish Council activities during the Coronavirus crisis

22nd July 2020

Disley Parish Council continues to operate during the Coronavirus pandemic, although some of its activities and services have been restricted due to Government guidelines on social distancing, non-essential travel and working from home.

A list of Council services appears below:

1. Communications

- Telephone – Please phone **01663 762726** and leave a message on the answerphone. It **will** be picked up.
- Email – admin@disleyparishcouncil.org.uk
- Post – Disley Parish Council, Disley Community Centre, off Buxton Old Road, Disley. SK12 2BB. The mail is being collected regularly.
- eBulletins – Regular email bulletins. Sign up at: [DPC eBulletins](#)
- Website – www.disleyparishcouncil.org.uk is being regularly updated with information and has a “Contact Us” function.
- Councillors – Individual councillors can be contacted via their contact details on the Council website at: [Parish Councillors](#)

2. Resident enquiries

- The Council continues to respond to resident enquiries and concerns.

3. Parish Council Offices

- The Council Offices will currently remain closed in the interests of staff and resident safety.
- This decision will be reviewed regularly, and the office will be reopened as soon as it is safe to do so.

4. Disley Community Centre

- The Community Centre is currently closed.
- The Parish Council is in contact with all its hirers to establish practices which will allow the safe reopening of the Centre.
- The Council will follow Government Guidance for the safe use of multi-purpose community facilities.
- The Parish Council has carried out a Covid-19 risk assessment for the Centre.
- The premises are being regularly checked for security and maintenance purposes.

5. Parks and Play Areas

- The Parish Council's play areas at Arnold Rhodes and Newtown are now open.
- The Station Ballcourt and Arnold Rhodes outdoor gym are also now open.
- The Parish Council carried out risk assessments for its' parks and play areas and has installed signage promoting a range of Covid-19 mitigation measures such as social distancing and hand cleaning.
- The Council is emptying the bins and maintaining tidiness in these areas.

6. Disley Community Bus

- The Community Bus Scheme is currently "on hold."
- The Parish Council is looking into ways of restarting limited numbers shopping trips.
- The Council will follow Government Guidance for transport operators and organisations.
- The Parish Council has carried out a Covid-19 risk assessment for Community Bus usage.
- Bus drivers and users will be consulted at all stages.

7. Allotments

- The three Council allotment sites at Hagg Bank, Springfield and Greystones remain open with plot holders observing National Allotment Society guidelines for use.

8. Parish Council meetings

- Parish Council meetings are currently being held on a two-monthly basis. A revised Meeting Schedule is available on the Council website at www.disleyparishcouncil.org.uk
- Council meetings are being held remotely via Microsoft Teams and details of how residents can participate in these meetings is included in the meeting agenda.

9. Planning Applications

- The Council's Planning Committee is communicating by email and telephone and is submitting comments to Cheshire East Council on local planning applications wherever possible.

10. Finances

- Council suppliers are being paid via on-line banking and an internal approval system.
- The internal financial audits for 2019/20 has been completed and the external audit has been submitted.
- The Council's payroll is being administered remotely.

11. Street Co-ordinator Scheme

- Having set up a Street Co-ordinator Scheme for non-emergency and non-medical assistance to the whole village, the Parish Council continues to provide liaison services between residents, Co-ordinators and relevant third parties.
- Councillors and council staff are offering practical and emotional support directly to vulnerable or isolated residents as part of the Scheme.

12. Village Handyman

The Village Handyman service continues to undertake activities which can be safely carried out within the constraints of social distancing, such as:

- Tree clearance and safety work
- Litter picking and bin emptying.
- Removal of fly tipping.
- Fencing repairs
- Strimming and weed spraying

The Parish Council hopes all residents stay safe and well at this difficult time.