



DISLEY PARISH COUNCIL

DISLEY AND NEWTOWN PARISH STRATEGY 2020-2023



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Introduction

Disley Parish Council has been developing its priorities for the next four years and now wishes to present its Parish Strategy for 2020-2023.

The Parish Council has set out a vision for Disley and Newtown, the Council's Mission Statement and its core values. Below these are specific details of the Council's goals and objectives.

This document will be used to guide the Council until 2023, and we welcome feedback from our residents, businesses and visitors.

Our Vision: A compassionate, healthy and vibrant community in a village which has developed in a way that maintains its uniqueness, character and sense of community.

To achieve this, we will engage with and support our community, embrace the benefits of modern rural life and celebrate the local environment, history and heritage.

Our Mission: (Purpose) To be a listening and engaging council which will lead the community forward so that the village can realise its potential.

To this end, councillors and officers will work together and in partnership with others to champion the needs and wishes of the community. We will manage our resources effectively, operate sustainably and be an advocate and campaigning voice for the village.

Our Core Values: by which we will operate the Council are:

- Democracy
- Transparency
- Equality
- Respect
- Partnership working
- Community engagement
- Value for money
- Environmentally responsible

Council Goals: which are supported by key objectives, to ensure the Council will:

1. **Strive for an engaged, empowered and inclusive community**
 - To make our communities as inclusive as possible.
 - To do all we can to improve communications.
 - To work with others to improve our locality and economy

2. **Work to make the village environmentally responsible and more sustainable**
 - To assist the community in achieving an environmentally responsible and more sustainable village.
 - To aim to influence the planning system for the benefit of the local community.
 - To raise the standards of our streetscene and gateways as a high priority, in order to make the village more attractive to residents, visitors, businesses and their customers.

3. **Celebrate and protect our landscape, heritage and rural environment**
 - To protect and enhance our local environment.
 - To support and, where appropriate, develop the range of leisure, sporting and landscape assets and enhance access and public enjoyment.
 - To protect and enhance our heritage.

4. **Endeavour to make our village safer and healthier**
 - To work with others to reduce the impact of traffic speeds and volumes as a high priority.
 - To work with others to minimise crime and anti-social behaviour.
 - To work with others to make sure our village is as safe as possible.
 - To work with others to improve residents' health and well-being.

5. **Continuously develop the potential of the Council.**
 - To develop capacity and a diverse skill base within the Council.
 - To deliver excellent services according to both needs and resident feedback.
 - To maintain and improve an integrated approach to management
 - To provide excellent communications and transparency.

Overview

Disley Parish Council promises to continue to have strong communications with the community, using its power and influence as a small local authority to further the best interests of the village as a whole.

The Council will listen and respect all points of view and will exercise its duties with tolerance, patience and understanding in a fair and reasoned manner.

The Parish Council aims to lead by example, to operate effectively and efficiently, developing greater capacity and capability to achieve its priorities.

This summary forms the core of the Council's Parish Strategy and contains its broad goals through to 2023. The Council recognises that it cannot achieve everything on its own and will need to work with residents, other public bodies, community and voluntary groups and businesses for the village to reach its potential. In some areas the Council can only support others and lobby and influence. The Council will concentrate its efforts on those services and projects that make the greatest difference to the village and compliment all the good work being done by others.

The tables below contain the main actions necessary to deliver the Councils' goals and objectives and form the basis of its internal work plan. These actions help the Council to quantify the human and financial resources and equipment needed. The resources will be catered for in a medium-term financial plan. The Parish Strategy will be revised annually and the tables will allow performance monitoring and reporting. The Strategy will be evaluated 6-monthly at separate Parish Strategy meetings of the Council and will be referred to in the preparation of the Chair's Annual Reports.

Key

C = Current goal

F = Future goal

Responsible Committee/Outside body/Project Teams

ADMIN = Council administration.

ALLOT = Allotment Association representatives

AQEI = Air Quality & Environmental Improvements Project Team

BUS = Community Transport Team Project Team

BUSIN = Disley Business Group

CCI = Community Centre Improvements Project Team

CHAIR = Chair of the Council

DPC = Disley Parish Council – Cross-Council initiative

DFS = Disley Footpaths Society representatives.

EVENT = Village Events Project Team

FINAN = Finance Committee

HM&I = Highways Maintenance and Improvements Project Team.

H&WB = Health & Well-being Project Team

LEIS = Leisure Facilities Project Team

PLANN = Planning Committee

PACP = Poynton Area Community Partnership representatives

STRE = Streetscene Project Team

TBD = To be decided

Goal 1: Strive for an engaged, empowered and inclusive community		
1. To make our communities as inclusive as possible		
a. Should building development be necessary, to lobby for housing suitable for young people and the older generation.	C	PLANN
b. Continue to engage with Cheshire East Council (CEC) through the Poynton Area Community Partnership, for the benefit of the village.	C	PACP
c. Lobby for service accessibility for the disadvantaged or hard-to-reach in our communities.	C	H&WB
d. Support and lobby for better access and facilities for those with disabilities.	C	H&WB
e. Build links with the Disley Primary School, local nurseries and youth organisations and inform young people of the work of the Council.	C	DPC
f. We will review the facilities on our allotments to see if we can better cater for people with disabilities.	F	ALLOT
g. Send a Welcome Pack to all new residents.	C	ADMIN
h. Continue to support Remembrance Sunday.	C	EVENT
i. Continue to maintain a Directory of Youth facilities on our website.	C	ADMIN
j. Work with CEC to ensure a library remains in Disley	C	DPC
2. To do all we can to improve communications.		
a. Include relevant information from other organisations in the Disley News, eBulletin, website, social media and village notice boards.	C	ADMIN
b. Review the Council's channels of communication and develop a Communications Policy to better project the Council's role and public information.	F	DPC
c. Hold joint surgeries with DPC and Police Community Support Officers.	C	DPC
3. To work with others to improve our locality and economy		
a. Encourage the involvement of a wider number of residents.	C	DPC
b. Continue to recognise community contributions through the Civic Awards.	C	DPC
c. Maintain a directory of clubs, societies and educational establishments on our website.	C	ADMIN
d. Support the annual Disley and Lyme Horticultural Show.	C	EVENT
e. Continue to support the Disley Well Dressing Festival.	C	EVENT
f. Continue to facilitate the Disley Parish Council Christmas Extravaganza.	C	EVENT
g. Support our local Parochial Church Council, schools, clubs and voluntary organisations which take forward the objectives of this Strategy.	C	DPC
h. Act as an advocate and gateway to other agencies in order to resolve local issues.	C	DPC
i. Maintain a Business Directory on our website and take every opportunity to promote local businesses and "trade locally" campaigns.	C	ADMIN /BUSIN
j. Lobby to widen the number of destinations for local public transport links.	F	TBD
k. Support initiatives to increase the availability of visitor accommodation	F	TBD
Goal 2: Work to make the village environmentally responsible and more sustainable		
1. To assist the community in achieving an environmentally responsible and more sustainable village.		
a. Set a high environmental standard by undertaking an environmental audit of the Council's activities, calculating our carbon footprint and producing an action plan.	C	AQEI
b. Develop the longer-term sustainability of the village by working with others to address wider environmental issues and concerns.	F	AQEI
c. Plan and undertake tree planting schemes to make better use of the land we own, with mixed woodland (including a community orchard) aimed at creating more habitats and improving biodiversity.	C	LEIS

2. To aim to influence the planning system for the benefit of the local community		
a. Do everything possible to implement the policies of the adopted Neighbourhood Plan and use them to justify our observations on applications and planning policy consultations.	C	PLANN
b. Lobby CEC to use the Local Plan policies, to ensure that we have the right type and numbers of developments whilst ensuring that we do not lose 'the sense of place'.	C	PLANN
c. Continue to liaise with CEC to ensure we receive an appropriate share of CIL/S106 money and also lobby the principal council to use their share of CIL/S106 creatively for the benefit of the village.	C	PLANN
d. Lobby for proper provision to be made for additional demands on services and infrastructure, as development is approved within and adjacent to the village.	C	PLANN
3. To raise the standards of our public realm and gateways as a high priority, in order to make the village more attractive to residents, visitors, businesses and their customers.		
a. We utilise our Ranger Service to raise standards within our public spaces and consider mechanical sweeping of the village centre.	C	STRE
b. We will improve village gateways linking to the parish's heritage.	F	STRE
c. We will evaluate current Parish Council and CEC standards for public green open space and define standards to aspire to.	F	STRE
d. Continue to facilitate two community litter picks per year.	C	EVENT
Goal 3: Celebrate and protect our landscape, heritage and rural environment		
1. To protect and enhance our local environment.		
a. Continue to protect the green belt and local green spaces, monitoring them as necessary.	C	PLANN
b. Work with others to preserve and enhance the Village's biodiversity through supporting the retention, creation and improvement of the villages' natural assets including hedgerows and ponds.	C	LEIS
c. Monitor performance and hold CEC to account for achieving the objectives of the Air Quality Management Area.	C	AQEI
d. Encourage resident involvement in maintaining public spaces.	C	DPC
2. To support and where appropriate develop, the range of leisure, sporting and landscape assets and enhance access and public enjoyment.		
a. Consider proposals for suitable open and inclusive new leisure and tourism developments.	C	LEIS
b. Lobby for additional and improved safe cycle routes.	C	LEIS
c. Encourage walkers by supporting the Disley Footpaths Society in maintaining and signposting the many footpaths in the village, as well as maintaining or enhancing public rights of way.	C	DFS
d. Continue to make available maps and leaflets on walks and heritage trails.	C	ADMIN
e. Continue the upgrading of the Parish Council's Play areas.	C	LEIS
f. Support the Friends of Dane Hill Close Play Area to improve the facilities at the CEC-owned Dane Hill Close Play Area.	C	LEIS
3. To protect and enhance our heritage.		
a. Developing the knowledge of history in the village and supporting the Local History Society.	C	DPC
b. Continue to develop a village history dimension on the Council's website.	C	ADMIN

c. Continue to take a proactive role in managing our conservation areas and making information available.	C	PLANN
d. Continuing to maintain "Places to Visit" on our website and other promotions.	C	ADMIN
e. Further developing partnerships with the National Trust at Lyme.	C	DPC
Goal 4: Endeavour to make our village safer and healthier		
1. To work to reduce the impact of traffic speed and volume as a high priority:		
a. Support Community Speed Watch initiatives and seek to expand to other areas.	C	HM&I
b. Lobby CEC for additional traffic calming as appropriate.	C	HM&I
c. Notify highway works that are necessary to CEC.	C	HM&I
d. Continue to support free parking at the Community Centre and across the village.	C	HM&I
e. Review the Disley Parking Strategy	C	HM&I
f. Facilitate electric vehicle charging points in the village.	C	ENVIR
g. Provide additional bicycle parking at suitable village locations.	C	ENVIR
2. To work with others to minimise crime and anti-social behaviour.		
a. Support and publicise local Neighbourhood Watch schemes.	C	DPC
b. Work with Police to disseminate information and report matters of concern.	C	DPC
c. Continue to support our PCSO and local Policing team.	C	DPC
3. To work with others to make sure our village is as safe as possible.		
a. Support Cheshire Fire and Rescue in fire safety campaigns and disseminating information.	C	ADMIN
b. Work with the community and CEC to develop an updated Community Resilience Plan.	C	ADMIN
c. Issue home safety advice through events, our newsletter, eBulletin, website and social media etc.	C	ADMIN
d. Continue to support and fund CCTV in the village centre.	C	DPC
4. To work with others to improve residents' health and well-being.		
a. Continue to lobby to ensure adequate healthcare is available to our residents and act as a gateway to services.	C	H&WB
b. Maintain the directory of health services on the website.	C	ADMIN
c. Continue to issue health and well-being advice through events, the Disley News, eBulletin, website and social media etc.	C	ADMIN
d. Publish regular information on air pollution standards and monitoring results.	C	AQEI
e. Maintain a directory of defibrillators and support them as needed.	C	H&WB
f. Consider commissioning a report on establishing a "Safe Place" in the village for vulnerable residents and visitors.	F	H&WB
g. Continue and expand the scope of the village Street Co-ordinator Scheme.	C	H&WB
h. Develop as a Volunteer Co-ordination Point (VCP) to encourage local volunteering.	C	H&WB
Goal 5: Continuously develop the potential of the Council.		
1. To develop capacity and a diverse skill base within the Council		
a. Through Councillor and Officer training and development.	C	DPC
b. Through continuous risk management.	C	ADMIN
c. Being creative in finding sources of external/additional funding.	C	DPC
d. Review the use of technology within the Council to improve efficiency.	C	ADMIN
2. To deliver excellent services according to both need and consumer choice.		
a. Continue to manage and maintain three allotment sites to a good standard and to allocate plots in accordance with our policy.	C	ALLOT
b. Continue to review the standards and facilities provided on our sites and the need for additional plots including for less able-bodied users.	C	ALLOT
c. Continue to manage and maintain the Community Centre and make facilities available to the community.	C	CCI

d. Continue to maintain our Village Ranger Service.	C	STRE
e. Continue to provide a Community Transport Scheme.	C	BUS
f. Continue to offer an administration office/reception at the Community Centre to make Council services accessible to residents and to facilitate a “signposting” service to other public and voluntary organisations.	C	ADMIN
g. Maintain our play areas and recreation space to a high standard.	C	ADMIN
3. To maintain and improve an integrated approach to management.		
a. Adopt a budget and precept each year and develop a 3-year medium Term Financial Plan.	F	FINAN
b. Implement our Village Strategy through a Business Plan.	C	DPC
c. Develop a centralised Council Handbook for Council quality, operations, policies, procedures, human resources etc.	C	DPC
d. Review our Financial Regulations, Standing Orders and Reserves policy annually.	C	DPC
e. Maintain our Business Continuity Plan in case of an emergency.	C	ADMIN
4. To provide excellent communications and transparency.		
a. Continue to publish the Annual Budget (including reserves) on our website.	C	ADMIN
b. Review our Community Grant Scheme in accordance with the Corporate Strategy.	F	FINAN
c. Produce a Chairs’ Annual Report and Annual Finance Report.	C	CHAIR/ FINAN
d. Continue to issue three newsletters per annum and deliver to each village home and business.	C	ADMIN
e. Maintain a website and social media with up-to-date information.	C	ADMIN
f. Continue to publish both Internal and External Audit Reports on the Website.	C	ADMIN