Disley Parish - Notice of Meeting Notice is hereby given that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held at Disley Community Centre on Friday 26th April 2019 at 7.30pm. All Disley and Newtown residents are invited to attend. At a meeting held in pursuant to the above notice (copies having been displayed throughout the Parish) the following business was transacted: Cllrs. Kidd (Chair), Pattison (Vice Chair), Davenport and the Parish Clerk. Present Members of the public = 18 **Start time**: 7.30pm 2 To receive, and if approved, confirm the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 25th April 2018. The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 25th April 2018 were confirmed as a true and accurate record. **Proposed**: Sue Jones Seconded: Cllr. Davenport Carried unanimously. 3 To receive an update from Cheshire Constabulary regarding Disley Policing matters. PC David Jackson supplied a crime report for Disley for the 12 months from 31st March 2018 to 31st March 2019 and highlighted the following items: **Burglary Dwelling.** 17/5/2018 - Vehicle stolen with keys, abandoned tools stolen from vehicle. 19/5/2018 - Suspicious person in insecure garage. Nothing stolen 26/5/2018 - Burglary dwelling whilst occupants on holiday 16/7/2018 - Tools stolen from shed on allotment 31/8/2018 – X-box stolen from house, named offender, uncooperative victim. 17/10/2018 - Attempted break in to garage 21/10/2018 - Suspicious people on driveway night time, believes attempted to open garage door. 25/10/2018 - Burglary dwelling whilst occupants on holiday 02/01/19 - TU property entered. 21/01/2019 - Burglary dwelling during daytime. 05/02/2019 - Attempt to enter garage. Door damaged. No entry gained. **Buralary Other** 10/4/2018 - Lock to gate damaged. No entry gained. 02/05/2018 - Village Bakery overnight. Till stolen. 05/05/2018 - Café entered overnight. Cash from till stolen £10 22/05/2018 - Property construction site. Tools stolen 16/7/2018 - Hotel theft from till area. Guests suspects. 21/07/2018 - Stables entered. Damage by fire. 30/7/2018 - Cabin entered on building site. Tools stolen. 05/10/2018 - Building site keys stolen from Portakabin 10/10/2018 - Garage entered. Fishing equipment stolen 21/10/2018 - Disley Primary School. Damage to windows. Local offenders 11/1/2018 - Shed entered. Bike stolen 25/1/2019 - Building site. Portakabin entered. Tools stolen.

Robbery

10/1/2019 - Pushed off bike. Handbag stolen. Offenders not identified to date

Theft of Motor Vehicle

13/7/2018 - Attempt theft of vehicle. Victim earlier had handbag stolen with keys. Car entered and searched. Nothing stolen.

02/12/2018 - Stolen from Community Centre. Crashed on Jacksons Edge Road. Delay of owner reporting.

10/12/2018 - Caravan stolen. Vehicle used on cloned plates.

29/1/2019 - Motorbike stolen. Wheeled away but recovered by owner following tracks in snow.

05/2/2019 - Audi stolen whilst owner at work. Stolen not recovered. Owner has both sets of keys, CCTV no good.

Theft from motor vehicle

01/06/2018 - 4 vans entered overnight. Tools stolen

18/6/2018 - Spare wheel stolen from Land Rover

3/7/2018 - Number plates stolen

4 and 5 /7/2018 - Vehicle entry tried.

19/7/2018 - Van entered. Tools stolen

01/10/2018 - Number plates stolen

13/10/2018 – Insecure. Entered. Searched. Nothing stolen

17/10/2018 - Van entered. Tools stolen

28/10/2018 - Insecure car entered. Property taken but recovered nearby

01/11/2018 - Insecure vehicle entered. Searched. Nothing stolen

20/11/2018 - Door handle tried.

Theft other

24 occurrences of theft other

Criminal damage

24 occurrences of reported criminal damage

Road Traffic Collision

11/4/2018 - Damage only. No details taken of 3rd party

6/6/2018 - Injury. Driver reported DIS

12/7/2018 - Collision on A6. Driver injured by air bag.

24/8/2018 - Injury. Driver reported due care.

29/8/2018 - Minor injury.

05/10/2018 - Lyme Park entrance. Driver summonsed. Due care. Minor injury

02/11/2018 - Two vehicles damaged. Offending vehicle not identified

10/2/2019 - Vehicle into cycle lane. No complaint.

23/2/2019 - 3 vehicle accident. Offender/driver reported drink drive

17/3/2019 - 3 vehicles. No injury.

Violence

25 reports of assault

12 occurred at High Peak School between pupils/staff

3 at licensed premises

2 stranger type assault with one counter allegation

6 recorded domestic related assaults

2 no complaint assaults

Speed enforcement (Tru-Cam)

A6 - 45 offences

Jacksons Edge Road – 85 offences

Buxton Old Road - 27 offences.

Sgt. Percival commented that it was hard to compare speed enforcement figures year-on-year as monitoring was done at different times and frequency etc.

However, the Tru-Cam was a very positive deterrent to speeding traffic. Disley Parish Council, Cheshire East Highways and the Police were in discussions regarding cameras for the Rams Head lights to stop red light offenders. The Speed Indicator Device (SID) was being deployed across the village as a deterrent and it was requested to see if the SID data could be published on the Council website. Sgt. Percival said that Cheshire Police were working with neighbouring constabularies on drugs issues. She highlighted that Disley has a comparatively low drugs problem with some offences in pubs and some cannabis use amongst the younger age group.

PCSO Joe Street introduced himself to the meeting and outlined the different powers he had compared to a PC. PCSO Street said he works to give higher Police visibility, engage more directly with the community and act a first point of contact. His area covers the village and Lyme Park. PCSO Street said he would be holding regular surgeries. Cllr. Kidd thanked the officers for their input and officially welcomed PCSO Street to the village.

4 To receive an update from the Schoolhouse Surgery Patient Participation Group Mr. Paul Vickers from the Schoolhouse Surgery Patient Participation Group (PPG) addressed the meeting regarding changes at the Surgery. He said that the official launch of the Middlewood Group was 1st August 2019. This would bring together the Schoolhouse Surgery, two Poynton surgeries and one Bollington surgery. It is envisaged that this will lead to improved and enhanced services such as early and late appointment times, longer appointments and better diagnostic services. Mr. Vickers highlighted that two years ago the surgery was under threat of closure and that with the Middlewood partnership, the future is looking very positive. Mr. Vickers said that it was complicated bringing together the I.T. and staff etc. but the PPG had been involved from the start. There had been concerns that services would be reduced under the new group, but this was unfounded as a larger budget should see increased services. A resident asked if the merger would force patients to travel to Poynton or Bollington and Mr. Vickers responded that patients would not be moved and that specialist doctors would be more likely to visit Disley from the other surgeries. The potential to use the Community Bus to transport patients to different surgeries for specific services e.g. podiatry, was discussed.

5 <u>To receive a report from the Chairman of Disley Parish Council on the work of the</u> Parish Council over the last year and its' plans for 2019.

Cllr. Kidd thanked Mr. Vickers and the PPG for their presentation.

Cllr David Kidd, Chairman of Disley Parish Council, read a pre-prepared report as follows:

Election of Officers for the year 2018/19

At the Annual Parish Council Meeting held in May 2018, Cllr. David Kidd was elected Chairman and Cllr. Jackie Pattison was elected Vice-chairman. Cllr. Liz Chavasse-Hadfield was elected Chairman of the Finance Committee and Cllr. Sue Adams was elected Chairman of the Planning Committee for the year 2018/19.

Disley Parish Council Services and activities

Community Hall: In the past year, 50 groups booked the hall including several new Saturday coffee morning hirers and 3 new regular hirers. This represented a reduction of 2 hirers from the previous year. Bookings were taken for 10 private children's birthday parties and family celebrations. New enquiries about the hall are received from word of mouth, various websites and advertising in the village and e-

Bulletin. Since the Parish Office was relocated to the Community Centre, there had been more interaction between users of the Community Hall, the Library and the PCSO, achieving the aim of creating a Community Hub in the village.

Village Handyman Service: The Handyman Service continued to maintain and improve the village's appearance and look after the Council's assets. Projects and response work have included:

- installing a WW1 silhouette at the Memorial Park.
- creating a new base for a bench on Buxton Old Road.
- emergency removal of a fallen tree on Jackson's Edge Road.
- installing a new manhole cover at Newtown playing fields.
- relocating a cast iron planter at Hollinwood Road/A6 junction.
- Building, installing and lighting a beacon for the WW1 commemorations event held in Lyme Park.
- installing a new storage unit at the Community Centre.
- maintaining play equipment in the parks.
- carrying out tree management safety work.

The Council purchased a van in 2018 to provide the Handyman Service with more flexibility to undertake community tasks and to raise awareness of Parish Council services.

Community Bus Scheme: The Scheme started in 2012 to improve accessibility using a second hand vehicle donated by Cheshire East Council. The scheme has proved so successful that the Parish Council has now purchased a brand-new replacement minibus. The Fiat Ducato can take up to 14 passengers and has a rear tail lift and wheelchair anchors to allow better accessibility. Funding for the bus was a real community effort with substantial grants from Disley Parish Council and The Big Lottery Fund and grants from local groups, Poynton Area Community Partnership, Cuppa An' A Chat and Good Neighbours. There were also many generous contributions directly from users and residents. There are 14 volunteer drivers (5 new drivers trained in March 2019) and without their continuing commitment the scheme could not exist. 45 new members signed up during 2018/19 giving a total membership of 223 individual members. Approximately 100 of these are regular users. There are 21 group members including 4 new members during 2018/19. Weekly trips are very popular and have included new destinations such as Chester, St Anne's on Sea and The Imperial War Museum in addition to the old favourites like Bury, Skipton and Bents Garden Centre. Pub lunch outings have proved popular with less-mobile users. A weekly Shoppers Group offering a door-to-door service was set up in September 2018 to take a regular group of less-mobile residents to a supermarket. The scheme has proved extremely popular and feedback from passengers included comments such as "wonderful service", "what a blessing this service is", "10/10 to all drivers", "be lost without the service".

Allotments: There are 33 allotment plots across three village locations. Four allotment holders left at renewal time opening spaces for new tenants from the waiting list. There are currently vacant plots at Greystones and there are 8 people on the waiting list. Two site inspections were carried out in Spring and Autumn to ensure allotments were being fully cultivated. Improvement work carried out during the year by the Council included repairs to leaking standpipes, new fencing at Springfield and replacement padlocks for the gates.

Tree Management: The Parish Council undertook a Trees Condition Assessment for all the trees within Council land in 2018. The report produced highlighted any safety concerns and all trees with a Priority 1 (High risk) and all trees within public areas with a Priority 2 (Moderate risk) have been made safe. All further Priority 2 tree works will be undertaken in 2019/20.

Speed Indicator Device (SID) Monitoring Programme: Working in partnership with the Cheshire Police PSCO, the SID unit has been used to carry out regular traffic speed and volume monitoring at locations including on the A6, Buxton Old Road, Jackson's Edge Road, Hollinwood Road and Redhouse Lane. Where appropriate this information has been fed back to residents and Cheshire East Highways.

Communications: The Council's bi-monthly eBulletin now has 480 subscribers, providing news updates and details of local events and meetings etc. The Parish Council Twitter feed has nearly 300 followers and the Council now has a Facebook page at @disleyparishcouncil. The Council continues to produce the hardcopy Disley News newsletter three times per year, and this is distributed to all homes and businesses in Disley and Newtown. In early 2019, the Council also published and distributed a new edition of the Disley Official Guide. A new Parish Council website was launched in 2018 with content being continually updated.

Disley video: The Parish Council launched a short video in 2018 to showcase what a fantastic place Disley & Newtown is to live, visit and work. The video will be used to promote Disley & Newtown to prospective new residents, businesses and visitors, as well as reminding current residents how much there is going on right on our doorstep. The video is available to view on the Parish Council website at www.disleyparishcouncil.org.uk.

Village Events: The Parish Council organised several events during the year including a WWI Beacon Lighting event in Lyme Park; Health & Well-being Show; Community Litter Pick; Doorstep Crime Awareness Event; Local Business Meetings and the Christmas Tree lighting event.

Planning: Cheshire East Council consulted the Parish Council on 45 planning applications. They also issued a wider consultation on a Draft Site Allocations Development Policy as part of the Cheshire East Local Plan to meet housing needs to 2030. This draft document identified proposals for future housing in 12 Local Service Centres including Disley with a proposal to designate Safeguarded Land for housing on the edge of the green belt. The Parish Council ensured that this consultation was well publicised at a local level and arranged a presentation by the Head of Strategic Planning at Cheshire East to address residents' concerns. The Parish Council issued a statement and a response to this consultation Cheshire East issued a "Call for Sites" inviting landowners and developers to identify land with potential for future development. The Parish Council, as a landowner, declared the Greystones allotment site as a site with a proviso that the allotments be relocated and improved in line with the Neighbourhood Plan.

Neighbourhood Plan: The Disley and Newtown Neighbourhood Plan has been formally adopted by Cheshire East Council after two years of hard work and commitment from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. This adoption was a conclusion to be celebrated. The Neighbourhood Plan is now a formal planning policy document used by Cheshire East Council alongside their Local Plan to inform planning decisions for all development in Disley and Newtown.

Civic Awards: Each year the Parish Council presents awards to residents for outstanding volunteer work or for wider individual achievements. This year's awards were presented to:

- Kat Croxford For her hard work with Rainbows, Brownies and Guides.
- Peter Scott For his continuing efforts with both PRIDE and the Well Dressing Festival.

- Steve Brown As Disley Footpaths Society (DFS) footpath maintenance officer getting the footpath network up to scratch through coordinating the regular DFS working parties and as a Community Bus volunteer driver.
- Godfrey Matthews As member of Disley Arts Society and longstanding member of the Rams Head Bowling Club who mows the green every week.
 He is also Father Christmas at the Christmas Lights event.
- Izzy Waddington A valuable volunteer at Disley library for several years, being involved in the reading challenge, preparing and helping with craft activities and also helping at one of the youth clubs in Disley.

General enquiries and complaints: The Parish Council dealt with 50 formal enquiries in the past year including drains and flooding (13%), overgrown hedges and footpaths (9%), fly tipping (8%), potholes and pavement trip hazards (7%) and street lighting (6%). Other enquiries such as dog waste, missed bin collections, graffiti and vandalism involved referrals to Cheshire East Council, BT, United Utilities, Environment Agency and Peaks & Plains Housing. Regular contact with Cheshire East Highways secured the repair of many potholes and gully clearances.

Community Grants: Parish Council grants were awarded to Community Together (£150); PRIDE Well Dressing 2018 Event (£250); Girl Guiding in Disley (£225); Disley and Newtown Whist Club (£150); PRIDE Well Dressing 2019 Event (£500).

Work placement students; The Parish Council was delighted to host two work placement students from Marple College in 2018. One carried out photographic work for the council and the other helped to set up the Parish Council's Facebook page.

Village issues

Air Quality: This remains a significant concern for the village which has a designated Air Quality Management Area along the A6. The opening of the A555 in October 2018 has given rise to more concerns relating to traffic congestion and potential increases in pollution levels. Cheshire East Council is the principal authority with responsibility for monitoring and action planning to reduce vehicle pollution levels. The Parish Council, being the local contact point, continued to receive many enquiries and complaints from residents. In response, the Council issued an Air Quality Statement to clearly set out the Parish Councils' role and a commitment which includes tracking monitoring data, taking part in action planning, lobbying for change and providing information at local level. A review of the Air Quality Action Plan for Disley is to be undertaken by Cheshire East Council which will involve the Parish Council and representatives from the community.

A6/MARR Mitigation: The Parish Council has been disappointed that additional Stage 2 mitigation work in the village centre scheduled for spring 2018 was not carried out and have been in further discussions with Cheshire East Council to secure an agreed scheme now to be undertaken in 2019.

Cllr. Kidd thanked all the Parish staff for their support and hard work during the year and also fellow Parish Councillors for their support leading on projects.

To receive a report from the Chairman of Disley Parish Council's Finance Committee on the Parish Council's finances for year ending 31st March 2019.
Cllr. Jackie Pattison, the Vice Chairman of Disley Parish Council's Finance

Clir. Jackie Pattison, the Vice Chairman of Disley Parish Council's Finance Committee, read a pre-prepared report as follows:

The balance sheet and finance report for Disley Parish Council for 2018/19 (subject to audit) is presented. All income and expenditure has been accounted for. I have selected the most significant financial transactions and tried to answer key questions but am happy to discuss other items further.

Income

Total income from all sources (excluding reclaimed VAT) was £192,976. The main items of income are as follows:

- In 2018/19, £148,927 was raised from the precept, compared to £150,207 the previous year.
- £12,666 in Community Centre hire charges which represents an increase of 3.9% in comparison to last year. Hourly room hire rates were held at the same level as 2017/18 so the higher income reflects a small increase in use of the community hall.
- £5,560 in Land Rental Income from grazing land and Disley Dam, which is in line with the previous year.
- £5,423 Recharge to Cheshire East Council for Library Utility and Maintenance Costs this is the CEC share of the building expenses for the use of the library.
- The Parish benefitted from £10,500 in grants towards the new Community Bus. £10,000 from the National Lottery Big Lottery Fund and £500 from the Poynton Area Community Partnership.

Community Bus

• The Community Bus has had a very successful year due to the hard work of our volunteer drivers and Helen Richards in the office. The total community transport income was £4,450 compared with £3,318 in the previous year. This increase reflects additional seating in the new bus from October 2018 and more trips being run. The bus scheme made a small loss of £167 compared with a profit of £1,034 in 2017/18. This was after charging £600 (2017/18 - nil) Parish Council administration costs for the year. £825 was spent on driver training (2017/18 nil). Bookings for April/May/June trips are very encouraging.

Expenditure

Councillors are grateful to the Clerk and Administration Assistant for exercising good financial control and appreciate their significant efforts to achieve good value for money for the community.

The major items of expenditure for the year were:

• **Total employment costs** of the Parish Council team (excluding the Community Centre Caretaker) were £82,562 which was slightly up on budget.

Community Centre

Community Centre Hire Charges

Community Centre Maintenance Recharge to CEC

£ 12,666 £ 5,423

Total Income

£ 18,089

Less Total Running Costs

£(20,369)

The cost of the Community Centre in 2018/19 was

£(2,280)

This £2,280 loss includes the full cost of running the new Parish Offices which are now located within the Community Centre.

- **General office administration costs** e.g. conveyancing fees, telephones, insurances, website and production of the Disley News etc. totalled £11,366 which was under budget mainly due to an unused bookkeeping services budget.
- **Parish maintenance** including tree safety work, street lighting, allotments, CCTV contribution, hanging basket planting, play areas and all areas of the village the Parish Council is responsible for totalled £21,175.

Village Events

The Parish Council co-ordinated or supported a range of events during 2018/19 for the benefit of residents and to enjoy the wonderful environment that we live in. These included:

- £5,335 to dress the village for Christmas and hold the annual Christmas Tree lighting event, which, supported by village residents and traders, was again a great success. The cost included the provision of Christmas trees, street entertainers, village decorations and fireworks.
- £95 for the Disley Health & Well-being Show.
- £337 for a Beacon Lighting Event in Lyme Park to commemorate 100 years since the end of WW1 arranged in co-operation with the National Trust.

Community Grants

The Parish Council supported a wide variety of Community groups and events through its Community Grants Scheme with £1,459 being distributed. These included Pride Well Dressing Committee, Girl Guiding in Disley, Disley and Newtown Whist Club and the Community Together event.

Councillor Expenses

Parish Councillors are elected on a voluntary basis and are unpaid. The elected Chairman of Disley Parish Council receives an annual allowance of £540. In 2018/19 councillors claimed nil expenses (2017/18 £79).

Reserves

There were several significant items of capital expenditure during the year. These included £40,376 on the new community bus, £14,081 on a handyman vehicle and £2,550 on CCTV at the Community Centre. The Parish Council paid the following from capital reserves:

- Handyman Vehicle £14,081
- Community Bus £25,989
- Community Centre CCTV £2,550
- Community Centre Storage Unit £1,325

The Unallocated Capital Reserve at 31/03/2019 stood at £110,730. This is the remainder of the proceeds from the sale of the old Parish Office.

Looking forward to 2019/20

- The Parish Council will have increased employment costs in line with Local Government national agreements in 2019/20.
- The Parish Council will need to undertake a review of the Community Centre heating and water system considering the failure of the boiler during its annual safety inspection. This will form part of a larger project to refurbish and update the community centre. This would need to be funded from Unallocated Capital Reserve.
- The project to improve the ginnel from the Community Centre car park to Market Street will be completed this year from a separate allocated reserve.
- There is also a requirement for major drainage works at the Newtown Playing Fields which needs to be funded from Capital Reserves.

Precept

The Council is delighted to announce that it has been able to avoid any increase in the precept for 2019/20 and for a band D property the precept will remain at £74.40 per annum. The total precept income received by the Council depends on a tax base figure derived from the number of houses in the village within each Council Tax property band.

8 Public forum - an opportunity for residents to raise any matters of Parish interest Several items were raised and discussed by residents:

Precept and tax base changes

The Clerk explained that the tax base used for calculating the annual precept was set by Cheshire East Council and included approved planning applications for properties even if they had not been built yet.

Greystones Allotments Site

It was highlighted that once the Cheshire East Local Plan had been adopted, this site could be put forward for housing at any time up to 2030.

Community Bus leasing option.

A resident asked if leasing had been considered instead of purchasing for the new bus. The Clerk explained that it had, but leasing would have precluded the receipt of grant funding and it would have been an on-going drain on Council revenues. An outright purchase was made from Council reserves.

A6/MARR mitigation

A resident queried the fact that the A555 had opened before the Stage 2 mitigation work had been undertaken. Cllr. Kidd replied that Cheshire East had taken the view that the Stage 2 work was "cosmetic" and not engineered mitigation measures. Therefore, they had agreed that completion of the Stage 1 work was sufficient to open the new road. Cllr. Kidd highlighted that the Stage 2 works were not cosmetic and included further mitigation measures and that they needed to identify the village space to drivers. Cllr. Davenport said that the Parish Council was still working with Cheshire East Highways to agree the best use of the Stage 2 budget. He also said that Cheshire East were working with Stockport MBC to monitor traffic flows since the opening across all the village's main roads. It was agreed that the volume of HGVs passing through the village was a major concern. Residents asked for a public meeting with Cheshire East Highways to discuss mitigation and the Parish Council agreed to request this.

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	Finish time: 9.35pm
	<u>Disley Cricket Club</u> A resident informed the meeting that the village cricket club had recently amalgamated with Poynton Cricket Club. The Parish Council was asked to engage with the Sports Club to ensure that youth engagement in cricket will continue at the DASC.
	Traffic levels Concerns were raised that any new large housing developments in High Lane would push more traffic onto the A6 causing more issues. Cllr. Davenport said that it had been proposed that traffic exiting new developments would be fed directly to the A555 and not on to the A6 and that this was in the High Lane Neighbourhood Plan.
	The issue of pollution levels in the village was raised by residents and the need for the Air Quality Action Plan to include a budget and substantial resident input was discussed. Some of the solutions to improve the air quality are massive such as promoting the use of rail transport for freight and building a by-pass. It was reported that an increase in the use of rail for freight would have a tremendous effect on the traffic through the village. Residents thought these issues needed to be taken up with Cheshire East and that collecting air quality data is only the start of the process. It was highlighted that if the village had a reputation for poor air quality, it could have a long-term effect on attracting new residents to the village. Cllr. Kidd informed the meeting of the limited powers that the Parish Council had in influencing air quality improvements. The Parish Council's Air Quality Statement on the website outlines its commitment to lobbying, involving the community and commenting on all relevant consultations e.g. High Lane housing proposals. Cllr. Kidd said some of the solutions required international agreements, such as the use of electric vehicles and climate change. A resident asked about collaborations between Cheshire East, Stockport MBC, Derbyshire Council, Network Rail etc. on air quality. Cllr. Davenport reported that there was an A6 Corridor Group which was due to meet shortly. The meeting showed its support for the work that the Parish Council was doing but there was frustration that Cheshire East was not being more proactive. A resident asked if local GP's could provide information on asthma levels etc. Cllr. Kidd said that this had been requested previously but the feedback was that there were too many other influences to separate out those due to traffic pollution. It was agreed that the solution also needs individual responsibility in terms of the journeys we make, the type of cars we drive and the amount we use public transport etc.
	Air Quality