



DISLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Finance Report for 2022/23 prepared by Cllr. Cath Birchall, Chair of the Disley Parish Council Finance Committee

The balance sheet and finance report for Disley Parish Council for 2022/23 (subject to audit) is presented. All income and expenditure has been accounted for.

Introduction

At the start of the present Councils' 4-year tenure we worked with the staff on a strategy to guide the Council's priorities for 2020 to 2023. Obviously, events side-tracked us somewhat, but we regularly checked and updated the strategy to ensure day to day operations were still in line with the vision and core values and to determine which capital projects we wished to prioritise. This review took place at the start of this financial year and the figures below demonstrate how the funds available were used to meet these goals in 2022/23.

Income

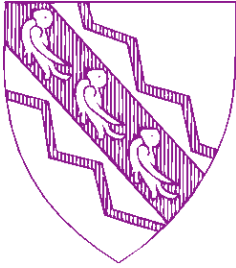
Total income from all sources (excluding reclaimed VAT) was **£215,749** and the main items of income were as follows:

- Precept - £161,520 (Previous £156,614)
- Community Transport Scheme – £7,297 (Previous £3,200)
- Community Centre hire charges - £18,275 (Previous £11,726)
- Recharge to Cheshire East Council for Library Utility and Maintenance Costs - £6,504 (Previous £4,224).
- Electric Vehicle Chargepoint - £3,517 (Previous £1,039).
- Land rental income - £7,905 (Previous £6,910)
- Cheshire East Council Connected Communities Grant - £3,000

Expenditure

Total expenditure was **£226,369** with the main items comprising:

- Salaries and wages - £115,806 (Previous £94,507)
- Community Centre - £15,808 (Previous £12,637)
- General office administration costs - £19,375 (Previous £16,054)
- Parish maintenance - £7,532 (Previous £9,731)
- Community Transport Scheme - £5,701 (Previous £3,057)
- Village Events - £9,527 (Previous £8,787)
- Emergency drainage works at Newtown Playing Fields - £6,115
- Community Centre capital expenditure - £20,237 (Funded from Reserves)
- Councillor Expenses - £0.00 (Previous £0.00)
- CCTV contribution - £3,819 (Previous £3,819)



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Community Centre and Parish Offices

The net cost of running the Community Centre and Parish Offices (including building supervision) was £7,651.

Community Bus Scheme

The Community Bus Scheme made a net profit (including admin charges) of £394 in 2022/23.

Capital expenditure (major items)

Streetlight LED replacement programme - £1,497

Newtown benches and picnic tables - £1,188

Community Centre roller shutter door - £2,365

Community Hall repainting - £3,023

Community Centre chairs - £4,646 (Pro Forma)

Community Centre exterior groundworks - £8,800

Reserves

Unallocated capital reserve - £38,348

Community Centre Development - £9,430

Community Bus Depreciation - £15,000

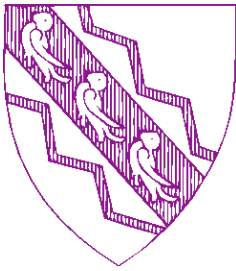
Newtown Playing Fields improvements - £18,287

Arnold Rhodes Playing Fields improvements - £5,321

Plans and budget for 2023/24

The Parish Council has set a Budget for 2023/24 with reference to the Disley and Newtown Parish Strategy (<https://disleyparishcouncil.org.uk/your-council/council-policy-documents/>) and councillors have identified priority areas for the coming year.

If Disley and Newtown residents would like more detailed information on the Council's 2022/23 finances or the budgets for 2023/24, please contact the council offices on 01663 762726 or email admin@disleyparishcouncil.org.uk
Financial information is also available on the Parish Council website at www.disleyparishcouncil.org



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2023/24 Precept

Each year, Disley Parish Council sets a parish precept as part of the Council Tax, to help fund the many services it provides to Disley & Newtown.

Through prudent financial management, the Parish Council has minimised the effects of the Coronavirus pandemic, and revenue from the Community Centre and Community Bus have now fully recovered. However, the results of the current financial crisis, particularly on energy costs and staff salaries, have impacted the Council's running costs.

The Parish Council appreciates that many Disley & Newtown residents are also experiencing financial pressures and, therefore, it is proposed that there will be a small increase of 2% to the precept for 2023/24. The new precept figure will equate to £79.20 per year for a Council Tax Band D home, or the equivalent of £1.52 per week.

The Parish Council believe that this still represents excellent value for money considering the services it provides, including:

- Disley Community Centre.
- Disley Community Bus Scheme.
- Parks and play areas.
- Three allotment sites.
- CCTV monitoring in the village centre.
- Village Ranger service.
- Community Grants.
- The Council's website, Disley News magazine and eBulletins.
- Village events such as the Christmas Extravaganza.
- Electric vehicle chargepoints.
- Village streetlighting.
- Disley & Newtown hanging baskets and planting

The Parish Council acknowledges the hard work of its staff and the generous help given by village volunteers. It should be noted that Disley Parish Councillors receive no form of salary or allowance and give their time for the benefit of the Disley and Newtown community.