

DISLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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2nd November 2023

Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to attend an **Ordinary Meeting** of Disley Parish Council on **Thursday 9th November 2023 at 7.00pm** at Disley Community Centre.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Holland
Parish Clerk

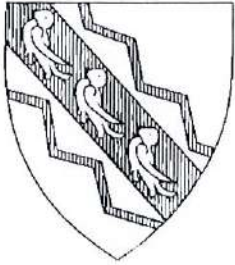
Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Members of the public wishing to make a comment or ask a question at the meeting, can email their comment, or provide it in writing to the Parish Offices at Disley Community Centre. Comments or questions should be submitted by 5.00pm on the Tuesday prior to the meeting. All comments and questions received will be read out at the meeting for Council consideration.

A G E N D A – P A R T 1

1	To receive any Apologies for Absence.
2	To receive any declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI), Personal Interests or Prejudicial Interests as defined in the Member Code of Conduct.
3	Public Forum
4	To consider an application for a Community Grant received from the Ram's Head Bowling Club.
5	To agree as a true and accurate record, the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12 th October 2023.
6	To receive the Chair's Report

Items highlighted in grey require a Council resolution.



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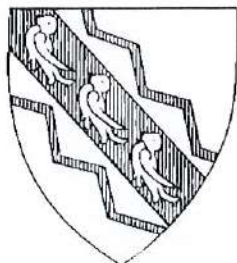
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7	To receive Cheshire East Councillors' Report
8	To consider Planning Applications as listed on Appendix. B.
9	To note Planning Comment submitted as listed on Appendix. B.
10	To consider the proposed sale of land by Seven Springs Activity Centre, Disley.
11	To receive Appendix D - the Disley Parish Council Projects List.
12	Gritstone Trail Gateway To note the minutes of the Gritstone Trail Gateway project meeting held on 30 th October 2023.
13	Highways Maintenance and Improvements 13.1 To consider a resident email regarding blocked grids on Buxton Old Road and Red Lane around the Ram Green junction.
	13.2 To note the Parish Council response to the Cheshire East Parking Review consultation.
14	Village Health & Well-being To receive a verbal update from Cllr. Adams.
15	To consider a Cheshire East Council consultation on maintenance of green spaces.
16	To note the Cheshire East Air Quality Monitoring Report for January to September 2023.
17	To consider a resident request for additional notice board space in the village.
18	To consider a Cheshire Fire Authority consultation on its draft 2024-2028 Community Risk Management Plan.
19	To consider a request from Zero Hour for Parish Council support for the Climate and Ecology Bill.

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20	To consider the adoption of the Cheshire Councillor/Officer Protocol.
21	To consider the Cheshire East Local Plan Draft Biodiversity net gain Supplementary Planning Document Consultation.
22	To note Appendix C – Meetings and Events Schedule.
23	To note Payment of Accounts as listed on Appendix. A. (1) and that all payments are made using the General Power of Competence.
24	To approve Payment of Accounts as listed on Appendix. A. (2) and that all payments are made using the General Power of Competence.
25	To receive a Financial Statement for the period to 30 th September 2023.
26	To approve Financial Budget Comparison for the period 01/04/2023 to 30/09/2023.
27	To resolve that Agenda PART 2 shall exclude the public and press for reasons that their presence would be prejudicial to the public interest due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons under Standing Order 3 (d).

AGENDA – PART 2

28	Dispensation – All Councillors are granted dispensations under the Localism Act 2011 (Section 33), for a period of two months in relation to discussions regarding the parish precept for 2024/25.
29	To consider budget and precept proposals for the year 2024/25.
30	To receive an update on the Ouffs and Poors Charity.
31	To consider the process of a casual vacancy of Disley Parish Council.

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ITEM.4.

Richard Holland

Subject: FW: Rams Head Bowling Club application for a community grant
Attachments: Community-Grant-Application-Form Disley PC Nov 2023.pdf

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 29, 2023 7:21 PM
To: Richard Holland <clerk@disleyparishcouncil.org.uk>
Subject: Rams Head Bowling Club application for a community grant

Hi Richard

Application to Disley Parish Council Community Grant Fund

I am attaching the Rams Head Bowling Club application for a set of Bowls Buddies equipment designed for children and young people as an easy introduction to the sport of Bowls.

We are keen to obtain this new equipment so that we can extend our offer of bowling to a younger audience in Disley.

I have added the Bowls Buddies website address within the application so that councillors can see the full details, but if you need more information then do please come back to me.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

Secretary of Rams Head Bowling Club



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APPLICATION FOR A DISLEY PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANT

Disley Parish Council has a modest annual budget for community grants. A number of awards are made each year to support community events and Disley-based voluntary organisations or societies. The criteria for making such awards are based on the following guidelines:

- Bona fide voluntary organisations or societies based in Disley and Newtown with a membership comprising a majority of Disley and Newtown residents;
- Projects, events or programmes that can be shown to benefit our community and that are also sustainable;
- Projects or programmes that will benefit the Parish Council and Disley generally in terms of positive public relations or other appropriate forms of recognition.

The application process will be fair and transparent and the decision of the Parish Council will be final. Applicants will be invited to attend a meeting of Disley Parish Council in order for Councilors to further investigate the application. Failure to comply with such an invitation could result in the application being rejected.

Applicants will be requested to submit a Community Grant Completion Form and failure to complete this will jeopardise any future grant applications.

1. Name and full address of your organisation/society

Rams Head Bowling Club

Buxton Road West

Disley SK12 2AE

2. A brief outline of your organisation's/society's interests, aims and objectives.

The Club has existed since 1888. Our constitution states our objective is " to provide facilities for and to promote participation in the amateur sport of outdoor crown green bowling in Disley" Bowling provides an accessible way for people of all ages - (Children to over 80's) to stay physically active and increase social contact both of which improve physical and mental health. We merged the Ladies and Gents Clubs 2 years ago and continue to grow: with 13 new members last year and 20 this season.

We aim to keep developing and promoting the club with a particular focus on attracting younger members.

3. Please provide a brief description of the project, event or programme for which funding is sought, including timescales for its completion.

We want to extend the offer of bowling to children and young people. At our social bowls events members often bring their children or grandchildren but generally the adult bowls are too heavy for them.....
Disley Primary school have also shown interest in bringing some of their pupils to our green to broaden their range of physical activity available to their children.

A national organisation called Bowls Buddies has been set up by experienced coaches and bowlers to provide bowls equipment that is light and attractively coloured to encourage children and young people to have a go. They have also devised a format of the sport that can be played in school halls or Sports Centres just using a badminton court as the playing area. It has proved attractive as a new sport and effectively engaged those who are not attracted by traditional sports.....

There are 2 kits - an 8 bowl kit (£249) and a 16 bowl kit (£449).

Both contain light bowls, mats, jacks and a variety of fun games equipment such as cones, 9 inch hurdles, target mats and sets of activity cards.

We would like to purchase the 16 bowl set which would accommodate a larger group eg from the primary school, or uniformed organisations.....

If however your current level of funding is limited we would be pleased to accept funding for the smaller kit as a start.

For further information Bowls Buddies website is <https://bowlsbuddies.com>.

4. How will this project, event or programme benefit the Disley and Newtown community?

The Rams Head Bowling Club is open to the whole community of Disley and is maintaining a sporting heritage that dates back to 1888.....

Bowling is often equated with an older demographic which is in part true, but that is because it is a game that people can and do play right into their 80's. However in our leagues there are many younger adults.

Our membership growth this year has included some younger players.

This application is an attempt to extend the offer of bowling activity to Disley's community's children and young people. We believe this will improve the range of activities to this group in Disley and hope that as they grow older they will return to the sport by joining our club and discovering the pleasure and benefits of the sport.....

This will in return help Rams Head Bowling Club to survive and thrive well into the future.

5. What is the overall cost of the project, event or programme, and how much funding are you seeking from the Parish Council?

We wish ideally to apply for a grant of £449 to allow us to purchase the larger set that is more suitable for bigger groups - such as the Disley Primary school.

As stated above if funds are limited at this time, we would be pleased to be awarded the smaller amount of £249 as a first step of developing something for children and young people in Disley.....

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**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF DISLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2023 AT DISLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Present:	Cllrs. Bowers, Brownbill, Bull, Scale, Sykes and Windsor. Start time: 7.00pm								
	<u>A G E N D A – P A R T 1</u>								
2582	<u>To receive any Apologies for Absence.</u> Apologies were received from Cllrs. Adams and Pattison who were away. Cllr. Parry was not in attendance.								
2583	<u>To receive any declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI), Personal Interests or Prejudicial Interests as defined in the Member Code of Conduct.</u> No declarations were received.								
2584	<u>Public Forum</u> No members of the public were in attendance.								
2585	<u>To agree as a true and accurate record, the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 14th September 2023.</u> Proposed: Cllr. Scale Seconded: Cllr. Bull 5 – In favour, 1 - Abstention								
Resolved	<i>That the minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 14th September 2023 are a true and accurate record.</i>								
2586	<u>To receive the Chair's Report</u> Cllr. Brownbill reminded Members about the Parish Council Strategy Day on 28 th October 2023 and Civic Sunday on 29 th October 2023. Cllr. Brownbill reported that apologies had been received from the Cheshire East CCTV Team following their failure to attend a meeting in September. The Clerk was asked to request dates for a visit to the CCTV Suite in Macclesfield. Cllr. Brownbill requested Councillors to respond to Cheshire East consultations in their personal capacity, as well as in their Councillor capacity. <div align="right">Received</div>								
2587	<u>To receive Cheshire East Councillors' Report</u> The following written report for September 2023 was received from Cheshire East Councillor, Cllr. Adams: <i>Summary of Issues Raised by Residents</i> <table border="1"> <tbody> <tr> <td>Highways Maintenance</td><td align="center">1</td></tr> <tr> <td>Highways Improvements</td><td align="center">1</td></tr> <tr> <td>Social Care</td><td align="center">1</td></tr> <tr> <td>Planning</td><td align="center">2</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Highways Maintenance	1	Highways Improvements	1	Social Care	1	Planning	2
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Environment	0
Other	2
Total	7

Answers to questions raised by residents at the September meeting of Disley Parish Council in relation to Mudhurst Lane were obtained promptly from Cheshire East and published on DPC website. A further update will be requested from CEC for the October meeting.

I submitted a detailed response to Cheshire East in August expressing my serious concerns about any proposals to introduce car parking charges in Disley. In this pre-consultation response, I noted that there are 31 spaces in Disley Community Centre car park owned by Cheshire East. The report which has been published by CE as part of the consultation states that the car park capacity is 40 spaces. This incorrect number has led to a material over-statement of forecast income for the car park. It is disappointing that my pre-consultation response appears to have been ignored. I have requested that Disley Community Centre car park be withdrawn from the current consultation due to this material inaccuracy, but my request has been refused.

It would appear that the incorrect number of spaces arises from CE including spaces owned by Disley Parish Council and Peaks and Plains Housing Trust in the stated capacity of 40. CE cannot charge for parking spaces which it does not own.

I shall be submitting a further response to the Cheshire East Council car parking charges consultation. Car park charges would have a serious detrimental impact on users of Disley Community Centre including Disley Library, on local shops and businesses, on patients attending Schoolhouse Surgery, on carers and other visitors to Crabtree Court. There will also be traffic chaos on surrounding roads in the morning and afternoon during the school term as I am aware that some parents park in the community centre car park and walk their children up to Disley Primary School. This makes sense from a road safety point of view as it reduces congestion on Dane Bank Drive and Buxton Old Road. It is also better for the environment.

I am always pleased to receive suggestions for content from parish councillors.

Cllr. Sue Adams

4th October 2023

Cllr. Brownbill reported that no further updates had been received from Cheshire East Planning Enforcement regarding Mudhurst Lane.

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2588	<p><u>To consider Planning Applications as listed on Appendix. B.</u></p> <p>Planning Applications</p> <p>23/3563M Loft conversion with dormer to rear elevation and rooflights to front elevation 25 Buxton Road, Disley SK12 2DZ</p> <p>Comments Disley Parish Council has no objections to this planning application.</p> <p>23/3298M Single storey rear extension (amended proposal 4/10/23) 54 Jacksons Edge Road, Disley SK12 2JR</p> <p>Comments Deferred to November Council Meeting</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr. Bowers Seconded: Cllr. Scale Unanimously agreed</p>
Resolved	<i>That planning comments as listed above are approved by Disley Parish Council.</i>
2589	<p><u>To receive Appendix D - the Disley Parish Council Projects List.</u></p> <p>The Clerk highlighted two amends to Appendix D. The next meeting of the Community Transport Scheme Project Team was booked for 09/01/2024 and the next Village Health and Wellbeing meeting was booked for 09/11/2023 on MS Teams.</p> <p align="right">Received</p>
2590	<p><u>Highways Maintenance and Improvements</u></p> <p><u>To consider a Cheshire East Council consultation on Parking Services.</u></p> <p>Cllr. Brownbill proposed to use the Parish Council's pre-consultation comments as the basis of the formal response. Additional comments regarding the use of the Community Centre car park as a school drop-off and pick-up point and its use on polling days would be added. Cllr. Bull asked if any of the Parish Council's pre-consultation comments had been used for the final consultation document. Cllr. Brownbill replied that they had not. Cllr. Brownbill reported that David Rutley MP had requested to see the Parish Council's response and it was hoped that he would support this. Cllr. Brownbill asked Councillors to let him have any additional comments as soon as possible.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr. Windsor Seconded: Cllr. Scale Unanimously agreed</p>
Resolved	<i>That Cllr. Brownbill would respond to the Cheshire East Council consultation on Parking Services on behalf of Disley Parish Council.</i>

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2591	<p><u>Leisure Facilities</u> <u>To note a letter sent by Disley Parish Council to Cheshire East Head of Environmental Services regarding the Newtown Changing Rooms.</u></p> <p align="right">Noted</p>
	<p><u>To note an email received from Cheshire East's Section 106 Monitoring Officer relating to S106 monies for Arnold Rhodes and Newtown.</u></p> <p align="right">Noted</p>
2592	<p><u>Village Events</u> <u>To note the minutes of a Village Events Project Team meeting held on 11th September 2023.</u></p> <p align="right">Noted</p>
2593	<p><u>Village Health & Well-being</u> <u>To note the minutes from the Village Health and Wellbeing Project Group meeting held on 14th September 2023.</u> Cllr. Windsor provided an overview of the Bereavement Group and reported that it had been very successful with five regular attendees. The attendees had been very appreciative of the sessions, and it was hoped to organise another group in the New Year. Cllr. Windsor also provided an update on the Disley Friends group and reported that the attendances were now making it sustainable.</p> <p align="right">Noted</p>
2594	<p><u>To note a Cheshire East Council Planning Enforcement update on land off Mudhurst Lane.</u> Cllr. Brownbill reported that no further updates had been received from Cheshire East Planning Enforcement.</p> <p align="right">Noted</p>
2595	<p><u>To consider a Cheshire East Council review of household waste recycling centre provision.</u> Cllr. Brownbill highlighted that the recently introduced green bin levy would compound the issues caused by any closure of Poynton or Bollington recycling centres. Cllr. Bowers reported that ANSA were already working on the basis that the Poynton centre would close. Councillors agreed to defer responding to the review until the public consultation opened in early 2024.</p> <p align="right">Deferred</p>

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2596	<p><u>To consider a Cheshire East Council consultation on maintenance of green spaces.</u></p> <p>The Clerk highlighted that there were anomalies in the lists of Cheshire East-owned and not-owned sites and that he was waiting for a quote from a contractor for providing maintenance services.</p> <p>Councillors agreed to defer responding to the review until the public consultation opened in October 2023.</p> <p align="right">Deferred</p>
2597	<p><u>To note Disley data contained in the 2021 Census.</u></p> <p align="right">Noted</p>
2598	<p><u>To note a letter regarding a definite map modification order (DMMO) for the Market Street to Community Centre Car Park ginnel.</u></p> <p align="right">Noted</p>
2599	<p><u>To note Appendix C – Meetings and Events Schedule.</u></p> <p align="right">Noted</p>
2600	<p><u>To consider the Parish Council Christmas and New Year operating times.</u></p> <p>Proposed: Cllr. Scale Seconded: Cllr. Windsor Unanimously agreed</p>
Resolved	<p><i>That the Parish Council Christmas and New Year operating times are approved.</i></p>
2601	<p><u>To receive the External Auditors Report and Clerk's cover note for 2022/23 Annual Audit.</u></p> <p align="right">Received</p>
2602	<p><u>To consider a Cheshire East Council proposal for village CCTV costs for 2023 to 2026.</u></p> <p>Councillors agreed that the CCTV provision in the village acted as a deterrent and a comfort for residents.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr. Bowers Seconded: Cllr. Sykes Unanimously agreed</p>
Resolved	<p><i>That the Parish Council would continue to contribute to CCTV costs for 2023 to 2026.</i></p>
2603	<p><u>To approve the Parish Council list of approved BACS payees for 2023.</u></p> <p>Proposed: Cllr. Windsor Seconded: Cllr. Sykes Unanimously agreed</p>

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Resolved	<i>That the Parish Council Parish Council list of BACS payees for 2023 is approved</i>		
2604	<u>To note payment of Accounts as listed on Appendix. A. (1)</u>		
	Trans	Cheque	Payee
	2463	BACS/110923 /Monkey	Monkey Business Party Bags - 125 x mixed coloured paper party bags
	2464	BACS/290923 /PKF	PKF Littlejohn LLP - Limited assurance review of Annual Governance & Accountability Return for year ended 31 March 2023
	2465	BACS/290923 /SCOUTS	1st Disley Scouts Group - Community Grant for new tents - Minute Ref: 2494
	2466	DD/120923/A LLSTAR	Allstar - Fuel for community bus
	2467	DD/110923/BT	British Telecommunications Plc - Telephone Service for 01663 762726
	2468	DD/120923/SI EMENS	Siemens Financial Services - Photocopier rental charge - 12.9.23 - 11.12.23
	2469	BACS/290923 /EDGEIT	Edge IT Systems Ltd - AdvantEDGE Online hosted services - 2nd year 10/10/23 - 09/10/24
	2470	BACS/290923 /TUNNI	Tunncliffe Signs & Graphics Ltd - Playing Fields external sign and logo sticker
	2471	BACS/290923 /AWARD	Award Cleaning Services - Community Centre Window cleaning
	2472	BACS/290923 /HOLLAND	Richard Holland - Repairs to ranger van, 10 x lamppost poppies and community bus road tax
	2473	BACS/290923 /ANTHONY	Anthony Agricultural Services Limited - Flail ground at Newtown Playing Fields
	2474	DD/250923/BI FFA	Biffa Waste Services Ltd - Trade waste services
	2475	DD/210923/SS E	SSE Swalec - Street lighting - 02/08/23 - 01/09/23
			£6,035.06
			Noted
2605	<u>To approve payment of Accounts as listed on Appendix. A. (2)</u>		
	Trans	Cheque	Payee
	2476	BACS/131023 /SENIOR	Senior (Building Supplies) Ltd - Limestone and cement
	2477	BACS/131023 /TOMLIN	A H Tomlinson Parbans Ltd - Masking tape, scratch brush with scraper, small paintbrushes, trimmer line

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	2478	BACS/131023 /WATERP1	United Utilities/Waterplus - Water bill and wastewater bill - community centre - 18/08/23 - 17/09/23	£39.85
	2479	BACS/131023 /WATERP2	United Utilities/Waterplus - Water bill for Hagg Bank allotment - 18/08/23 - 17/09/23	£10.49
	2480	BACS/131023 /COOP	Lauren Coop - September 2023 media assistance	£450.00
	2481	DD/290923/B RITGAS	British Gas - Supply of gas from 18/08/23 - 14/09/23	£59.71
	2482	DD/280923/A LLSTAR	Allstar - Fuel for community bus and ranger vehicle	£265.89
	2487	BACS/131023 /PAYPAL	PAYPAL - Debit Card Account - PayPal replenishment - September 2023	£425.78
	2488	BACS/131023 /ROSS	David G Ross Ltd - Autumn planting at community centre	£473.52
	2489	BACS/131023 /BROWN	The Brown Partnership - Half yearly management charge - 1/5/23 to 31/10/23 in arrears	£900.00
	2490	BACS/131023 /SHIRES	Shires Pay Services Ltd - Payroll services - 06/10/23 - 05/04/24	£540.00
	2491	BACS/131023 /EGANBULL	Eithne Egan-Bull - Work trainers	£29.99
			Salaries & Wages	£9,982.32
				£13,207.22
	Proposed: Cllr. Bull Seconded: Cllr. Scale Unanimously agreed			
Resolved	<i>That Payment of Accounts of £13,207.22 as listed on Appendix. A. (2) are made using the General Power of Competence and are approved.</i>			
2606	<u>To receive a Financial Statement for the period to 31st August 2023.</u> <div align="right">Received</div>			
2607	<u>To approve Financial Budget Comparison for the period 01/04/2023 to 31/08/2023.</u> Proposed: Cllr. Windsor Seconded: Cllr. Sykes Unanimously agreed			
Resolved	<i>That the Financial Budget Comparison for the period 01/04/2023 to 31/08/2023 is approved.</i>			
2608	<u>To resolve that Agenda PART 2 shall exclude the public and press for reasons that their presence would be prejudicial to the public interest due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons under Standing Order 3 (d).</u>			

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	Proposed: Cllr. Scale Seconded: Cllr. Bowers Unanimously agreed
Resolved	<i>That Agenda PART 2 shall exclude the public and press for reasons that their presence would be prejudicial to the public interest due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons under Standing Order 1(c).</i>
	<u>A G E N D A – P A R T 2</u>
2609	<u>To note the Ramblers Association Report of Disley footpaths for 2023.</u> Cllr. Windsor provided an overview of some of the points highlighted in the report. Cllr. Brownbill thanked Disley Footpaths Society for all their efforts in maintaining the local paths.
2610	<u>To consider the nominations for the 2023 Community Star Awards.</u> Cllr. Brownbill gave an overview of the awards process and highlighted that traditionally Councillors, Parish Council officers and previous winners were discounted from receiving awards. Councillors considered all the nominees in detail. Proposed: Cllr. Scale Seconded: Cllr. Bowers Unanimously agreed
Resolved	<i>That five Community Star Awards, one Commendation and two QEII Youth Awards are awarded for 2023.</i>
	The meeting concluded at: 8.25pm

Signed: _____

Cheshire East Councillor Report October 2023 for Disley Parish Council**Summary of Issues Raised by Residents**

Highways Maintenance	2
Highways Improvements	1
Green Bin Tax	1
Bin Collections	2
Car Park Charges	1
Other	2
Total	9

I have submitted a further detailed response (my third) to Cheshire East explaining my concerns about the proposed introduction of car parking charges at Disley Community Centre car park. I have explained the serious detrimental impact that this would have on many Disley and Newtown residents and have asked Cheshire East to give my response careful consideration. I have pointed out that net income after deducting expenses for maintenance of the car park, maintenance of a ticket machine and cash handling costs, and using the correct car park capacity figure, will be negligible. There would also be logistical issues due to the car park layout.

Cheshire East have agreed to carry out further gully cleaning in Disley following the logging by residents of several issues on Buxton Road on Fix My Street.

The safety of both pedestrians and motorists is currently being investigated by Cheshire East Highways Road Safety Team following the visit to Disley of John Dwyer, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire. Both John and David Rutley MP are supporting me in pushing for improvements at this dangerous road junction. They are also supporting our request for a reduction in the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph on Lyme Park bends and on Buxton Road Newtown. I would like a 30mph speed limit on the entire length of the A6 in Cheshire East, between the Stockport border and the Derbyshire border.

I have written to Cheshire East Highways in support of a 20mph zone on Redhouse Lane as put forward by Disley Parish Council.

I am always happy to receive suggestions for content from parish councillors.

Sue Adams

1st November 2023

ITEM. 8.

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Seven Springs Activity Centre – Proposed Sale of Land

A Public Notice for the purposes of Section 121 of The Charities Act 2011

Seven Springs Camp (charity registration number 224921) (the Charity) gives notice that the Charity proposes to dispose of two parcels of land that form part of the property known as Seven Springs Outdoor Activity Centre, Corks Lane in Disley SK12 2AZ.

The area referred to is owned by the Charity.

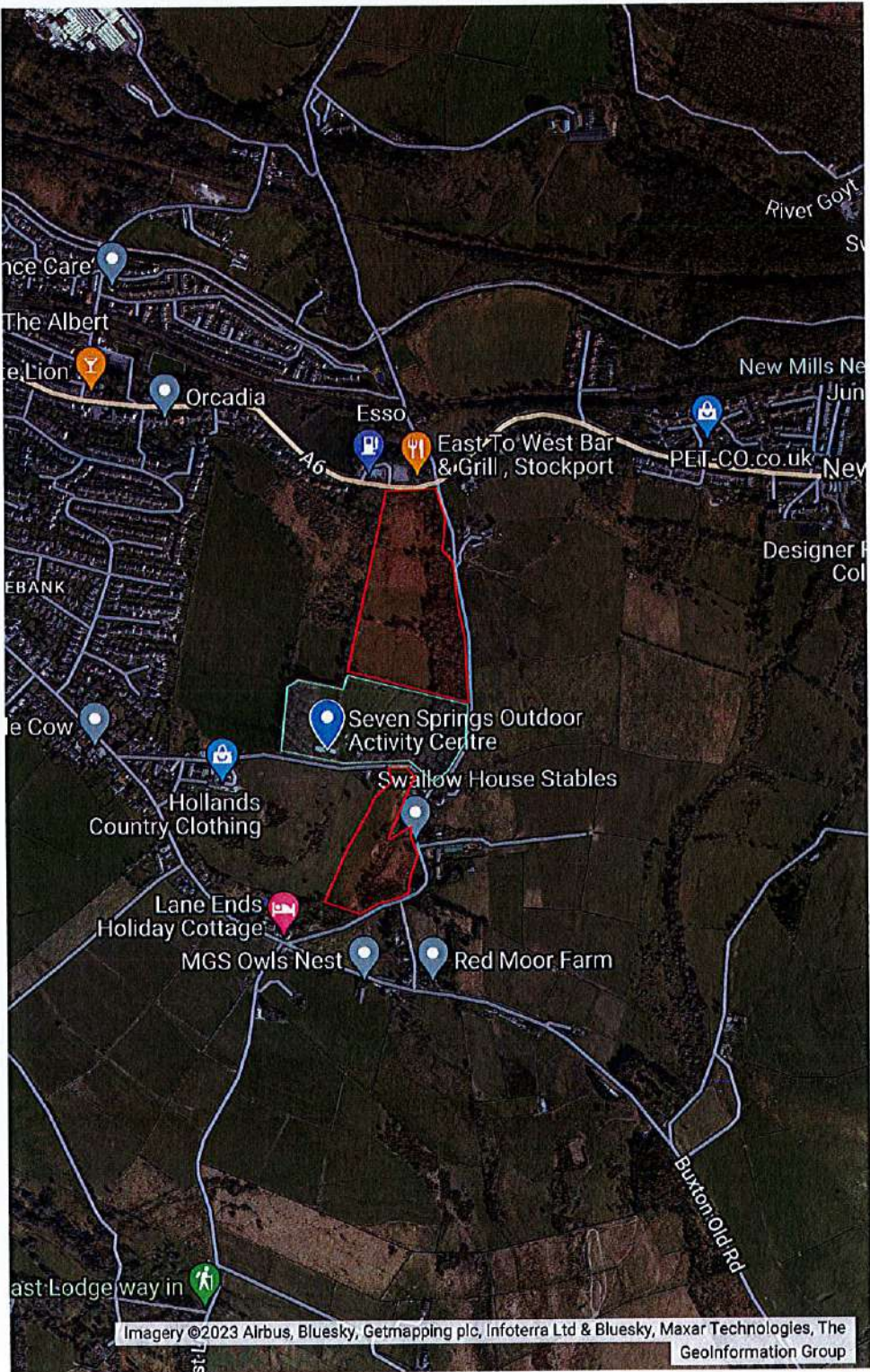
The areas of land are shown edged and coloured red for identification purposes on the plan which can be viewed using the link below.

https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1znHQNvbnFdOoVcaZJwwJN_IKEd2lrfs&usp=sharing

Any representations or comments in relation to the above should be sent for consideration to the trustees by emailing info@7springs.org.uk by no later than 9th December.

Seven Springs Disley

- Untitled layer
-  Seven Springs Outdoor Activity Centre
 -  campsite - we will keep and invest in this
 -  bottom field - for sale
 -  top field - for sale



PROJECT	OBJECTIVES	PROJECT LEAD	PROJECT TEAM MEMBERS	UPDATES
Disley Parish Council Environmental Improvements	To reduce the impact of the Council's activities on the environment, encourage environmental awareness in the village and improve village air quality.	Cllr. Mark Sykes	Cllr. Jackie Pattison Parish Clerk	04/10/2023 - Cllr. Sykes - Project meeting to be arranged after DPC Strategic Review. No further updates. 05/09/2023 - Parish Clerk - Community Centre Energy Audit completed. Report to be assessed.
Community Centre and environs improvements	To consider and implement potential improvements to the Community Centre, car park and ginnel.	Cllr. Jackie Pattison	Cllr. Rachel Scale Cllr. Jean Windsor Parish Clerk Community Centre Supervisor	31/10/23: Cllr Pattison - Project group meeting to be held 6th Nov. Estimate rcvd for removal of ducting in rear lobby. 02/10/23: Cllr Pattison - Further quotations to be obtained for safety flooring, ceiling projector replacement windows and plumbing improvements. 04/09/23: Cllr Pattison - Bench & bins ordered and due to arrive mid October. Cuppa & Chat contributing £500. Project group has met to discuss Phase 2 proposals and will report to Council at next meeting. Prices being
Community Transport Scheme	To monitor on-going effectiveness of the Community Transport Scheme.	Cllr. Sue Adams	Cllr. Andy Bowers Cllr. Jean Windsor Parish Clerk Admin Assistant	01/11/2023 - Cllr. Adams - Good programme of trips for November/December 03/10/2023 - Cllr. Adams - Notes from 14/9/23 in agenda pack. Next meeting 9/11/23 on Teams. 04/09/2023 - Cllr. Adams - Minutes from meeting 8th August included in agenda pack. Good programme of trips for September/October. 30/07/2023 - Cllr. Adams - Fundraising coffee morning on Saturday 29th July raised £608.10. Meeting arranged for Tuesday 8th August 10-11am 31/10/2023 - Cllr. Brownbill - Inaugural meeting held on 30/10/2023 to define objectives and establish some quick wins. 05/09/2023 - Cllr. Brownbill - We are awaiting our meeting with Lyme on the 18 th to share our thoughts on this project with them in a view to receiving their support. Once this is done we aim to convene a meeting with DPC, Lyme, and the Church to start the project. Cllr. Windsor has obtained a quote from Leander Signs for an arch.
Gritstone Trail Gateway		Cllr. Simon Brownbill	Cllr. Paul Bull Cllr. Jean Windsor External members: Chris Dunkerley - NT Lyme Rev. Stuart Cornes - St. Mary's Church.	01/11/2023 - Cllr. Bull - Meeting held on 25th October. Reviewed list of current and future matters. Focus on completing projects in progress - yellow lines, Redhouse Lane. Set up future projects - DPC to ask if they can participate in Buxton quarries environmental group to understand potential for moving aggregates to rail. Review Red Lane drainage problems to see if we can unlock a solution. 03/10/2023 - Cllr. Bull - Various issues under discussion. No further updates.
Highways Maintenance and Improvements	To improve village road conditions and reduce traffic volumes, speeds, anti-social driving and parking issues.	Cllr. Paul Bull	Cllr. Sue Adams - CEC Councillor Cllr. Simon Brownbill Cllr. Jackie Pattison	05/09/2023 - Cllr. Brownbill - Our Cheshire East Councillor Sue Adams is

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PROJECT	OBJECTIVES	PROJECT LEAD	PROJECT TEAM MEMBERS	UPDATES
Leisure Facilities Improvements	To improve the facilities and environment at Arnold Rhodes, Newtown and Bentside Playing Fields and consider new community-led initiatives.	Cllr. Jackie Pattison	Cllr. Andy Bowers Cllr. Simon Brownbill Cllr. Jean Windsor Parish Clerk	31/10/23: Cllr. Pattison - Tree planting to take place on 25th Nov and to be led by Cheshire Wildlife Trust. Meeting held with Disley FC & future details discussed. 02/10/23: Cllr Pattison - Grass cutting at Newtown carried out. Woodland Trust free trees to be delivered in November. DPC meeting with Dave Branton of Disley FC arranged - 18th Oct. Date for Cllr visit & project group meeting tba. Cycle stand fitted. 04/09/23: 02/08/23 - Cllr Pattison - Newtown: Meeting held with Cheshire Wildlife Trust regarding woodland creation scheme which may be possible - awaiting plans. Plumbing repairs in changing rooms complete and unit now. 30/10/2023 - Parish Clerk - Civic Sunday completed. Planning well advanced for Remembrance Sunday and Christmas Extravaganza. 02/10/2023 - Parish Clerk - Litter Pick completed. Meeting held on 11th Sept, notes in October agenda pack. Plans for 2024 discussed. Next meeting booked for 6th November. 04/09/2023 - Successful village engagement at Disley Show. Litter Pick booked for 9th September. Plans progressing for Remembrance and Christmas Extravaganza. Next meeting 11th September. 31/07/2023 - Parish Clerk - Meeting held on 20th July. Minutes in Agenda
Village Events	To develop and monitor a broad range of Community Events.	Parish Clerk	Cllr. Jackie Pattison Cllr. Rachel Scale Cllr. Jean Windsor Admin Assistant	01/11/2023 - Cllr. Adams - Meeting 9/11/23 on Teams. Verbal update at Council meeting. 03/10/2023 - Cllr. Adams - Next meeting arranged for 9/1/24. 05/09/2023 - Cllr. Adams - Next meeting Thursday 14th September 30/07/2023 - Cllr. Adams - Meeting notes from 13/7/23 included in agenda pack. Next meeting Thursday 14th September 10-11am on Teams 02/07/2023 - Cllr. Adams - Next meeting Thursday 13th July 10-11am on Teams 31/05/2023 - Next meeting Thursday 13th July 10-11am on Teams 03/05/2023 - Cllr. Adams - Notes from meeting 27/4/23 in agenda pack. 02/04/2023 - Cllr. Adams - Warm Places soup and a roll lunch extremely
Village Health & Well-being	To improve the village Heath & Well-being through new initiatives such as social isolation reduction and to encourage community volunteering.	Cllr. Sue Adams	Cllr. Paul Bull Cllr. Rachel Scale Cllr. Jean Windsor Parish Clerk External members: Clare Johnson - CEC Frances Underhill - EOLP Leah Isadora - Middlewood Practice Lisa Joslin - Cheshire East/BDP Integrated Care	

Gritstone Gateway Project Meeting 30/10/23

Attendees:

Simon Brownbill, Cllr, DPC

Chris Dunkerley, National Trust Lyme Park

Rev Stuart Cornes, St Mary's, Disley

Jean Windsor, DPC

Notes and actions:

Being the inaugural meeting, we discussed our objectives for the project group.

In summary, the purpose of the project is to make more of Disley being the start/end of the Gritstone Gateway to bring benefits to our community including:

- Increased tourism for our traders
- Visitors to St Mary's and its grounds
- Visitors to Lyme
- Improve the attractiveness of Disley & Newtown as a place to live
- Opportunities to improve the public realm, by working with others.

We discussed shorter term activity, 'Quick wins' including:

- Working with Cheshire East to inform them of our objectives and discuss their Ranger Walks, information on Disley that can be inserted into their maps and website.
ACTION: Simon to contact Julie Molyneux, who leads on the Gritstone Trail.
- Work with the Gritstone Grind event to bring this into the church/village centre.
Involve the community and traders in this event.
ACTION: Chris to contact the organiser, who he knows.
- Explore a 'stamp scheme' where those who complete the trail can come to church or a trader/s in the village for a commemorative 'I completed the Gritstone Gring stamp'. This could be incorporated into leaflets, maps etc.
ACTION: Put this idea to Julie Molyneux
- Include the Gritstone Trail in the event at Manchester Piccadilly, aimed at rail users, to raise its profile and another reason to visit Disley.
ACTION: Jean to take forward.
- Explore options for better signage. The group also feels that general signage for tourism could be improved.
ACTION: Discuss this with Julie Molyneux

Longer term we would like to look at transforming the area near the Scout Hut and create a proper gateway with signage, picnic benches, an accessible path to St Mary's. This will need funding and the group agreed to discuss this with Cheshire East and keep a watching brief on funding opportunities.

Richard Holland

Subject: FW: Responsibility, and enforcement of maintenance of blocked grids down BOR, side of Rams Head and each side of Red lane.

-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: Saturday, October 21, 2023 3:29 PM

To: Richard Holland <clerk@disleyparishcouncil.org.uk>

Subject: Responsibility, and enforcement of maintenance of blocked grids down BOR, side of Rams Head and each side of Red lane.

Hi Richard

Simon will have noted and has commented regarding the issues and concerns raised by Disley residents this weekend and in the last 5 days regarding the blocked and poorly maintained grids and gullies up and down Buxton Old Road.

I wondered if it would be possible to like to request the matter regarding the responsibility, and enforcement of repair, maintenance of blocked grids down the length of Buxton Old Road, the side of Rams Head and each side of Red lane be raised at a future Parish Council meeting of 9th November or 14th December 2023.

As the council will be aware neglect of water access ways causes flooding and significant damage to property, both business and residential as well as significant distress and expense to those concerned. There is also a history of flooding in this area of Disley.

I note that the blocked grids on Buxton Old Road have been raised as a problem in 2021, 2022 and 2023 by residents . I'm sure DPC have been informed and some action to resolve taken place but the raised concerns may , I hope add weight to these issues being resolved and acted on.

The geology of Disley as a village with its busy centre situated at the bottom of steep roads and pavements is an issue when you combine with water and a historical network of culverts.

I appreciate, it means Disley has challenges regarding flooding risk and management. Meaning when we have heavy rain, and the grids and gullies along these routes are blocked it causes flooding, at the bottom of BOR. our village centre.

It's common sense as a preventative measure if nothing else, these, of course should all be kept clear. The rain water should also be allowed to drain off into the now blocked and completely invisible grids at the side of the Rams Head. These should always be kept clear and uncleared when blocked.

The bottom of Buxton Old Road is a camber, therefore the two grids at the bottom of BOR in front of the gate between Bridgefords and the Physiotherapist take any excess all the other grids haven't dealt with. As it is today they are currently taking all of the water running down Buxton Old Road , as grids further up are also blocked as well as those areas on red lane and on at the side of the Rams Head.

I do know United Utilities did extensive work to clear out the culverts in the last 24 months. Therefore all these grids, if clear, are able to take the water into the many culverts under the road and shops that feed into the stream that goes under the walkway from the DPC car park to market street.

The danger and fact is when ALL the grids at the bottom of BOR road, the side of the Rams Head and the gullies and grids on Red Lane are left to become blocked as they are heading, well as those blocked up Buxton Old Road, this will cause extensive flooding and the flood water will go take its only route again. Through the big gate between Bridgefords and the Physio, through all the backs of the shops and business premises on fountain square where the

ground level then drops by at least 10ft. It's then a torrent waterfall of flood water flooding that area and all the property beyond and backing onto the stream as the stream is unable to cope. I'm sure you are aware this is not an over dramatisation as this has in fact happened before.

So I hope the Parish Council will agree it needs discussing to ensure preventative action be taken and management oversea and to see if and what plan may be put in place before we experience any more heavy rainfall incidents or at worse significant flooding as has happened before to the centre of our village and property of businesses and residents.

I look forward to you response regarding this matter.

Yours

Richard Holland

From: Simon Brownbill
Sent: 18 October 2023 13:59
To: Car Parks Review 2023
Cc: Richard Holland; 'david.rutley.mp@parliament.uk'; ADAMS, Sue (Councillor)
Subject: Parking Review Statutory Consultation 2023, response from Disley Parish Council.

To Whom It May Concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to highlight specific local concerns in relation to the proposed implementation of car parking fees for the two Cheshire East car parks (comprising a total of 56 parking spaces) located within Disley and Newtown.

First and foremost, it is imperative to underscore the distinctive topography of our village. The primary residential areas in Disley and Newtown are either situated atop steep hills or at the base of these inclines. This geographic layout renders cars a necessity for numerous residents, especially the elderly, disabled individuals, and those with young children. This reliance on vehicles is also shared by inhabitants of more remote residences in the surrounds who depend on cars and other modes of transportation to access the village centre since Cheshire East does not currently provide bus services.

The Cheshire East car park at the Community Hub is a vital facility that is currently shared with Disley Parish Council and Peaks and Plains. These three car parks share the same access road. Disley Parish Council has no plans to introduce parking charges on their spaces, and Peaks and Plains reserves these spaces for residents only.

The Community Hub serves as a pivotal hub for community activities, housing the community centre, Parish Council offices, police surgery, and the library, making it an indispensable resource. Visitors to the nearby Peaks and Plains development and individuals seeking access to the nearby doctor's surgery also rely on this car park.

Considering the limited availability of on-street parking options, individuals who, as previously mentioned, have no alternatives but to drive into the village would be disproportionately affected by any proposed fee system. This outcome is unfair, given the necessity of access to essential community services. We believe there is also a real danger that some may choose to disengage with events and activities, damaging the fabric of our community and their own mental health.

Moreover, the Community Hub plays a central role in promoting health and well-being, as well as community fundraising activities. It hosts a wide range of health-related events, including vaccinations and health check-ups. Local groups utilise the regular coffee mornings to raise much-needed funds. Cheshire East should be mindful of the potential impact on their own services should charities and community groups experience a reduction in income due to these proposals.

We are also deeply concerned that several parents currently use the car park for school drop-offs and pick-ups. Situated on a busy main road and Air Quality Management Area, the nearby Disley Primary School lacks a designated car park for parents. Parents who cannot afford these charges have very limited safe alternatives for dropping off their primary school-age children, and Disley Parish Council is apprehensive about the safety of the children in such a scenario.

This site is also crucial for the many independent traders in our village who rely on it to attract regular customers from both the village and surrounding areas. These traders are understandably worried that their business will suffer, especially since neighbouring villages in Derbyshire and Greater Manchester offer free or more convenient parking.

As your own analysis suggests, some individuals may resort to on-street parking along roads like Buxton Old Road and Jackson's Edge. This situation necessitates the consideration of enforcement measures, which inevitably entail additional costs.

Furthermore, as has been highlighted, this car park has alternative free or designated parking spaces on the same site, sharing the same access road with the Parish Council and Peaks and Plains. If parking charges were implemented, it would be challenging to manage potential confusion and ensure that the correct users were being charged, particularly given the site's poor mobile reception, which needs to be considered in the context of charging and enforcement.

Turning to the Cheshire East car park adjacent to the free network rail car park at 'Station Approach', it should be noted that this car park operates below capacity. Introducing parking charges might lead vehicles to opt for the nearby free car park, rendering the Cheshire East Car Park redundant. The potential costs associated with implementing charging infrastructure could potentially result in minimal returns, or even a loss, which contradicts the intended goal of generating funds for Cheshire East.

Moreover, precautions must be taken to prevent inadvertent payment by individuals using the neighbouring free car park due to confusion or other factors. Both car parks share the same access road, and like the Community Hub car park, this site also suffers from very poor mobile reception.

It is crucial to acknowledge that this site serves as an option for commuters, helping to alleviate traffic on the busy A6 and within the Air Quality Management Area. We feel encouraging such usage should be prioritised rather than imposing penalties.

Additionally, the community Scout hut is situated adjacent to this car park, a destination that, for many, is only accessible by car. The scout hut is a shared resource by the Scouts, Guides, and kindred groups. The Poynton High School buses also depart from the top of this car park, and many parents use this site for the safe pick-up and drop-off of their children. Once again, we are concerned about the consequences if this option were denied to them for financial reasons.

Finally, we are disappointed as in the pre consultation response we pointed out several inaccuracies and incorrect assumptions. These do not appear to have been considered in the consultation. We are of the view that the usage analysis is flawed which will impact on the budgetary projections.

In conclusion, we firmly believe that both of Disley's car parks should remain accessible to all without charges. The sites will not generate the income Cheshire East has forecast, and the Council will likely incur further additional costs in dealing with the broader impacts of such a decision. We believe our community feels the same way and the public petition opposing charges currently has over 670 signatories. The petition responses can be seen here: <https://www.change.org/p/disley-opposes-the-introduction-of-car-parking-charges>

Yours sincerely,

Simon Brownbill
Chair, Disley Parish Council

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

Subject:

FW: Proposal to Introduce Car Parking Charges in Disley

OFFICIAL

From: ADAMS, Sue (Councillor)

Sent: 01 November 2023 17:53

To: Car Parks Review 2023 <CarParksReview2023@cheshireeast.gov.uk>

Subject: Proposal to Introduce Car Parking Charges in Disley

Dear Consultations Parking,

As stated in my pre-consultation response to the proposed introduction of car parking charges in Disley, I believe that car park charges would have a serious adverse impact on local shops and businesses and on the users of Disley Community Centre and Disley Library, as well as on other groups within our community. The likely impact of charges being introduced at the Cheshire East car park at the 'Community Hub' in the centre of Disley is as follows:

Shops and Other Businesses on Market Street

Customers of shops, restaurants and other businesses use the community centre car park. Some of these businesses are struggling to survive post pandemic and need all the help they can get. Introducing parking charges means that customers will go out of borough, probably to New Mills in the High Peak where they can park for free and there is more choice, or to Whaley Bridge or Marple where they can park for free at supermarkets. If businesses close, Cheshire East loses business rates income and our large number of mainly older residents who do not have access to a car will face difficulties in meeting their daily shopping needs. There are plans for a new Sainsburys Local in High Lane, Stockport which will probably have free parking, which poses another competitive threat to Disley businesses. Free parking in the community centre car park at least puts Disley businesses on a level playing field as regards parking with New Mills and High Lane. Parking charges elsewhere in Cheshire East are not relevant to Disley which is right on the edge of the borough.

Disley Library

The library runs many successful activities for children and adults. Some library users can walk to the library, but many are less able or live some distance away. Disley has steep hills on both sides and many older residents are unable to climb the hill to get home after visiting the village centre. Lego Club, Rhymetime and Baby Bounce are well attended free activities. By introducing car parking charges, these activities are no longer free for those who need to use the car to attend. This penalises the residents of Newtown (a mile from Disley centre), and others not within walking distance of the village centre. Parking charges will undermine Disley's well used and successful library.

Disley Community Hall

This is a very well used village facility owned and managed by Disley Parish Council whose office is in the same building (Community Hub) as the community hall and library. The room is used by many community groups for various activities and events. Community coffee mornings take place most Saturday mornings which raise funds for charity or for local projects such as the Disley Community Bus and plants to make the village environment more attractive. Admission is usually £1.50, so paying £1.50 to park will double the cost before buying cakes, raffle tickets etc. Car park charges will undermine these valuable activities, which also help to reduce social isolation and promote social inclusion. Car park charges do not support one of the key priorities of Disley Parish Council's Health and Wellbeing Project Group which is to work to reduce social isolation. Disley is a community of volunteers, and if volunteers have to pay to park when they volunteer, there is a concern that some people will reduce or cease their volunteering activities. With the cost-of-living crisis, we are aware that some residents are no longer able to attend as many events/activities as they would like. Amounts raised at some fundraising events have reduced considerably post covid.

Patients at Schoolhouse Surgery Disley

The surgery has very little parking of its own so patients park at the community centre car park opposite the surgery. Patients would be adversely impacted by the introduction of car park charges. Thus, the proposal serves to undermine the provision of health services in Disley.

Residents of Crabtree Court

Crabtree Court is a social housing development for the over 55s owned by Peaks and Plains Housing Trust. Many of the residents are in their 80s or 90s. Crabtree Court has only 6 reserved spaces for residents, so carers and other visitors to Crabtree Court park in the community centre car park. It is very disappointing that Cheshire East is proposing to charge carers who look after elderly and vulnerable residents.

Disley Primary School

Some parents use the community centre car park to drop off and pick up their children who attend Disley Primary School. This is strongly encouraged to reduce congestion on Dane Bank Drive, Buxton Old Road and Buxton Road. It is also a much safer option for both children and parents. It is also much better from an environmental perspective. The centre of Disley is an Air Quality Management Area and we need to support any actions to improve air quality in the village centre. Most children walk to Disley Primary School, but this is not a viable option for all.

I would like to make the following points in relation to the Disley Parking Strategy document prepared by Jacobs UK Limited:

(1)The number of spaces used for forecasting revenue is materially incorrect. Cheshire East cannot charge for spaces owned by Peaks and Plains Housing Trust and Disley Parish Council. The stated capacity of 40 is not correct. The correct figure is 31 less 2 disabled spaces which Cheshire East should provide, making 29 chargeable spaces. Space would also need to be found for a ticket machine, so this may reduce chargeable spaces to 28.

(2)The difference between gross and net revenue is VAT. No figures are provided for annual maintenance of car park, maintenance of the ticket machine and collection of cash. Cash collection is expensive, but cash will be required as a payment option due to the population demographic (lots of older residents) and a poor mobile signal in the car park due to the topography of the area.

(3)No thought has been given to the location of an ANPR camera. Due to the car park layout, it would capture visitors to Peaks and Plains and Disley Parish Council car park spaces. Cheshire East cannot charge for spaces it does not own.

(4)Silk Mill Street, Knutsford is not an appropriate basis for predicting revenue at the Disley Community Centre car park. Knutsford has very different characteristics to Disley. It is much larger and has many high-end shops and restaurants.

(5)Net income after deducting expenses and using the correct car park capacity figure is likely to be negligible.

I have a further observation about the impact of introducing car park charges at the community centre car park in Disley. Disley Parish Council, along with our many community groups, provide a considerable amount of social support for older residents. Disley Library runs well attended activities for children, as do several groups that hire the community hall. The Parish Council uses Connected Communities funding from Cheshire East Council to provide free room hire for various activities organised in cooperation with the BDP Care Community, the Middlewood Partnership (GP) and the End of Life Partnership. Current examples are a Menopause Event, Bereavement Support Group and the Disley Friends Social Group for Carers and Cared For. The community hall is used by the NHS for a monthly baby welfare clinic.

The areas of Cheshire East Council's services which are under the greatest budgetary pressure are Adults and Health and Children and Families. In Disley we strive to reduce the pressure that our community places on health and social care services provided by the NHS and Cheshire East Council.

As well as being the ward councillor, I lead on Health and Wellbeing for Disley Parish Council. Please can you give my consultation response your careful consideration. I am very concerned that the introduction of car parking charges

at the Disley community centre car park will undermine the efforts of many people in Disley and adversely impact on the difficult budgetary situation faced by Cheshire East Council.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr Sue Adams
Disley Ward
Cheshire East Council
Sue.Adams@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Richard Holland

Subject: FW: UPDATE: Cheshire East Green Spaces Maintenance Review - Public Consultation
Importance: High

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 11:01 AM
Subject: UPDATE: Cheshire East Green Spaces Maintenance Review - Public Consultation
Importance: High

Dear Town and Parish Council colleagues,

On 28 September 2023 Cheshire East Council's Environment and Communities Committee approved a delegation to officers to undertake a public consultation related to the Green Spaces Maintenance Review, which is one of the initiatives included in the council's adopted medium-term financial strategy 2023-27.

This is an email to inform you that this a public consultation is now live and can be found at;

<https://surveys.cheshireeast.gov.uk/s/GreenSpacesConsultation/>

The consultation will run for 6 weeks, closing on 24th November.

The consultation material sets out the proposals in detail, including the policy document and two supporting schedules which set out all sites under consideration.

Please submit your consultation feedback either via the above link, or by emailing RandC@cheshireeast.gov.uk, and do not issue your council's response direct to myself, as I cannot guarantee that your views will be collated into the wider public consultation feedback summary.

As part of the consultation process we will be holding a CHALC update meeting at which key team members will be present to answer any questions. Feedback received at the meeting will form part of the formal consultation report.

A date for this meeting will be confirmed in due course.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

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Interim Director Environment and Neighbourhoods
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Cheshire East Council - maintenance of green spaces

Schedule of sites not registered in CEC ownership

Property Site Name	Town	Easting	Northing	Proposed Typology	Prop. Amenity Level
Arnold Rhodes Recreation ground	Disley	398172	384758	E - Rural Open Spaces	Low
Buxton Road Recreation ground (Newtown)	Disley	399073	384518	B - Outdoor Sport	Medium
Buxton Road West War Memorial (Memorial Park)	Disley	397194	384586	F - Cemeteries, Church Yards and Memorials	Medium
Chantry Road, behind 175 to side of 177	Disley	398067	384493	E - Rural Open Spaces	Low
Chantry Road, between 83 & 111	Disley	398042	384623	D - Urban Open Spaces	Low
Chantry Road, side of 175	Disley	398030	384520	E - Rural Open Spaces	Low
Dane Hill Close to Goyt Road	Disley	397826	384347	E - Rural Open Spaces	Low
Dane Hill Close, front of 1 - 7	Disley	397771	384357	E - Rural Open Spaces	Low
Elizabeth Avenue verges	Disley	397900	384177	E - Rural Open Spaces	Low
Goyt Road, nr & opp 2 to 24	Disley	397789	384292	E - Rural Open Spaces	Low
Royal Road verges	Disley	397838	384207	E - Rural Open Spaces	Low

Schedule of sites registered in Cheshire East Council ownership

Dane Hill Close Playground	Disley	397710	384295	E - Rural Open Spaces	Low
Disley Community Centre Car Park	Disley	397570	384653	D - Urban Open Spaces	Low
Land & road at & off Bentside Road & St Marys Roads	Disley	397622	384267	E - Rural Open Spaces	Low
Land corner beside 92 & 94 Chantry Road	Disley	398208	384530	E - Rural Open Spaces	Low
Land corner front of 2 & 4 Chantry Road	Disley	398213	384564	E - Rural Open Spaces	Low
Land near War Memorial (Ram Green)	Disley	397470	384640	E - Rural Open Spaces	Low
Station Approach Car Park	Disley	397333	384595	D - Urban Open Spaces	Low

Notes

Typology B - Outdoor Sport

This typology includes the locations that support sporting activities throughout the borough. This includes sports turf pitches subject to fees and charges and involves management practices that ensure these facilities are maintained to playable standards

Typology D – Urban Open Spaces

This typology includes the boroughs open space within the core urban environment, such as planting strips/grassed areas within housing developments, ancillary green spaces surrounding car parks, highway verges and employment parks.

Typology E - Rural Open Spaces

This typology includes the boroughs open space, highway and other grass verges and ancillary green spaces within a semi-rural or rural setting.

Typology F - Cemeteries, Church Yards & Memorials

This typology includes cemeteries, closed graveyards, church yards and memorials otherwise not covered under other typologies.

General/medium amenity (standard maintenance)

Maintenance standard expected in areas where there is a high level of general use/activity, sites such as recreation areas. The tasks within this zoning include regular mowing of park grassland and sports playing fields. Informal hedge maintenance, informal shrub and non- ornamental seasonal bedding maintenance and roundabouts.

Low amenity (low maintenance)

Maintenance standard expected in natural areas including countryside parks, rural spaces and grass verges. The tasks within this zoning include mowing of grass verges, highway gateways, meadows, natural ponds, rural and natural hedges.



QUOTE NO 1637

12th October 2023

Dear Richard,

Many thanks for your enquiry and for inviting Northwich Town Council to provide you with a quotation to carry out works on behalf of Disley Parish Council

Please find our quotation as follows –

Cut and collect grass community centre

Cut and collect grass Cenotaph area town centre.

Cut and drop grass open space opposite Disley Station

Cut and drop Play area and open space at Redhouse lane.

Cut and drop grass at small play area Buxton Road.

This will include all strimming and all hard standing to be blown off and free from grass cuttings.

We can offer this service on a 2-week cycle over the summer months, we can arrange a contract and new SLA for both parties to agree.

Total Cost

£390.00 (A)

I hope that the above meets with your approval and I await your instruction; should this quotation be acceptable, we would be able to start at your earliest convenience and upon receipt of a written instruction. I trust that we have interpreted your requirements correctly, however, should you require any additional Information or would like to discuss the above further then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please note that all prices are subject to VAT at the ruling rate (20%), a variance in the specification and the availability of access. All prices are held for a period of thirty days from the date of quotation and all measurements given are approximate only, minimum distances apply.

Yours sincerely

⊗ September to October fortnightly cuts = 14 visits = approx. £5,460 p.a.

Disley Quarterly Monitoring Report Jan – Sept 2023

The measurements from the Disley air quality monitoring site have been processed for January to September 2023 to the Technical Guidance LAQM TG22 standards using the AURN methodology. The data are still provisional and may be subject to further quality control. There were no significant problems.

Nitrogen Dioxide NO₂

The NO₂ annual mean and hourly mean Objectives **are not being exceeded**. The NO₂ annual means and annual data captures are shown below. The AQS annual mean Objective is 40µg m⁻³ and the annual data capture target is 85%.

Station	Data Capture %	Mean µg m ⁻³	Exceeding Objective
Disley	93.7	26	No

The NO₂ hourly mean AQS Objective is 200µg m⁻³. The number of exceedances are shown below. There is an annual allowance of 18 hours.

Station	Number of Hourly Means > 200µg m ⁻³	Exceeding Objective
Disley	0	No

The NO₂ concentrations have not returned to the pre-lockdown levels and the 2023 results may be following the long-term downward trend, which is a positive thing.

Particulate Matter 10 (PM₁₀)

The gravimetric PM₁₀ annual mean and daily mean Objectives **are not being exceeded**. The gravimetric PM₁₀ annual means and annual data captures are shown below. The annual mean AQS Objective is 40µg m⁻³ and the annual data capture target is 85%.

Station	Data Capture %	Mean µg m ⁻³	Exceeding Objective
Disley	95.5 (9882)	17	No

The gravimetric PM₁₀ daily mean AQS Objective is 50µg m⁻³. The number of exceedances are shown below. There is an annual allowance of 35 days.

Station	Number of Daily Means > 50µg m ⁻³	Exceeding Objective
Disley	4	No

Particulate Matter 2.5 (PM_{2.5})

The gravimetric PM_{2.5} annual means and annual data captures are shown below. The annual mean AQS Objective is 20µg m⁻³ and the annual data capture target is 85%.

There is a target of a 35% reduction in population exposure compared with the average population exposure baseline period (2016 - 2018) by end of 2040.

The annual mean AQS Objective of 10µg m⁻³ should not to be exceeded at any relevant monitoring station by 31st December 2040.

The gravimetric PM_{2.5} standard is not set in regulations.

Station	Data Capture %	Mean $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$	Exceeding Objective
Disley	95.5 (99.8)	9	No

Daily Air Quality Index

The Daily Air Quality Index (DAQI) was introduced by Defra in January 2012 and revised April 2013. The number of occasions within each band is summarised as follows.

DAQI Pollutant	Moderate	High	Very High
NO ₂	0 hours	0	0
Gravimetric PM ₁₀	3 days	1 day	0
Gravimetric PM _{2.5}	0 days	0	0

Gravimetric PM₁₀ was Moderate on 23rd Jan, 8th and 9th Feb with a daily mean reaching 62 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$.

Gravimetric PM₁₀ was High on 14th Feb with a daily mean reaching 76 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$.

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To the attention of Disley Parish Council

PLEASE

I hope you can help - (possibly all the small societies in the village have the same problem as us - The Disley Local History Society.)

I cannot find room on the two village notice boards to put up our week advanced notice of our coming meeting each month.

The post office kindly puts up a poster for me as do the Coop!!

Could the boards be extended in some way, or another board erected somewhere?

Many thanks, in anticipation

Richard Holland

Subject: FW: Cheshire Fire Authority 2024-2028 Draft Community Risk Management Plan
Attachments: Cheshire Fire Authority Draft 2024-2028 CRMP Summary.pdf

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 7:31 AM
Subject: Cheshire Fire Authority 2024-2028 Draft Community Risk Management Plan

Dear Town and Parish Councillors,

We are writing to inform you that Cheshire Fire Authority has now launched a consultation on its draft 2024-2028 Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP), which is the Authority's blueprint for the next four years and seeks to address and mitigate the key fire and rescue risks facing Cheshire.

Within the draft CRMP we have outlined a range of proposals which aim to improve the service we provide to the communities of Cheshire through our Prevention, Protection and Emergency Response functions. Attached to this email is a summary document, which provides more information and explains our proposals, including:

- Changing how we staff our second fire engines at Macclesfield, Northwich, Runcorn and Winsford to provide more guaranteed fire engines across Cheshire during weekday daytimes.
- Changing how we crew the fire engine at Knutsford to provide guaranteed fire cover.
- Reorganising our daytime fire cover in the Warrington area.
- Reviewing our on-call duty system.
- Strengthening our prevention and protection work in the community.

We believe that these proposals will help us deliver more prevention, more protection and a better emergency response, keeping the communities of Cheshire even safer. We are keen to hear the views of residents, staff and partners as the Authority develops its final CRMP.

Further information on our CRMP, including the full document and supporting information, can be found on our [website](#). The consultation process runs until 2 January 2024. After this, the Authority will consider the feedback received before deciding on the final CRMP which will take effect from April 2024.

As local community representatives in Cheshire, we are keen to hear your views on our proposals and you can contact us using the details on this email or through completing an online survey that can be accessed on our [website](#). We would also encourage you to get in touch if any of your town or parish constituents contact you regarding this issue during the course of the consultation process.

Should you require a briefing in person from the Service on our proposed changes, we are keen to assist and facilitate these where possible. For such requests, in the first instance please contact our Engagement and Public Affairs Manager, Graeme Worrall, by emailing graeme.worrall@cheshirefire.gov.uk

Finally, we would be grateful for any publication you can give to our consultation in your local area to ensure that your local residents have their chance to have their say. If you would like to promote this consultation in your area, please contact our Communications and Engagement department by emailing communications@cheshirefire.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

**Chairman
Cheshire Fire Authority**

Richard Holland

From: Zero Hour <allangray@zerohour.uk>
Sent: 04 October 2023 18:15
To: Richard Holland
Subject: Disley Parish Council support for Climate and Ecology Bill

Dear Mr Holland

I'm writing on behalf of Zero Hour and seeking Disley Parish Council support for the Climate and Ecology Bill, which is due for its second reading on 24 November.

We recognise that parish and town councils are influential organisations, with links to the local community, regional charities and civic bodies. Disley Parish Council is on the front line when it comes to protecting the places and communities we love and cherish.

We are writing to ask your council to join the 168 parish & town councils across the UK to support the Climate and Ecology Bill and add your voice to those organisations calling for joined-up action that provides an adequate, commensurate response to the emergency of our natural world, our parks, villages and towns, our landscapes and wildlife.

We have a draft motion, which you may find useful. If Disley Parish Council is supportive, we are asking that after the motion is passed, Disley Parish Council issues a press release that it has done so and writes and requests your MP(s) to also publicly support the CE Bill (*if they are one of the 130 that have already done so, please write and thank them for being supporters*).

The Climate and Ecology Bill, if made law, would ensure that:

- The threat facing nature is tackled shoulder to shoulder with the climate crisis in a joined-up approach.
- The Paris Agreement is enshrined into law to ensure that the UK does its real fair share to limit global temperature rise to the most stringent end of the Paris agreement - 1.5°C.
- The UK takes full responsibility for our entire greenhouse gas footprint by accounting for all of the emissions that take place overseas to manufacture, transport and dispose of the goods and services we import and consume)-
- The government deliver a climate and nature assembly that is representative of the UK population, working directly with the Government and Parliament to ensure that all voices are heard and that no one is left behind.

A member of Zero Hour, the campaign for the CE Bill would be happy to (virtually) attend a pre-Council meeting and answer questions about the proposed legislation if that would be helpful. More information about the CE Bill and supporting organisations can be found at <https://www.zerohour.uk/>; this 2-minute video or a 15-minute presentation may also prove useful. If you have any questions or require further information about the CE Bill, please do get in touch.

Thank you on behalf of Zero Hour,
If you need any additional information or wish to have a follow-up call, feel free to reach out.

Allan and Zero Hour Team

Climate & Ecology Bill motion

Preamble

Humans have already caused irreversible climate change, the impacts of which are being felt in the UK, and around the world. The global temperature has already increased by 1.2°C above pre-industrial levels and—alongside this—the natural world has reached crisis point, with 28% of plants and animals threatened with extinction. In fact, the UK is one of the most nature-depleted countries in the world as more than one in seven of our plants and animals face extinction, and more than 40% are in decline.

Climate change remains a major concern for voters with 66% of people (according to YouGov) expressing they are 'worried about climate change and its effects'. Alongside this, the popularity of Sir David Attenborough's *Save Our Wild Isles* initiative demonstrates public concern that UK wildlife is being destroyed at terrifying speed.

Climate & Ecology Bill

The Climate & Ecology Bill, a private member's bill currently before the House of Commons, seeks to address the challenges that this situation poses by creating a whole-of-government approach to deliver a net zero and nature positive future.

Based on the latest science, the Bill aims to align current UK environmental policy with the need to halt and reverse nature loss by 2030, which was goal agreed to at COP15, via the *Kunming-Montreal Framework* (22 December 2022); and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in line with a fair share of the remaining global carbon budget to give the strongest chance of limiting global heating to 1.5°C, which was the goal agreed to at COP21, via the *Paris Agreement* (12 December 2015).

By bridging the gap between the UK Government's current delivery, and what has been agreed at international levels, Britain has a chance to be a world leader on the environment; seizing the opportunities of the clean energy transition, including green jobs and reduced energy bills; and boosting the UK's food and energy security.

[Council] notes that:

The Climate and Ecology Bill, which has been introduced in the UK Parliament on four occasions since 2020, including most recently in the House of Commons 10 May 2023. The Bill is backed by **[168]** cross-party MPs and Peers, **[237]** local authorities, alongside the support of eminent scientists, such as Sir David King; environmental NGOs, such as The Wildlife Trusts and CPRE; businesses, such as The Co-operative Bank; and 30,000 members of the public.

The Bill would require the UK Government to develop and deliver a new environmental strategy, which would include:

1. Delivering a joined-up environmental plan, as the crises in climate and nature are deeply intertwined, requiring a plan that considers both together;
2. Reducing emissions in line with 1.5°C, ensure emissions are reduced rapidly, for the best chance of limiting warming to 1.5°C;
3. Not only halting, but also reversing the decline in nature, setting nature measurably on the path to recovery by 2030;

4. Taking responsibility for our overseas footprint, both emissions and ecological;
5. Prioritising nature in decision-making, and ending fossil fuel production and imports as rapidly as possible;
6. Ensuring that no-one is left behind, by providing for retraining for people currently working in fossil fuel industries; and
7. Giving people a say in finding a fair way forward through an independent and temporary *Climate & Nature Assembly*, representative of the UK population, an essential tool for bringing public opinion along with the unprecedented pace of change required.

[Council] therefore resolves to:

1. Support the Climate and Ecology Bill;
2. Inform local residents, and local press/media of this decision;
3. Write to **[local MPs' names]** to inform them that this motion has been passed, urging them to sign up to support the CE Bill, or thanking them for already doing so;
4. Write to Zero Hour, the organisers of the cross-party campaign for the CE Bill, expressing its support (campaign@zerohour.uk).

CHESHIRE COUNCILLOR - OFFICER PROTOCOL

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Protocol is to guide councillors and officers of the council in their relations with one another. The Protocol's intention is to build and maintain good working relationships between councillors and officers as they work together.

A strong, constructive, and trusting relationship between councillors and officers is essential to the effective and efficient working of the council.

This Protocol also seeks to reflect the principles underlying the Code of Conduct which applies to councillors and the employment terms and conditions of officers. The shared objective is to enhance and maintain the integrity (real and perceived) of local government.

This Protocol covers:

- The respective roles and responsibilities of the councillors and the officers;
- Relationships between councillors and officers;
- Where/who a councillor or an officer should go to if they have concerns;
- Who is responsible for making decisions.

BACKGROUND

This Protocol is intended to assist councillors and officers, in approaching some of the sensitive circumstances which arise in a challenging working environment.

The reputation and integrity of the council is significantly influenced by the effectiveness of councillors and the officer working together to support each other's roles.

The aim is effective and professional working relationships characterised by mutual trust, respect and courtesy. Overly close personal familiarity between councillors and officers is not recommended as it has the potential to damage this relationship

ROLES OF COUNCILLORS AND OFFICERS

The respective roles of councillors and officers can be summarised as follows:

- Councillors and officers are servants of the public and they are indispensable to one another, but their responsibilities are distinct.
- Councillors are responsible to the electorate and serve only for their term of office.
- Officers are responsible to the council. Their job is to give advice to councillors and to the council, and to carry out the council's work under the direction and control of the council and relevant committees.

Councillors

Councillors have four main areas of responsibility:

- To determine council policy and provide community leadership;
- To monitor and review council performance in implementing policies and delivering services;
- To represent the council externally; and
- To act as advocates for their constituents.

All councillors have the same rights and obligations in their relationship with the officer, regardless of their status and should be treated equally.

Councillors should not involve themselves in the day to day running of the council. This is the officer's responsibility, and the officer will be acting on instructions from the council or its committees, within an agreed job description.

In line with the councillors' Code of Conduct, a councillor must treat others with respect, must not bully or harass people and must not do anything which compromises, or is likely to compromise, the impartiality of those who work for, or on behalf of, the council.

Officers can expect councillors:

- to give strategic leadership and direction and to seek to further their agreed policies and objectives with the understanding that councillors have the right to take the final decision on issues based on advice
- to act within the policies, practices, processes and conventions established by the council
- to work constructively in partnership with officers acknowledging their separate and distinct roles and responsibilities
- to understand and support the respective roles and responsibilities of officers and their associated workloads, pressures and reporting lines
- to treat them fairly and with respect, dignity and courtesy
- to act with integrity, to give support and to respect appropriate confidentiality
- to recognise that officers do not work under the instruction of individual councillors or groups
- not to subject them to bullying, intimidation, harassment, or put them under undue pressure.
- to treat all officers, partners (those external people with whom the council works) and members of the public equally, and not discriminate based on any characteristic such as age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation.
- not to request officers to exercise discretion which involves acting outside the council's policies and procedures
- not to authorise, initiate, or certify any financial transactions or to enter

- into any contract, agreement or undertaking on behalf of the council or in their role as a councillor without proper and lawful authority
- not to use their position or relationship with officers to advance their personal interest or those of others or to influence decisions improperly
- to comply at all times with the councillors' Code of Conduct, the law, and such other policies, procedures, protocols and conventions agreed by the council.
- respect the impartiality of officers and do not undermine their role in carrying out their duties
- do not ask officers to undertake work, or act in a way, which seeks to support or benefit a particular political party or gives rise to an officer being criticised for operating in a party-political manner
- do not ask officers to exceed their authority where that authority is given

Chairs and vice-chairs of council and committees

Chairs and vice-chairs have additional responsibilities as delegated by the council. These responsibilities mean that they may have to have a closer working relationship with employees than other councillors do. However, they must still respect the impartiality of officers and must not ask them to undertake work or anything else which would prejudice their impartiality.

Officers

The primary role of officers is to advise, inform and support all members and to implement the agreed policies of the council.

Officers are responsible for day-to-day managerial and operational decisions within the council, including directing and overseeing the work of any more junior officers. Councillors should avoid inappropriate involvement in such matters.

In performing their role officers will act professionally, impartially and with neutrality. Whilst officers will respect a councillor's view on an issue, the officer should not be influenced or pressured to make comments, or recommendations which are contrary to their professional judgement or views.

Officers must:

- implement decisions of the council and its committees which are lawful, which have been properly approved in accordance with the requirements of the law and are duly recorded. This includes respecting the decisions made, regardless of any different advice given to the council or whether the decision differs from the officer's view.
- work in partnership with councillors in an impartial and professional manner

- treat councillors fairly and with respect, dignity and courtesy
- treat all councillors, partners and members of the public equally, and not discriminate based on any characteristic such as age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation.
- assist and advise all parts of the council. Officers must always act to the best of their abilities in the best interests of the authority as expressed in the council's formal decisions.
- respond to enquiries and complaints in accordance with the council's complaints policy
- be alert to issues which are, or are likely to be, contentious or politically sensitive, and be aware of the implications for councillors, the media or other sections of the public.
- act with honesty, respect, dignity and courtesy at all times
- provide support and learning and development opportunities for councillors to help them in performing their various roles in line with the council's training and development policy
- not seek to use their relationship with councillors to advance their personal interests or to influence decisions improperly
- to act within the policies, practices, processes and conventions established by the council

Officers have the right not to support councillors in any role other than that of councillor, and not to engage in actions incompatible with this Protocol.

In giving advice to councillors, and in preparing and presenting reports, it is the responsibility of the officer to express his/her own professional views and recommendations. An officer may report the views of individual councillors on an issue, but the recommendation should be the officer's own. If a councillor wishes to express a contrary view they should not pressurise the officer to make a recommendation contrary to the officer's professional view, nor victimise an officer for discharging their responsibilities.

There are exceptional circumstances where a councillor can fulfil the role of officer, for example where there is a vacancy. This can only be done if the councillor is not paid for the role and should only ever be short-term while the council seeks to fill a vacancy. There will need to be a particular clear understanding of when the councillor is acting as a councillor and when acting as the Proper Officer.

The Relationship: General

At the heart of this Protocol is the importance of mutual respect and also of civility. Councillor/officer relationships are to be conducted in a positive and constructive way. Therefore, it is important that any dealings between councillors and officers should observe standards of courtesy and that neither party should seek to take unfair advantage of their position nor seek to exert undue influence on the other party.

Individual councillors should not actively seek to undermine majority decisions of the corporate body, as this could then bring them into conflict with officers who have been charged with promoting and implementing the council's collectively-determined course of action.

Councillors should not raise matters relating to the conduct or capability of an officer, or of officers collectively, in a manner that is incompatible with this Protocol at meetings held in public or on social media. This is a long-standing tradition in public service. An officer has no means of responding to criticisms like this in public.

A councillor who is unhappy about the actions taken by, or conduct of, an officer should:

- avoid personal attacks on, or abuse of, the officer at all times
- ensure that any criticism is well founded and constructive
- ensure that any criticism is made in private
- take up the concern with the chair.

Neither should an officer raise with a councillor matters relating to the conduct or capability of another councillor or officer or to the internal management of the council in a manner that is incompatible with the objectives of this Protocol.

Potential breaches of this Protocol are considered below.

Expectations

All councillors can expect:

- A commitment from officers to the council as a whole, and not to any individual councillor or group of councillors;
- A working partnership;
- Officers to understand and support respective roles, workloads and pressures;
- A timely response from officers to enquiries and complaints;
- Officer's professional and impartial advice, not influenced by political views or personal preferences;
- Timely, up to date, information on matters that can reasonably be considered appropriate and relevant to their needs, having regard

- to any individual responsibilities or positions that they hold;
- Officers to be aware of and sensitive to the public and political environment locally;
- Respect, courtesy, integrity and appropriate confidentiality from officers and other councillors;
- Training and development opportunities to help them carry out their role effectively;
- Not to have personal issues raised with them by officers outside the council's agreed procedures;
- That officers will not use their contact with councillors to advance their personal interests or to influence decisions improperly.

Officers can expect from councillors:

- A working partnership;
- An understanding of, and support for, respective roles, workloads and pressures;
- Leadership and direction;
- Respect, courtesy, integrity and appropriate confidentiality;
- Not to be bullied or to be put under undue pressure;
- That councillors will not use their position or relationship with officers to advance their personal interests or those of others or to influence decisions improperly;
- That councillors will at all times comply with the council's adopted Code of Conduct.

Some general principles

Close personal relationships between councillors and officers can confuse their separate roles and get in the way of the proper conduct of council business, not least by creating a perception in others that a particular councillor or officer is getting preferential treatment.

Special relationships with particular individuals are not recommended as it can create suspicion that an employee favours that councillor above others.

The Proper Officer (usually called the Clerk) is the head of paid services and has a line- management responsibility to all other staff. Communications should be made directly with the Proper Officer, unless it is agreed by the Proper Officer that such communications may take place directly with other officers over a particular matter. Councillors should not give instructions directly to the Proper Officer's staff without the express approval of the Proper Officer.

COUNCILLORS' ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND TO COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

Councillors are free to approach officers to provide them with such information, explanation and advice as they may reasonably need in order to assist them in discharging their role as members of the council. This can range from a request for general information about some aspect of the council's activities to a request for specific information on behalf of a constituent. Such approaches should normally be directed to the Officer.

The legal rights of councillors to inspect council documents are covered partly by statute and partly by the common law.

The common law right of councillors is based on the principle that any member has a *prima facie* right to inspect council documents so far as their access to the documents is reasonably necessary to enable the member properly to perform their duties as a member of the council. This principle is commonly referred to as the "need to know" principle.

The exercise of this common law right depends therefore upon the councillor's ability to demonstrate that they have the necessary "need to know". In this respect a member has no right to "a roving commission" to go and examine documents of the council. Mere curiosity is not sufficient. The crucial question is the determination of the "need to know". This question must be determined by the officer.

In some circumstances (e.g. a committee member wishing to inspect documents relating to the functions of that committee) a councillor's "need to know" will normally be presumed. In other circumstances (e.g. a councillor wishing to inspect documents which contain personal information about third parties) a councillor will normally be expected to justify the request in specific terms. Any council information provided to a councillor must only be used by the councillor for the purpose for which it was provided i.e. in connection with the proper performance of the councillor's duties as a member of the council.

For completeness, councillors do, of course, have the same right as any other member of the public to make requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence between an individual councillor and an officer should not normally be copied (by the officer) to any other councillor. Where exceptionally it is necessary to copy the correspondence to another councillor, this should be made clear to the original councillor. In other words, a system of "silent copies" should not be employed.

Acknowledging that the "BCC" system of e-mailing is used, it should be made clear at the foot of any e-mails if another councillor has received an e-mail by adding "CC councillor X."

Official letters or emails on behalf of the council should normally be sent out under the name of the officer, rather than under the name of a councillor. It may be appropriate in certain circumstances (e.g. representations to a Government Minister) for a letter or email to appear in the name of the chair, but this should be the exception rather than the norm. Letters or emails which, for example, create obligations or give instructions on behalf of the council should never be sent out in the name of a councillor.

Correspondence to individual councillors from officers should not be sent or copied to complainants or other third parties if they are marked "confidential". In doing so, the relevant officer should seek to make clear what is to be treated as being shared with the councillor in confidence only and why that is so.

PRESS AND MEDIA

Councils are accountable to their electorate. Accountability requires local understanding. This will be promoted by the council, explaining its objectives and policies to the electors. Councils use publicity to keep the public informed and to encourage public participation. The council needs to tell the public about the services it provides. Good effective publicity should aim to improve public awareness of the council's activities. Publicity is a sensitive matter in any political environment because of the impact it can have.

The officer may respond to press enquiries but should confine any comments to the facts of the subject matter and the professional aspects of the function concerned. On no account must an officer expressly or impliedly make any political opinion, comment or statement.

Any press release that may be necessary to clarify the council's position in relation to disputes, major planning developments, court issues or individuals' complaints should be approved by the officer.

The chair (or chair of a committee) may act as spokespersons for the council in responding to the press and media and making public statements on behalf of the council but should liaise with the officer on all forms of contact with the press and media. The council may also appoint individual councillors as spokespeople where there is an area of particular expertise but this should only be done with the agreement of the council.

The council must comply with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1986 ("the Act") regarding publicity. All media relations work will comply with the national Code of Practice for Local Government Publicity. The Code is statutory guidance and the

council must have regard to it and follow its provisions when making any decision on publicity.

The LGA has produced useful guidance on the Publicity Code - <https://www.local.gov.uk/publications/short-guide-publicity-during-pre-election-period>

For more detailed information and guidance regarding the role of councillors in connection with the use of social media, reference should be made to the council's Social Media Protocol where there is one in place.

IF THINGS GO WRONG

Procedure for officers:

From time to time the relationship between councillors and the officer (or other employees) may break down or become strained. Whilst it is always preferable to resolve matters informally, it is important that the council adopts a formal grievance protocol or procedure.

The principal authority's monitoring officer may be able to offer a mediation/conciliation role or it may be necessary to seek independent advice. The chair of the council should not attempt to deal with grievances or work related performance or line management issues on their own. The council should delegate authority to a small group of councillors to deal with all personnel matters.

The law requires all employers to have disciplinary and grievance procedures. Adopting a grievance procedure enables individual employees to raise concerns, problems or complaints about their employment in an open and fair way.

Where the matter relates to a formal written complaint alleging a breach of the councillors' Code of Conduct the matter must be referred to the principal authority's monitoring officer in the first instance in line with the Localism Act 2011. The council may however try to resolve any concerns raised informally before they become a formal written allegation.

Procedure for councillors:

If a councillor is dissatisfied with the conduct, behaviour or performance of the officer or another employee, the matter should be reported to the chair and then raised with the officer in the first instance. If the matter cannot be resolved informally, it may be necessary to invoke the council's disciplinary procedure.

ITEM. 21.

Richard Holland

Subject: FW: Cheshire East Local Plan - Final Draft Biodiversity net gain Supplementary Planning Document Consultation

From: PLANNING POLICY (East) <PlanningPolicy@cheshireeast.gov.uk>
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2023 11:34 AM
Cc: PLANNING POLICY (East) <PlanningPolicy@cheshireeast.gov.uk>
Subject: Cheshire East Local Plan - Final Draft Biodiversity net gain Supplementary Planning Document Consultation

Dear Clerk,

Cheshire East planning policy document consultation

The council has published a planning policy document for consultation:

Final Draft Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document ('BNG SPD')

The final draft BNG SPD has been published for consultation and provides guidance for all parties involved in the planning application process, explaining how Biodiversity Net Gain should be achieved in development proposals across the Borough.

This is the final stage of consultation on the SPD which, once adopted, will be a material consideration in decision-taking.

The consultation will run from **12pm on Tuesday the 31 of October 2023 to midnight on Friday the 1 December 2023**. Further information is available on the council's BNG SPD consultation webpage below:

<https://cheshireeast-consult.objective.co.uk/kse/folder/29414>

Please do not hesitate to contact the Strategic Planning Team at planningpolicy@cheshireeast.gov.uk or telephone 01270 685893 (please leave a message) should you require further information.

Kind regards,

Neighbourhood Planning Manager



Working for a brighter future together

APPENDIX C: Meeting and Events schedule – 9th November 2023

Date & Time	Meeting / Event	Venue
9 th November 2023 10.00am	Village Health & Well-being Project Team Meeting	Microsoft Teams
9 th November 2023 7.00pm	Council Meeting	Community Centre
12 th November 2023 11.00am	Remembrance Sunday	The Ram Green
22 nd November 2023 7.30pm	Visit to Cheshire East CCTV Suite.	Town Hall, Macclesfield.
25 th November 2023 10.00am	Tree Planting at Newtown	Newtown Playing Fields.
28 th November 2023 Time TBA	Peaks & Plains Disley Clean Up Day	Venue - TBA
1 st December 2023 5.30pm	Christmas Extravaganza	The Ram Green
5 th December 2023 1.00pm	Schoolhouse Surgery PPG meeting.	Ram's Head
14 th December 2023 6.00pm	Policing Update Meeting	Community Centre
14 th December 2023 7.00pm	Council Meeting	Community Centre

DEM. 23.

Disley Parish Council

Expenditure transactions - approval list

Start of year 01/04/23

APPENDIX A. (1)

No	Payment Reference	Gross	Heading	Invoice date	Details	Cheque Total
2493	DD/131023/ ALLSTAR	£194.07		13/10/23	Allstar - Fuel for community bus	£194.07
	1	£194.07	300/1		Fuel for community bus	
2494	BACS/2710 23/BROWN BIL	£750.00	225/13	10/10/23	Cllr Simon Brownbill - Chair's Allowance 2023/24 - Minute Ref: 2338	£750.00
2495	BACS/2710 23/TAYLO R	£89.07		12/10/23	Steven Taylor - Grid for Newtown; down pipe for Rams Head Bus Stop	£89.07
	1	£71.93	280/1		Grid for Newtown	
	2	£17.14	260		Down pipe for Rams Head Bus Stop	
2496	BACS/2710 23/PATTIS ON	£139.90	280/1	25/09/23	Cllr. J. Pattison - Manhole cover for Newtown	£139.90
2497	BACS/2710 23/MTC	£114.00	300/4	09/10/23	MTC Services Ltd - Community Bus Tail Lift inspection and weight test	£114.00
2498	BACS/2710 23/HOLLA ND	£150.00		05/10/23	Richard Holland - Bus drivers' dinner	£150.00
	3	£150.00	600/4		Bus drivers' dinner	
2499	BACS/2710 23/SLCC	£35.00	220/3	16/10/23	SLCC - SLCC Cheshire Branch Conference - 2023	£35.00
2500	BACS/2710 23/RBL	£50.00	600/7	16/10/23	Royal British Legion - 2 x poppy wreaths for Remembrance Sunday	£50.00
2501	DD/201023/ SSE	£89.49	230/1	20/10/23	SSE Swalec - Street lighting - 02/09/23 - 02/10/23	£89.49
2502	BACS/2710 23/WATER P2	£36.32	400/7	20/10/23	United Utilities/Waterplus - Waterbill and wastewater bill - community centre - 18/09/23 - 17/10/23	£36.32
2503	BACS/2710 23/WATER P1	£8.36	240	20/10/23	United Utilities/Waterplus - Waterbill for Hagg Bank allotment - 18/09/23 - 17/10/23	£8.36
2504	BACS/2710 23/CARTE R	£44.99		16/10/23	Stephen Carter - Paint for ballcourt shelter and screws	£44.99
	1	£42.00	280/3		Paint for ballcourt shelter	
	2	£2.99	260		Screws	
2505	BACS/2710 23/ROSS	£81.00	500	06/10/23	David G Ross Ltd - Potting bark	£81.00

Total £1,782.20

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Disley Parish Council

Expenditure transactions - approval list

Start of year 01/04/23

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No	Payment Reference	Gross	Heading	Invoice date	Details	Cheque Total
2506	BACS/1011 23/COOP	£450.00	225/21	25/10/23	Lauren Coop - October 2023 media assistance	£450.00
2507	DD/301023/ ALLSTAR	£103.59		30/10/23	Allstar - Fuel for community bus and ranger vehicle	£103.59
	1	£42.24	300/1		Fuel for community bus	
	2	£61.35	310/1		Fuel for ranger vehicle	
2508	DD/301023/ BIFFA	£148.99		30/10/23	Biffa Waste Services Ltd - Trade waste services	£148.99
	1	£89.04	400/10		General waste disposal - 30/09/23 - 27/10/23	
	2	£59.95	400/10		Recycling waste disposal - 30/09/23 - 27/10/23	
2509	DD/301023/ BT2	£113.04	225/2	30/10/23	British Telecommunications Plc - Broadband	£113.04
2510	DD/301023/ BT1	£45.47	225/2	30/10/23	British Telecommunications Plc - Telephone Service for 01663 764019	£45.47
2512	DD/311023/ BRITGAS	£113.42	400/5	31/10/23	British Gas - Supply of gas from 18/09/23 - 16/10/23	£113.42
2513	BACS/1011 23/RUSCO	£75.00	225/6	30/10/23	Russell's Computer Services - Resolve startup issue with laptop	£75.00
2514	BACS/1011 23/DANVIC	£600.00	280/1	31/10/23	Danvic Turf Care - Verti drain playing field at Newtown	£600.00
2515	BACS/1011 23/TOMLIN	£50.87		09/10/23	A H Tomlinson Parbans Ltd - Cable ties, lamp bulbs, nails, primer	£50.87
	1	£40.55	260		Cable ties, lamp bulbs, nails, and black hinged cover cap	
	2	£10.32	280/3		Red oxide primer	
2516	BACS/1011 23/PAYPAL	£146.31		31/10/23	PAYPAL - Debit Card Account - PayPal replenishment - October 2023	£146.31
	1	£14.95	225/17		Website hosting - 25/10/2023 to 25/11/2023	
	2	£29.70	225/6		Councillor emails - 09/10/2023 to 08/11/2023	
	21	£17.00	300/10		Community bus parking	
	22	£40.00	225/9		Data Protection Registration fee	
	23	£22.97	260		Reflectors for car park planter	
	24	£21.69	260		Manhole cover hooks	
Total		£1,846.69				

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Financial Statement - Cashbook

Statement of receipts and payments between 01/04/23 and 30/09/23 inclusive. This may include transactions with ledger dates outside this period.

Balances at the start of the year

Ordinary Accounts

PayPal Account	£524.83
Petty Cash	£200.00
RBS Current A/C + High Int. A/C	£29,239.74

Short Term Investment Accounts

Cambs & Counties Bank - 5-year Bond	£86,017.75
Nationwide Business 35-day Saver	£85,685.63
The Cambridge Building Society	£38,000.37
Total	£239,668.32

RECEIPTS	Net (£)	Vat (£)	Gross (£)
Council			
110 Precept	164,600.00	0.00	164,600.00
120 VAT reclaimed	10,449.44	0.00	10,449.44
125 Grant Awards	0.00	0.00	0.00
130 Rental Income	604.84	0.00	604.84
135 Petty Cash Replenishment	0.00	0.00	0.00
140 RESERVE - Community Transport	5,897.65	238.70	6,136.35
150 Other Income	2,888.69	360.17	3,248.86
190 Bank Interest	415.11	0.00	415.11
191 Investment Account Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00
192 Long-term Investments Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00
193 Nationwide BS Interest	16.90	0.00	16.90
194 PayPal Account Cashback Bonus	5.83	0.00	5.83
195 Cambridge B.S. Year-end adjustment	0.00	0.00	0.00
200 Community Centre	11,086.60	0.00	11,086.60
Council Total	195,965.06	598.87	196,563.93
Total Receipts	195,965.06	598.87	196,563.93

PAYMENTS	Net (£)	Vat (£)	Gross (£)
Council			
215 Salaries Inc Pensions	50,013.49	0.00	50,013.49
220 Staffing Expenses	944.70	164.50	1,109.20
225 General Administration	10,102.73	744.08	10,846.81
230 Street Lighting	463.50	30.35	493.85
231 Streetlighting - Capital Expenditure	4,750.00	950.00	5,700.00
240 Allotments	109.43	5.99	115.42
260 Parish Maintenance	378.10	55.40	433.50
261 Winter Gritting Provision	0.00	0.00	0.00
265 Church Grounds Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00
270 Land Administration	0.00	0.00	0.00
280 Playground Upkeep	2,518.68	486.17	3,004.85
281 Play Area & Playing Fields Capital Expenditure	0.00	0.00	0.00
282 RESERVE - Newtown Improvements	15,712.65	3,142.54	18,855.19
285 Tourism	0.00	0.00	0.00

Financial Statement - Cashbook

Statement of receipts and payments between 01/04/23 and 30/09/23 inclusive. This may include

290 RESERVE - Community Grants	885.37	0.00	885.37
300 RESERVE - Community Transport	3,788.84	344.76	4,133.60
310 Ranger Vehicle	1,998.14	196.07	2,194.21
350 Electric Vehicle Chargepoints	0.00	0.00	0.00
400 Community Centre	8,836.29	1,595.47	10,431.76
401 Building Supervisor Salary	8,575.59	0.00	8,575.59
405 RESERVE - Community Centre Capital Exp.	2,090.85	418.17	2,509.02
410 RESERVE - Community Transport - Capital expenditure	0.00	0.00	0.00
420 Bank Charges	17.78	0.00	17.78
500 Hanging Baskets	3,759.35	751.87	4,511.22
600 Village Events	1,578.60	148.49	1,727.09
660 CCTV Contribution	3,818.89	763.78	4,582.67
670 RESERVE - Neighbourhood Plan	0.00	0.00	0.00
Council Total	120,342.98	9,797.64	130,140.62
Total Payments	120,342.98	9,797.64	130,140.62

Financial Statement - Cashbook

Statement of receipts and payments between 01/04/23 and 30/09/23 inclusive. This may include

Closing Balances

Ordinary Accounts

PayPal Account	£530.66
Petty Cash	£200.00
RBS Current A/C + High Int. A/C	£95,640.32
	<u>£96,370.98</u>

Short Term Investment Accounts

Cambs & Counties Bank - 5-year Bond	£86,017.75
Nationwide Business 35-day Saver	£85,702.53
The Cambridge Building Society	£38,000.37
	<u>£209,720.65</u>
Total	<u>£306,091.63</u>

Not all the accounts have been reconciled exactly to the end date on this statement.

Reserve Balances	
Community Centre Development	£7,339.20
Community Transport - Ops Fund	£4,058.42
Allotment Deposits	£1,330.97
Community Grants	£1,422.61
Working Balance Reserve	£40,380.00
Unallocated Capital Expenditure	£41,348.28
Election/Referendum Reserve	£10,000.00
Community Bus Depreciation	£18,000.00
Newtown Playing Fields	£2,574.40
Arnold Rhodes Playing Fields	£5,320.98
Cheshire East Volunteer Coordination Point Grant	£3,100.20
Cheshire East Connected Communities Centre Grant	£1,927.00
Cheshire East Warm Places	£258.79
Disley Village Defibrillator Fund	£289.24
Reserves total	<u>£137,350.09</u>

Financial Budget Comparison

Comparison between 01/04/23 and 30/09/23 inclusive.

Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/23

		2023/2024	Actual Net	Balance
INCOME				
Council				
110	Precept	£164,600.00	£164,600.00	£0.00
125	Grant Awards	£2,000.00	£0.00	-£2,000.00
130	Rental Income	£9,300.00	£604.84	-£8,695.16
135	Petty Cash Replenishment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
140	RESERVE - Community Transport	£6,450.00	£5,884.32	-£565.68
150	Other Income	£3,420.00	£2,888.69	-£531.31
190	Bank Interest	£50.00	£415.11	£365.11
191	Investment Account Interest	£90.00	£0.00	-£90.00
192	Long-term Investments Interest	£500.00	£0.00	-£500.00
193	Nationwide BS Interest	£250.00	£16.90	-£233.10
194	PayPal Account Cashback Bonus	£10.00	£5.83	-£4.17
195	Cambridge B.S. Year-end adjustment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
200	Community Centre	£21,000.00	£10,742.60	-£10,257.40
Total Council		<u>£207,670.00</u>	<u>£185,158.29</u>	<u>-£22,511.71</u>
Total Income		<u>£207,670.00</u>	<u>£185,158.29</u>	<u>-£22,511.71</u>

Financial Budget Comparison

Comparison between 01/04/23 and 30/09/23 inclusive.

Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/23

		2023/2024	Actual Net	Balance
EXPENDITURE				
Council				
215	Salaries Inc Pensions	£105,000.00	£50,013.49	£54,986.51
220	Staffing Expenses	£2,700.00	£944.70	£1,755.30
225	General Administration	£21,900.00	£10,036.13	£11,863.87
230	Street Lighting	£2,500.00	£463.50	£2,036.50
231	Streetlighting - Capital Expenditure	£5,000.00	£4,750.00	£250.00
240	Allotments	£1,000.00	£109.43	£890.57
260	Parish Maintenance	£5,000.00	£323.50	£4,676.50
261	Winter Gritting Provision	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
265	Church Grounds Maintenance	£1,400.00	£0.00	£1,400.00
270	Land Administration	£1,500.00	£0.00	£1,500.00
280	Playground Upkeep	£5,100.00	£2,518.68	£2,581.32
281	Play Area & Playing Fields Capital Expenditure	£25,000.00	£0.00	£25,000.00
282	RESERVE - Newtown Improvements	£20,000.00	£15,712.65	£4,287.35
285	Tourism	£7,000.00	£0.00	£7,000.00
290	RESERVE - Community Grants	£1,500.00	£885.37	£614.63
300	RESERVE - Community Transport	£8,800.00	£3,680.18	£5,119.82
310	Ranger Vehicle	£2,550.00	£1,968.07	£581.93
350	Electric Vehicle Chargepoints	£100.00	£0.00	£100.00
400	Community Centre	£17,000.00	£8,828.40	£8,171.60
401	Building Supervisor Salary	£18,500.00	£8,575.59	£9,924.41
405	RESERVE - Community Centre Capital Exp.	£15,000.00	£2,090.85	£12,909.15
410	RESERVE - Community Transport - Capital expenditure	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
420	Bank Charges	£40.00	£17.78	£22.22
500	Hanging Baskets	£5,000.00	£3,759.35	£1,240.65
600	Village Events	£8,450.00	£1,372.31	£7,077.69
660	CCTV Contribution	£4,000.00	£3,818.89	£181.11
670	RESERVE - Neighbourhood Plan	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total Council		£284,040.00	£119,868.87	£164,171.13
Total Expenditure		£284,040.00	£119,868.87	£164,171.13

Financial Budget Comparison

Comparison between 01/04/23 and 30/09/23 inclusive.

Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/23

	2023/2024	Actual Net	Balance
Total Income	£207,670.00	£185,158.29	-£22,511.71
Total Expenditure	£284,040.00	£119,868.87	£164,171.13
Total Net Balance	-£76,370.00	£65,289.42	