



# DISLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes from the meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 7pm at Disley Community Centre, SK12 2BB

**Attended by:** Cllrs Brownbill (Chair), Adams, Bowers, Bull, Pattison, Ross, Scale, Sykes & Windsor

**Also attended by:** 1 member of the public

**Clerk to the meeting:** Jo O'Donoghue FSLCC (Locum Finance Officer)

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1. To receive any apologies for absence.

**NOTED:** There were no apologies.

2. To receive any declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI), Personal Interests or Prejudicial Interests as defined in the Member Code of Conduct.

**NOTED:** Cllr Ross declared an interest in item 15 and Cllr Adams declared an interest in item 6.

3. Public Forum

**NOTED:** No member of the public wished to speak at the meeting however a note had been received from a resident relating to recycling and Cllr Adams agreed to contact the resident to discuss as Cheshire East Councillor.

4. To agree as a true and accurate record, the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

**RESOLVED:** Following a minor amendment to a planning application address, the minutes were unanimously approved and signed.

5. To receive the Chair's Report.

**NOTED:** The Chair noted that the Christmas event was the highlight of the year and thanked all those involved. Thanks were also extended to Cllr Pattison for dealing with a fallen tree and to Cllr Adams for her continued work as CEC Councillor. It was noted that Richard Holland will be leaving the Council on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024 and sincere thanks were extended for stepping into the breach for the last few months. It was noted that Jo O'Donoghue has been appointed as Locum Responsible Finance Officer.

6. To receive Cheshire East Councillors' Report. *As amended*

**NOTED:** Cllr Adams provided a written report which was included in the meeting pack.

It was noted that there are ongoing issues relating to flooding on Strines Road. Cheshire East Highways also dealt with recent flooding on Buxton Road West, Market Street, Buxton Road Disley and at the bottom of Buxton Old Road. Flooding on The Ridgeway is a long standing issue which has been investigated/worked on by both United Utilities and Cheshire East Council. A

further update on flooding will be provided at the January council meeting. Work is provisionally scheduled on the A6 between Redhouse Lane and Buxton Old Road in January 2025. This will include clearance of blocked gullies and it will be essential that residents' cars are not causing an obstruction for the duration of the works. It was agreed that residents will be informed when works are due to take place, the website will be updated with the dates and Highways will be asked to take enforcement action to restrict parking for the duration of the works.

7. To consider planning applications received.

**RESOLVED:** *As amended* It was unanimously agreed to forward the following comments to Cheshire East Council. 1 Abstention (Cllr Adams)

Reference	Details	Comments
24/3689M	Change of use from pet food shop to hot food takeaway	DPC has concerns relating to the position of the proposed hot food takeaway in relation to the position within the village, limited parking and close proximity to the pedestrian crossing. DPC request a site assessment from CEC Highways prior to decision.
24/4158M	Replacement visitor admissions hut	DPC is aware that the National Trust has thoroughly explored options including size, design and repositioning of the replacement admissions' hut and has no objection to the planning application.

8. To note planning decisions received from Cheshire East Council.

**NOTED:** The decisions were noted.

9. To note Disley Parish Council projects list.

**NOTED:** The update was noted

#### 10. Community Centre and Environs

To receive an update regarding Disley Community Centre Car Park

**NOTED:** Cllr Adams provided an update and it was noted that: issues with respect to resident's parking permits have not been resolved; some residents have been offered car parking permits at the railway station; an assets transfer will again be suggested to CEC; a meeting is due to be held with Officers from CEC on 13<sup>th</sup> December which will be attended by Cllr Adams and Cllr Pattison. A full update will be provided prior to the January 2025 council meeting together with a proposal.

#### 11. Leisure Facilities Improvements

To consider a quote for the repair of a damaged lighting column at the Station Ballcourt.

**RESOLVED:** It was unanimously agreed to suspend Finance Standing Order 11a to approve the professional quotation from Stockport Electrical Services Ltd in the sum of £1,995 plus VAT (quote reference Q4166) and instruct the works.

**ACTION: JO**

**12. Village Health & Well-being**

To note the minutes of the Village Health & Well-being meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024.

**NOTED:** The minutes were noted.

13. To receive an update regarding Disley Library.

**NOTED:** It was noted that Disley Parish Council is still awaiting a response from CEC

14. To note the Autumn 2024 allotment inspection report.

**NOTED:** The report was noted.

15. To consider a quote for drainage works at Red Lane, Lower Greenshall Lane and Newtown Playing Fields.

**RESOLVED:** It was unanimously agreed to approve the professional quotation from Willis's Ltd in the sum of £900 plus VAT (quote reference 655) and instruct the works to investigate the draining issues at the Red Lane site. It was noted that it has been difficult to obtain further quotes due to the nature of the work and to postpone further investigative works to Lower Greenshall Lane and Newton Playing Fields to the new financial year.

**ACTION: JO**

16. To consider idling charges for the Parish Council EV charge points.

**NOTED:** Cllr Sykes provided a written report which noted that issues are arising as a result of EV users failing to remove their cars from the charging bays once the vehicle is fully charged. It is anticipated that this issue will be exacerbated with the introduction of parking charges. It was agreed to defer any decision to the January meeting to allow further research to be carried out.

**ACTION: MS**

17. To consider the Cheshire East Council Draft Housing Strategy Consultation 2025 – 2028.

**RESOLVED:** It was agreed that Cllr Ross will respond on behalf of DPC and all councillors were encouraged to make their own representation.

**ACTION: MR**

18. To consider a Cheshire East Council survey on Pharmacy Services in Cheshire East.

**RESOLVED:** It was agreed that Cllr Windsor will respond on behalf of DPC and all councillors were encouraged to make their own representation.

**ACTION: JW**

19.To note payment of accounts as listed on Appendix A (1) and that all payments are made using the General Power of Competence.

**NOTED:** The payments list was noted.

20.To approve Payment of Accounts as listed on Appendix A (2) and that all payments are made using the General Power of Competence.

**RESOLVED:** It was unanimously agreed to approve and sign the expenditure transactions approval list.

21.To receive a Financial Statement for the period to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024.

**NOTED:** The statement was received and it was noted that the balance of all accounts as at 31/10/2024 was £299,912.

22.To approve financial budget comparison for the period 01/04/2024 to 31/10/2024.

**RESOLVED:** The information was noted and approved.

23.To consider a Disley Parish Council Debt Recovery Policy.

**RESOLVED:** The policy was unanimously approved.

24.To note the 2024/25 Interim Internal Audit Report.

**RESOLVED:** The report was noted and it was unanimously agreed to carry out the actions recommended in the report.

25.To receive a budget report from the Locum Responsible Financial Officer.

**NOTED:** The report was noted.

26.To consider budget and precept proposals for the year 2025/26.

**RESOLVED:** It was unanimously agreed to approve a budget of £303,190 (Appendix A) and a precept of £204.687. This represents an annual increase of £13.95 on an average Band D precept making a total charge of £98.72 for a Band D property (Appendix B)

## APPENDIX A BUDGET FIGURES

EXPENDITURE	(CAPITAL EXPENDITURE IN RED)		
215	Salaries incl. Pensions (excl. Caretaker) Total	£112,600	£125,000
220	Staffing Expenses Total	£2,575	£2,575
225	General Admin Total	£21,305	£21,905
230	Street Lighting Total	£2,000	£2,000
231	Streetlighting Capital expenditure	£1,000	£0
240	Allotments	£500	£500
260	Parish Maintenance	£5,000	£5,000

262	Grounds Maintenance	£5,500	£5,500
265	Church Grounds Maintenance	£1,400	£1,400
270	Land Administration	£1,500	£1,500
280	Play Area and Fields Total	£7,750	£7,750
281	Play Area and Fields Capital Expenditure	£20,000	£20,000
282	Newtown Improvements	£5,000	£5,000
290	Community Grants	£1,500	£1,500
295	Warm Space	£0	£500
300	Community Transport Total	£5,450	£5,990
310	Ranger Vehicle Total	£2,550	£2,550
350	Electric Vehicle Charge points	£100	£100
400	Community Centre Total	£16,250	£23,250
401	Building Supervisor Salary & Pension Total	£19,900	£21,000
405	Community centre Capital Exp.	£30,000	£30,000
420	Bank Charges	£50	£50
500	Hanging Baskets	£4,600	£5,000
600	Village Events Total	£10,950	£9,950
660	CCTV Contribution	£4,170	£4,170
670	Neighbourhood Plan	£0	£1,000
Total Expenditure		£281,650	£303,190

## APPENDIX B DPC PRECEPT

Band	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Ratio	6/9ths	7/9ths	8/9ths	9/9ths	11/9ths	13/9ths	15/9ths	18/9ths
Charge (£)	65.81	76.78	87.75	98.72	120.66	142.60	164.53	197.44
Change from 2024/25 (£)	9.00	10.50	12.00	13.50	16.50	19.50	22.50	27.00

### Item 6

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Item 7

Cllr Adams abstained re planning application comments