



# DISLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes from the meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 7pm at Disley Community Centre, SK12 2BB.

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

**Also attended by** 21 members of the public (MOP)

**Clerk to the meeting:** Toni Critchlow (Locum Clerk)

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## 1. To receive any apologies for absence.

**NOTED:** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Ross, Sykes and Scale.

## 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 Adams declared interests in agenda items relating to Cheshire East Council (as an elected member of CEC)

## 3. Public Forum

**NOTED:** MOP 1 presented a report about parking permits for Crabtree Court residents which erroneously issued and then revoked. MOP 1 requested DPC to arrange a meeting with residents and to appoint a nominated member as a point of contact. Cllr Brownbill asked for a copy of the MOP's report so it could be circulated to Councillors for further discussion.

**ACTION: Cllr Brownbill.**

**NOTED:** MOP 2 spoke about flooding at The Ridgeway SK12 2JQ and requested the support of DPC to bring the matter to the attention of Cheshire East Highways Authority, Cheshire East Environmental Committee and Cllr Sue Adams and request DPC to monitor the situation in a monthly basis. Cllr Brownbill advised that he would write to Cheshire East in support of the residents' concerns.

**ACTION: Cllr Brownbill.**

**NOTED:** MOP 3 raised concerns about boggy conditions at the Newtown playing fields. Cllr Pattison agreed to contact and meet the resident to discuss the issues.

**ACTION: Cllr Pattison**

#### 4. Communication

**NOTED:** Complaints received re; parking permits were noted. DPC to write a statement for general circulation to explain the current situation.

**ACTION: Cllr Brownbill**

**NOTED:** Resident proposal re; addition of a padel tennis court in Disley was discussed – it was considered that other organisations were better placed to offer this sport as DPC does not have the facilities to do so.

**NOTED:** Speed data from Jacksons Edge Road was noted.

#### 5. To receive Cheshire East Councillors' Report.

**NOTED:**

- Highways improvements on Redhouse Lane are scheduled to begin on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025.
- Re-lining of the crossroads at Ram Green is planned to be carried out on a Sunday before the end of March.
- Highways works scheduled for 27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> January on Buxton Road/Market Street had to be cancelled at short notice due to the closure of Buxton Old Road and will be rescheduled for a later date.
- I am working with residents of The Ridgeway and Cheshire East Highways to find a solution to the frequent flooding that they are experiencing. (Awaiting confirmation of a site meeting with CEH on 5 March).
- Further gully cleaning is required, and I shall continue to engage with Cheshire East Highways on this vital work needed to help prevent further flooding in our village. There is a lot more work needed to bring roads in Disley and Newtown up to an acceptable standard, and I shall continue to pursue this work on behalf of residents. However, progress is being made.
- Library - The proposal put forward by Disley Parish Council to provide further library hours to support the Disley community by enabling Disley Library to continue to open on Saturday mornings was approved by Cheshire East Environment and Communities Committee on the 27<sup>th</sup> of November.  
The new opening hours are Wednesday and Saturday 9.30am to 1.00pm, Thursday 2.00 to 5.30pm, Friday 2.00 to 6.00pm.
- Car Park Charges  
Since the introduction of car parking charges, many residents have expressed their concerns about the problems this has caused. These relate to issues of increased on street parking to avoid paying parking charges. This has impacted pedestrian safety and made driving in Disley more hazardous for all. I have also received complaints of failed bin collections due to roads obstructed by parked cars. Complaints of obstruction have been forwarded to the local police.  
When Cheshire East Council started to issue resident parking permits, I received comments questioning what limit had been placed on the total number of permits that would be issued and whether it was equitable to issue two permits per household. Residents also asked why they had not been consulted before permits

were issued. It was suggested that the 30 spaces in the community centre car park should be kept available for people using community facilities such as the community centre, library, surgery and local shops and other businesses. I have also received several complaints about the revocation of resident permits for the community centre car park with the offer of permits for the long stay Cheshire East car park at Disley station on the same basis.

- I have requested a meeting with Peaks and Plains to understand how they manage the 13 spaces available to their tenants.

**6. To agree, as a true and accurate record, the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024.**

**RESOLVED:** Subject to agreed amendments, the minutes were unanimously approved and signed.

**NOTED;** It was noted that the meeting scheduled for 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025 was cancelled due to adverse weather conditions.

**7. To receive the Chair's Report.**

**NOTED:**

Good News.

- Big congratulations to Rachel on her new addition
- Works on Red House Lane are finally due to commence. I would like to thank Cllrs Adams, Pattison, and Bull who have all to varying degrees helped see this through.
- Ram Green crossroads to be relined shortly.

I'd like to extend my sincere thanks to our Parish Council staff, who have continued to work tirelessly through the period alongside our fantastic locums Toni and Jo. An update on staffing matters will take place in part 2.

The severe weather conditions in January unfortunately led to the cancellation of our scheduled meeting, but work has continued behind the scenes to ensure ongoing projects remain on track.

Communications from residents, notably regarding parking permits, a proposal for a Padel tennis court, and concerns about vehicle speeds on Jacksons Edge Road. The recorded top speed of 65mph is particularly concerning, and we must consider appropriate measures to enhance road safety in this area.

Cheshire East Council has provided updates on a range of planning applications, and we will be discussing several proposals later in this meeting, including developments on Buxton Old Road, Storey Road, and Jacksons Edge Road, as well as proposed improvements at Disley Primary School and the Blue Grass Purple Cow Nursery.

Our community initiatives continue to progress well, with updates from the Health & Wellbeing Meeting, Community Transport Meeting, and Events Team Meeting.

Additionally, improvements to our leisure facilities and drainage works on Red Lane are in progress.

Looking ahead, we will be considering several financial matters, including re-investment options for our Business Saver account, IT equipment purchases to support staff operations, and first aid training for council employees. I encourage all councillors to give these matters due consideration to ensure the continued financial prudence and operational efficiency of the council.

Furthermore, discussions will take place regarding the village newsletter, recruitment of locum staff, and health and safety protocols for the Community Centre. Ensuring the safety of our staff and visitors remains a top priority, and I welcome input from councillors on how best to enhance these protocols.

Lastly, I want to acknowledge the ongoing efforts of all councillors in supporting our community. Your commitment to serving Disley is invaluable, and I look forward to our continued work together in the coming months.  
Thank you.

#### 8. To consider planning applications received.

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

Reference	Details	COMMENTS
<b>24/4605/HOUS</b>	Replacement carport and widened side conservatory / porch	Comments submitted to CEC Planning on 15/1/25
<b>24/4812</b>	Two storey extension, front Dutch gables altered to form gables and alterations to doors and windows	<i>No objections</i>
<b>24/4577/HOUS</b>	Single storey extension to the rear of the property	<i>No objections</i>
<b>24/5102/FUL</b>	Demolition of existing dwelling at 28 Jacksons Edge Road and erection of replacement dwelling, and replacement of existing detached garage for 30 Jacksons Edge Road	Disley Parish Council raises concerns regarding loss of privacy and Right to Light and requests that the planning officer makes a site visit to fully understand these issues.
<b>24/5143/FUL</b>	Installation of 6 air source heat pumps ground mounted in single location.	<i>No objections</i>
<b>24/5225/FUL</b>	The demolition of the existing single-storey timber annexe; single storey side extension with pitched roof providing relocated entrance; single storey side extension to the rear garden room, to extend teaching space lost by the annexe; upper extension to rear single storey pitched roof block to provide extended staff room with formation of one doorway from the existing former Chapel mezzanine; upper extension above the rear garden room to provide teaching space within	Disley Parish Council notes comments by the Conservation Officer and has no objections.

	the pitched roof; siting of an external timber cabin to provide external sensory teaching space.	
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**NOTED:** Planning decisions were noted.

### 9. Disley Parish Council projects update

**NOTED:** It was noted that The Health & Wellbeing meeting notes from 23/01/25 were not in the agenda pack.

**NOTED;** The notes from the Community Transport meeting held on 26/11/24 were noted.

**NOTED;** The notes from the Events Team meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025 were noted. It was noted that the fireworks evaluation was under review.

### 10. Leisure Facilities Improvements

**NOTED:** It was noted that works were instructed to the lighting column at the MUGA by the Locum RFO on 18/12/24

### 11. Drainage Issues

**NOTED:** It was noted that investigative works at Red Lanne were instructed by the Locum RFO on 19/12/24

### 12. EV Charges

**NOTED:** It was noted that EV proposals would be referred to the March meeting.

### 13. Replacement Village Sign (A6)

**NOTED:** It was noted that Disley Parish Council is responsible for the replacement of the sign.

**NOTED;** It was noted that Cllr Adams would pursue funds from the member's budget.

**ACTION: Cllr Adams**

### 14. Nationwide Business Saver

**NOTED:** It was noted that the savings account reached maturity on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2024 with a balance of £87,485.73

**NOTED:** Consideration of re-investment to Nationwide one-year fixed rate Business Saver Account was agreed for ratification in March.

## 15. Finance

**RESOLVED:** It was unanimously agreed to retrospectively approve the purchase of an additional laptop at a cost of £500.00 + VAT for the locum clerk.

**NOTED:** Finance reports from the locum RFO were received and noted.

**RESOLVED:** It was unanimously agreed to approve the payments schedules as received from the locum RFO for 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025, 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025, 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025

**NOTED;** It was agreed that Cllr Scale be appointed to check and sign December 2024 bank reconciliations.

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**ACTION: CLERK**

**RESOLVED:** It was unanimously agreed to approve the cost of £450.00 + VAT for emergency first aid training for all staff with Michelle Hay Training.

**ACTION: CLERK**

**NOTED/DEFERRED;** It was agreed that the baby first aid training course be deferred to March. The provisional booking to be cancelled.

**ACTION: CLERK**

**RESOLVED:** It was unanimously agreed to approve the cost of £150.00 + VAT for the reinstatement cost assessment from Cardinus for insurance purposes

**ACTION: CLERK**

**NOTED:** DPC updated schedule of lettings was noted.

**NOTED:** Community grant application was considered and refused as it did not meet the necessary criteria.

**ACTION: CLERK**

## 16. Health & Safety of the Community Centre Building

**NOTED:** It was noted that a review of safety protocols was necessary following recent events. Clerk to present a full report and recommendations for the next meeting. Clerk was instructed to introduce a locked door policy for the hire of the community hall as soon as possible, with the introduction of a doorbell for users of the hall. Hirers forms to be amended accordingly.

**ACTION: CLERK**

## 17. Village Newsletter

**NOTED:** It was agreed to suspend the May issue of the newsletter due to staff shortage.

## 18. Staffing

**RESOLVED:** It was unanimously agreed to approve the recruitment of a locum clerk for 12 hours per week and a locum RFO for 5 hours per week in the absence of the Clerk

## 19. Meetings

**NOTED:** The following meeting dates were noted

<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Venue</b>
<b>19<sup>th</sup> February 2025</b>	<b>PCC Meeting</b>	Holmes Chapel Community Centre, Holmes Chapel CW4 8AA
<b>13<sup>th</sup> March 2025 7.00pm</b>	<b>Full Council</b>	DPC Community Centre
<b>17<sup>th</sup> March 2025 10.00am</b>	<b>Events</b>	Via TEAMS
<b>20<sup>th</sup> March 2025 10.00am</b>	<b>Health &amp; Wellbeing</b>	Via TEAMS

## 20. Part B

**RESOLVED;** It was unanimously agreed to exclude the press and public from the following item.

**NOTED;** Staffing updates were noted from Cllr Brownbill

## 21. Close of meeting

**NOTED;** The meeting was closed at 9.00pm