



DISLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Disley Parish Council Meeting Minutes

12th March 2026 at 7pm at Disley Community Centre, SK12 2BB

Present

Cllrs: Pattison, Adams, Bull, Windsor, Brinnand.

Officer in attendance

S. Allen

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Scale.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Brinnand declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 18 – Deterioration of the empty property formally occupied by NatWest and contributed to the discussion.

No other interests were declared.

3. The minutes of the meeting held on 12th February 2026 were **APPROVED** and **SIGNED** as a correct record.

4. Public Participation

The Chair welcomed the members of the public and introductions were made.

Public Participation A resident of Chantry Road raised concerns regarding winter gritting on the road. The resident explained that during periods of snow in the past couple of years, the roads had not been gritted and that they had personally undertaken gritting along Chantry Road to enable vehicles and pedestrians to pass safely. The resident asked whether the Parish Council could consider providing funds or making arrangements for gritting on these roads during severe weather.

Members noted that this issue had previously been raised with Cheshire East Council, which is responsible for highway gritting. It was acknowledged that the Parish Council has limited resources to provide gritting services directly. Councillors suggested that residents could raise the matter collectively with Cheshire East Council and that the Parish Council could support renewed representations to the authority regarding the inclusion of additional roads within the gritting programme.

The Chair thanked the resident for their comments and for their efforts in assisting with gritting during adverse weather.

A second Disley resident, who had recently moved to the area, raised concerns about pedestrian safety alongside the A6, particularly during the school run for pupils attending Disley Primary School. The resident reported difficulty crossing the road safely with children and noted concerns about traffic speed, heavy goods vehicles, limited visibility of signage, and the lack of a school crossing patrol.

Councillors acknowledged that traffic safety along the A6 has been raised previously and confirmed that matters relating to speed limits, traffic lights, signage and enforcement fall under the responsibility of Cheshire East Council as the highway authority. Members agreed that the concerns raised were important and indicated that the Parish Council would continue to raise safety concerns with Cheshire East Council where appropriate. It was agreed that a small group of residents would try to meet with a representative from the highways authority to walk the route, discuss potential safety improvements, and provide evidence from parents and community members to support any interventions. Residents were encouraged to continue documenting incidents, submitting individual reports, and collecting photographic evidence to strengthen any proposals.

The Chair thanked the resident for their comments.

Two further residents reported frequent issues with lorries and heavy vehicles using local roads. Concerns included vehicles exceeding weight limits and speeding. One member of the public told that she feels she can no longer walk her children down to the primary school as she feels that it is too dangerous so now drives. Other examples were given of aggressive driving, including near-miss incidents when residents attempted to reverse onto drives, and situations where large vehicles blocked narrow roads, leaving little or no room for other traffic.

The residents informed Councillors that they had contacted haulage companies involved and reported to the police. The use of photographic evidence and detailed records was highlighted as a means of building a strong case for enforcement. Councillors noted that enforcement of vehicle weights, speed limits, and traffic regulations is the responsibility of Cheshire East Council and the local police.

Discussion included the potential use of ANPR cameras to identify overweight and speeding vehicles. Councillors encouraged the residents to continue recording incidents and to coordinate with neighbours.

Councillors thanked the members of the public for their comments.

Action from public participation: Cllr Adams to contact the Highways Department.

Clerk to schedule in removal of foliage from road signs.

5. Chair's Report

The Chair highlighted recent work undertaken by the Disley Parish Council Rangers which they have completed in the local area. Members expressed appreciation for the efforts of the Rangers in improving the appearance and safety of pavements.

The Chair acknowledged that some of this work had been pending for several years as it was within the Cheshire East Council remit and noted the positive feedback from Disley residents, including increased uptake of new residents joining the DPC Facebook page.

In addition, the Chair acknowledged and thanked the community centre based staff for the ongoing work behind the scenes.

The Chair thanked all staff for their commitment and hard work.

6. The Cheshire East Councillor's report was **RECEIVED**. Cllr Adams provided a brief verbal update in regard to the outstanding amount of money from the Cheshire East Board Member allowance. This equates to £5,000 or as much as £9,000 dependant on the outcome of current projects. Council agreed to think about the best way to use this money and inform Cllr Adams at a later date.
7. The Draft Publication Scheme was **NOTED**. It was **AGREED** that it be published on the Council's website for public information, clearly marked as 'Draft - pending formal adoption'.
8. The Disley Parish Council **CONSIDERED** the Tree Management Policy. It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the policy subject to one amendment in Section 2.
9. The Health and Wellbeing minutes dated 19th February 2026 were **NOTED**.
10. The updates for the project group were **NOTED**.
11. It was **NOTED** that the agenda for the council meeting on the 9th April will be sent out on the 27th March due to staff holidays.
12. The Chair provided a verbal report about the Disley Meadow licensing committee hearing held at Macclesfield Town Hall on Thursday 12th March. CE Cllr Sue Adams and Disley Parish Cllr Jackie Pattison attended the hearing.
The application was for a premises licence to provide the following licensable activities - Live Music, Recorded Music & Supply of Alcohol Monday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday 12.00 - 00.00 in respect of the premises known as Disley Meadow.

CEC received 45 objections. Key issues raised included vehicular access including access for emergency vehicles, parking, excessive noise, event capacity, public safety and public nuisance. Overall, councillors felt the committee hearing process was fair with the applicant and objectors having opportunity to comment. The licensing authority is expected to issue its decision within five days of the hearing.
13. The Chair provided a verbal report in regard to the Section 106 funds. The Chair confirmed that the Principal Planning Obligations Officer had confirmed that she had instructed the legal department to prepare a transfer agreement of the S106 funds. Additionally, Cllr Pattison and Windsor have been in touch

with the playground equipment provider in regard to the broken climbing frame at Newtown playground. A costing has been received and the plan is to include the replacement in the agreed project.

14. Cllr Brinnand provided an update on a local business group, Disley Traders, who's aim is to increase footfall and support village businesses. The group currently includes around 40 businesses and is developing a website featuring a business directory, promotions, and events, expected to go live in April. They plan to introduce a yearly calendar of themed events to encourage customer visits, building on existing seasonal events such as Christmas and Halloween. The group has been proactive, and ongoing engagement with them is expected to support village business promotion and economic growth.
15. Cllr Brinnand provided an update on the local Post Office. The Post Office is now fully managing the recruitment process for the premises, including applications, business plans, interviews, and shortlisting. The council has no direct influence over the selection but has maintained engagement to ensure a sustainable solution that meets village needs. Interest in the vacancy is positive, with several experienced candidates applying. The councillor highlighted ongoing considerations regarding rental rates and business sustainability. The closing date for applications is 26th August. Overall, the Post Office is committed to maintaining a permanent presence in the village.
16. A discussion took place regarding the dates provided by PC Kelly. It was **AGREED** that 17th April, between 12.00 pm and 1.00 pm, was suitable for the majority of councillors.
Action: Clerk to contact PC Kelly to confirm the arrangement.
17. It was **NOTED** that the village litter pick will take place on 28th March 2026, and that certain councillors and staff have confirmed attendance.
18. Concerns were raised regarding the condition of empty property, formally the NatWest bank, including overgrown vegetation, large trees, unsecured access, and possible rodent infestation. Safety issues relating to the drainage ditch were also noted. It was **AGREED** that the council would write to the property owner seeking clarification of their intentions for the site and requesting that the issues raised be addressed.
19. The email from the Allotment Association was **NOTED**.
Action: Clerk to contact the National Allotment Society for advice.
20. **Finance**
 - a) The payment approval list dated 23rd February 2026, with financial powers, was retrospectively **APPROVED**.
 - b) The payment approval list dated 5th March, with financial powers was **APPROVED**.
 - c) It was **NOTED** that the bank reconciliation for January 2026 and February 2026 was signed by Cllr Windsor on 6th March 2026.
 - d) The Financial Budget comparison for the period 1st April 2025 to 31st January 2026 was **APPROVED**.
 - e) The transfer of £9,000 from the Cambridge and Counties savings account was **APPROVED**.
 - f) It was **NOTED** that the schedule of payments over £500 has been published on the website as required.
21. Members **RESOLVED** to defer consideration of the co-option application to a future meeting.

22.

Reference	Address	Details	COMMENTS
26/0414/HOUS	3 Coppice Avenue, Disley SK12 2LS	Proposed two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and addition of front porch	Deadline 02/03/2026 – extension to 16/03/2026 requested No Objection
26/0261/HOUS	36 Buxton Road West, Disley SK12 2LY	2 storey front extension	Deadline 13/03/2026 – extension to 16/03/2026 requested No Objection
26/0529/HOUS	80 Duddy Road, Disley SK12 2GB	Two storey side extension with single storey rear	Deadline 12/03/2026 – extension to 16/03/2026 requested No Objection
26/0677/HOUS	34 Buxton Road West, Disley SK12 2LY	Proposed detached garage with roller door and front gate	Deadline 16/03/2026 No Objection
26/0795/PRIOR-3MA	15 Buxton Road, Disley SK12 2DZ	Prior approval change of use from Shop (Class E) to a Single Dwelling House (Class C3)	Deadline 25/03/2026 No Comment
DECISIONS			
25/3561/HOUS	34 Jacksons Edge Road, Disley, SK12 2JL	New second storey above existing bungalow, with single storey side, infill extension.	Granted with 3 conditions
25/3626/FUL	4 Hilton Road, Disley SK12 2JU	1 new dwelling	Granted with 9 conditions
25/4488/HOUS	25 Chantry Road, Disley SK12 2BE	Two storey side extension over existing garage, single storey rear extension, front porch and part garage conversion.	Granted with 3 conditions
25/4548/HOUS	13 Overdale Road, Disley SK12 2RJ	Single storey extension	Granted with 3 conditions

23. Meeting closed at 21:25