

Disley Parish Council Annual Report



Finance Report for 2018/2019 by Cllr. Jackie Pattison,
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The balance sheet and finance report for Disley Parish Council for 2018/19 (subject to audit) is presented. All income and expenditure has been accounted for.

Income

Total income from all sources (excluding reclaimed VAT) was £192,976. The main items of income are as follows:

- In 2018/19, £148,927 was raised from the precept, compared to £150,207 the previous year.
- £12,666 in Community Centre hire charges - which represents an increase of 3.9% in comparison to last year. Hourly room hire rates were held at the same level as 2017/18 so the higher income reflects a small increase in use of the community hall.
- £5,560 in Land Rental Income - from grazing land and Disley Dam, which is in line with the previous year.
- £5,423 Recharge to Cheshire East Council for Library Utility and Maintenance Costs - this is the CEC share of the building expenses for the use of the library.
- The Parish benefitted from £10,500 in grants towards the new Community Bus. £10,000 from the National Lottery Big Lottery Fund and £500 from the Poynton Area Community Partnership.

Community Bus

• The Community Bus has had a very successful year due to the hard work of our volunteer drivers and Helen Richards in the office. The total community transport income was £4,450 compared with £3,318 in the previous year. This increase reflects additional seating in the new bus from October 2018 and more trips being run. The bus scheme made a small loss of £167 compared with a profit of £1,034 in 2017/18. This was after charging £600 (2017/18 - nil) Parish Council administration costs for the year. £825 was spent on driver training (2017/18 nil). Bookings for April/May/June trips are very encouraging.

Expenditure

Councillors are grateful to the Clerk and Administration Assistant for exercising good financial control and appreciate their significant efforts to achieve good value for money for the community.

The major items of expenditure for the year were:

- **Total employment costs** of the Parish Council team (excluding the Community Centre Caretaker) were £82,562 which was slightly up on budget.
- **Community Centre**

Community Centre Hire Charges	£12,666	
Community Centre Maintenance Recharge to CEC	£5,423	
Total Income		£18,089
Less Total Running Costs		£20,369
Overall cost of the Community Centre in 2018/19		£2,280

This £2,280 loss includes the full cost of running the new Parish Offices which are now located within the Community Centre.

- **General office administration costs** e.g. conveyancing fees, telephones, insurances, website and production of the Disley News etc. totalled £11,366 which was under budget mainly due to an unused bookkeeping services budget.
- **Parish maintenance** including tree safety work, street lighting, allotments, CCTV contribution, hanging basket planting, play areas and all areas of the village the Parish Council is responsible for totalled £21,175.

• Village Events

The Parish Council co-ordinated or supported a range of events during 2018/19 for the benefit of residents and to enjoy the wonderful environment that we live in. These included:

- £5,335 to dress the village for Christmas and hold the annual Christmas Tree lighting event, which, supported by village residents and traders, was again a great success. The cost included the provision of Christmas trees, street entertainers, village decorations and fireworks.
- £95 for the Disley Health & Well-being Show.
- £337 for a Beacon Lighting Event in Lyme Park to commemorate 100 years since the end of WW1 arranged in co-operation with the National Trust.

• Community Grants

The Parish Council supported a wide variety of Community groups and events through its Community Grants Scheme with £1,459 being distributed. These included Pride Well Dressing Committee, Girl Guiding in Disley, Disley and Newtown Whist Club and the Community Together event.

• Councillor Expenses

Parish Councillors are elected on a voluntary basis and are unpaid. The elected Chairman of Disley Parish Council receives an annual allowance of £540. In 2018/19 councillors claimed nil expenses (2017/18 £79).

Reserves

There were a number of significant items of capital expenditure during the year. These included £40,376 on the new community bus, £14,081 on a handyman vehicle and £2,550 on CCTV at the Community Centre. The Parish Council paid the following from capital reserves:

- Handyman Vehicle £14,081
- Community Bus £25,989
- Community Centre CCTV £2,550
- Community Centre Storage Unit £1,325

The Unallocated Capital Reserve at 31/03/2019 stood at £110,730. This is the remainder of the proceeds from the sale of the old Parish Office.

Looking forward to 2019/20

- The Parish Council will have increased employment costs in line with Local Government national agreements in 2019/20.
- The Parish Council will need to undertake a review of the Community Centre heating and water system in light of the failure of the boiler during its annual safety inspection. This will form part of a larger project to refurbish and update the community centre. This would need to be funded from Unallocated Capital Reserve.
- The project to improve the ginnel from the Community Centre car park to Market Street will be completed this year from a separate allocated reserve.
- There is also a requirement for major drainage works at the Newtown Playing Fields which needs to be funded from Capital Reserves.

Precept

The Council is delighted to announce that it has been able to avoid any increase in the precept for 2019/20 and for a band D property the precept will remain at £74.40 per annum. The total precept income received by the Council depends on a tax base figure derived from the number of houses in the village within each Council Tax property band.