

**CLAYTON-LE-WOODS PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024 AT 7.00PM  
AT THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ROOM**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Mr P Gabbott (Chairman)  
Councillor Mr M Clifford  
Councillor Mr A Halliday  
Councillor Mr S Maddock  
Councillor Mrs G Ormston  
Councillor Mr E Shannon  
Councillor Mrs B Ward-Smith  
Councillor Mrs K Wardle  
Councillor Mr N Whitham  
Councillor Mrs A Willis (10)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs TD Morris (Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer)

**PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE:** County Councillor Mr A Cullens  
Mr Steve Cowell (Lancashire Wildlife Trust)

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish Meeting.

1. Apologies were received from Councillors D Clough and D Dowrick (2)
2. The Chairman gave a report regarding all the varied activities which had occurred in the Parish over the last year.

Some of the highlights were the annual Summer Fair and Switch on Event. There was a changing of the guard with a number of Members stepping down at election time and the co-option of several new Members. There was the sad passing away of Cllr Mrs G Charlesworth who died with 32 years unbroken service.

Unfortunately, there was further vandalism to the Parish play areas and a Lengthsman was bullied on the street which led to his resignation.

There was the Warm Space initiative which was now ongoing. Also there was a new sense of co-operation with Whittle PC with both Council's Clerks running the War Memorial Committee jointly. We have been given a portrait of King Charles III which hangs in the foyer of the Parish building.

Finally Councillor Gabbott wished to thank all the Members and residents for their support over the previous year and he was honoured to continue as the Chairman of Clayton-le-Woods Parish Council.

3. The Chairman asked if there were any questions from those residents who were in attendance.
4. Councillor B Ward-Smith wished to have an update on the actions taken following antisocial behaviour which had occurred recently on Clayton Brook.

Councillor M Clifford responded that the Borough Councillors were working with the local PCSO to identify the culprits that were throwing stones and jumping in front of the 125 bus. Any phone footage should be sent through to the Councillors and/or the police. Any criminal action should be phoned to the police immediately.

5. Mr Steve Cowell from the Lancashire Wildlife Trust gave a presentation to those at the meeting providing an update on the Back Lane Woods project. This was received with thanks.
6. AOB. There was a presentation to the Clerk in recognition of her 10 years service with the Parish Council. Mrs Morris thanked everyone for their kind words and looked forward to 10 more years in service to the community.
7. The Chairman thanked everyone who attended and closed the meeting at 7.40pm.