

**CLAYTON-LE-WOODS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 14th APRIL 2025 AT 7.00PM
AT THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ROOM**

PRESENT: Councillor Mr M Clifford (Acting Chairman)
Councillor Mrs M Brown
Councillor Mr D Clough
Councillor Mr D Cook
Councillor Mr A Halliday
Councillor Mr S Maddock
Councillor Mr N Whitham (7)

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

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ATTENDANCE:** 2

The Acting Chairman welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish Meeting. It was planned that a Member from the Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service would be speaking but unfortunately had not made the meeting.

1. Apologies were received from Councillors B Ward-Smith, I Amahwe and G Ormston (3)
2. The Chairman gave a report regarding all the varied activities which had occurred in the Parish over the last year.

It was stated that the Parish Council have Members from all tiers of local government i.e. Chorley Borough Council and Lancashire County Council

Some of the highlights were the annual Summer Fair and Switch on Event. The Summer Fair was very well attended and the residents were positive about the revised lay out which would be developed this year. The Air Cadets led by Councillor Steeve Maddock were to be commended for volunteering their time to the event. Also money was raised for several charities that have a free space for the event.

The Christmas Light Switch on had a wonderful new tree and live acts, disco, brass band and food supplied by the Lord Nelson. A good night was had by all.

Also Councillor M Clifford extended his thanks to the volunteer litter pickers who continue to remove large amounts of rubbish from the environment on a weekly basis. The Parish Council in partnership with Chorley Council provide equipment and collect the rubbish for safe disposal.

The Lancashire Wildlife Trust manage Back Lane woods which is under the care of the Parish Council. There is an emphasis on education, nature protection and tree safety and this is always undertaken.

There was a discussion regarding the wildflower meadows which have been seeded all over the Parish some of which are funded by the Parish Council.

The Council also have the hanging baskets all over the village and this will be continuing. Also there are several play areas and footpaths which are maintained.

Councillor N Whitham informed the public of the work done by the joint War Memorial Committee in the last year with particular emphasis on the Armistice Service which was attended by children representing all the local schools in the area. They were very knowledgeable, respectable and had made their wreaths out of recycled materials. There was a D-Day commemorative event and a similar event was proposed for this year's commemoration of the Victory in Europe Day on May 8th 2025.

The Clerk explained in detail the first running of the Bowling Clayton Cup which gave children who did not have physical prowess the opportunity to shine and it was a wonderful event where the children thrived and were very well behaved. A note of thanks went out to the England Coach who came out to train the children and was the referee at the event.

3. The Acting Chairman asked if there were any questions from those residents who were in attendance.
4. One of the residents queried the illegal motor bike riding on various footpaths within Clayton Brook. It was noted that the police were aware of the issue and that Cllr Michelle Beach had proposed the installation of walk way barriers to help prevent bikes speeding on the footpaths. Cllr Clifford also stated that the police were not able to chase the culprits due to fatalities that had occurred previously.

The resident was informed that there were a number of local police officers responsible for the Clayton-le-Woods area who were based at Chorley Station and all their details as well as upcoming news and information was available from "In the Know"

5. The Acting Chairman thanked everyone who attended and closed the meeting at 7.31pm.