

## CLAYTON LE DALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Electors held at 7pm on 22 May 2024 in Salesbury Memorial Hal.

In attendance: Cllr Thompson (Chair) Cllr Schofield (Vice) Cllr O'Callaghan.

Clerk Janet Westwell + 5 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence  
Apologies had been received from Cllr Ainsworth and Cllr Cotton.
2. Chairman's report  
The Chairman had printed off copies of his annual report which he distributed to the attendees a copy of which is below:

### Chairman's Annual Report 2024

The last twelve months has been a year of change with Louise Edge and Stephen Haworth stepping down as councillors and we welcomed Stuart O'Callaghan and Christine Cotton onto the Council.

Peter Ainsworth also stepped down as chairman, but remains a councillor. I'd like to Peter and Louise for their service over the years, and to wish Peter a speedy recovery from his fall and Louise congratulations and good luck in her mayoral year. Sadly Stephen died in January. He will be missed on the Council and personally by me as a friend and neighbour.

It's always been good over the year to see so many residents attending our meetings and taking an interest in local issues.

One of the main topics raised during public participation over this and previous years has been that of speeding motorist, particularly on Ribchester Road. This is a busy residential B road, but is also narrow and winding, Thus making it doubly dangerous, especially for pedestrians.

And so, last year we decided to install Speed Indicator Devices (SpIDs). This is a long-winded process as it involved getting permission to use lampposts to erect them and having backplates fitted. There are now four of these plates on Ribchester Road and SpIDs have been installed at three of those for eight day periods. More are ordered for the coming weeks. The data from these devices was shared with residents and forwarded to the police.

Additionally, banners and bin stickers encouraging drivers to slow down can be seen in the area. Many thanks to the residents for distributing and siting them.

We also decided to employ a Lengthsman – someone we can call upon to do minor jobs in the Parish. Unlike some neighbouring parishes, we don't have jobs that need doing on a regular basis, but it's useful to have someone we can call as required. We hope that this will mean tasks get completed quicker in future years.

To finance these two activities (SpIDs and Lengthsman) we decided to increase the precept for the coming year. This has remained unchanged for several years and is still considerably lower than neighbouring parishes.

We hope that in the next twelve months we will continue to improve on the road safety front and on jobs in the Parish.

Finally, my thanks go to my fellow councillors and to our clerk (Janet Westwell) for their hard work throughout the year.

3. To approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting of Electors held on 13 June 2023 and any updates.  
These were approved, proposed by Cllr Thompson and seconded by Cllr Schofield.
4. Any business brought to the meeting by the Electors of Clayton le Dale  
As the attendees were regular attendees to the PC meetings and the items that they wanted to discuss were on the agenda for the meeting at 7:15pm they said that they would raise the matters in public participation of the meeting to be held at 7:15pm.

There being no further matters to discuss the meeting closed at 7:13pm.