CLAYTON LE DALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Clayton le Dale Parish Council held at 7.00pm on 6 February 2024 at Salesbury Memorial Hall, Ribchester Road.

In attendance: Cllr K Thompson (chair), Cllr A Schofield (vice chair) and Cllr S O'Callaghan.

Five members of the public plus Cllr L Edge.

| | Agenda items | Action |
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| 06/02/24/1 | Chairman's Welcome The chairman welcomed all present to the meeting, and asked for a few moments silence to recognise the passing of former councillor and vice chairman Stephen Haworth, who died recently and whose funeral was the previous day. In the absence of the clerk who had resigned in November Cllr Schofield took the chair allowing Cllr Thompson to take minutes | |
| 06/02/24/2 | Apologies for absence Apologies were received from Cllr Cotton and Cllr Ainsworth who had recently fallen. The meeting wished Cllr Ainsworth a speedy recovery. | |
| 06/02/24/3 | Declarations of Interest. Cllr Thompson stated that he knew one of the candidates for the Lengthsman vacancy (item 8) | |
| 06/02/24/4 | Public participation No items were raised by members of the public that were not otherwise set out on the agenda except for the state of two properties on Ribchester Road. Cllr Edge was able to update attendees on recent developments with these matters. | |
| 06/02/24/5 | Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 8 November 2023. The minutes of the meeting held on 8 November were approved as an accurate representation of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Thompson. Seconded by Cllr O'Callaghan. | |
| 06/02/24/6 | Accounts Payments since last meeting: Bank reconciliations previously provided to the cllrs. Hugo Fox November, December & January £11.99 inc VAT per month Altham Pc November SPID £165.40 Salesbury Memorial Hall £30 November meeting Salesbury Memorial Hall £30 February meeting Payments due for payment: Hugo Fox monthly payment £9.99 + VAT (paid by direct debit) Possible clerk salary dependent upon item 15. | |

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| | All approved Possible clerk salary dependent upon item 15 | |
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| 06/02/24/7 | Speeding The results of the SpiD sited outside 73 Ribchester Road between 20 November 2023 and 5 December 2023 were summarised by Cllr Thompson. It was decided that the full report be placed on the website. The location of the next SpiD was discussed and it was decided that it be sited on the recently repaired lamp post outside 153 Ribchester Road. Cllr Schofield will chase up the installing of the backplate. | Cllr Schofield |
| 06/02/24/8 | Lengthsman Cllrs decided to appoint a Lengthsman the details of which would be discussed in item 15 after members of the public had left | |
| 06/02/24/9 | Meetings attended by Cllrs. Cllr Schofield fed back from the Parish council liaison meeting in November 2023 and explained the workings of the Little Green Bus Co and leaflet were distributed among those present. Cllr Schofield also mentioned the work done by the Citizens Advice Bureau in Clitheroe. Cllr Schofield had also attended the Parish council liaison meeting in Feb 2024and explained that RVBC is in the process of producing a Local Development Plan which parish councils will be able to comment upon. He emphasised the importance of us considering this once published. Cllr Edge gave further details on the plan and expected that it would be available for consultation within the next twelve months. | |
| 06/02/24/10 | LCC Update Cllr Schofield distributed "No Cold Calling" to those present and advised that he has a stock of them. It was agreed that details of where these can be collected will be put on the website. Cllr Schofield reported that the patching work on A59 scheduled for January is now complete and that a full surface dressing is planned for the summer. Cllr O'Callaghan expressed his thanks for the cutting back done on Ribchester Road footpaths. | |
| 06/02/24/11 | RVBC Update Cllr Edge described proposed improvements to civic buildings and others to help with energy efficiency. She also touched on possible changes to farming subsidies. | |
| 06/02/24/12 | Cllr Communication Cllr Thompson suggested the idea of setting up a Whatsapp Group for councillors to speed up communications. It was agreed that in light of two councillors not being present that this item be deferred until the next meeting. | |
| 06/02/24/13 | Newsletter It was agreed that this item be deferred until more pressing issues are resolved. | |
| 06/02/24/14 | Date of Next Meeting It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on 12 March at 7pm. At this point the public were asked to leave the meeting | |

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| 06/02/24/15 | Discussion regarding clerk role It was agreed that the council would pay an accountant to administer the clerk's payroll. | |
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| | Discussion regarding Lengthsman. It was agreed that Cllr O'Callaghan prepare a short questionnaire to be sent to those contractors that have expressed an interest in taking on the role of Lengthsman and that councillors should meet to discuss responses prior to putting before the next parish council meeting. | |
| | The meeting closed at 8:15pm. | |

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