

**CLAYTON-LE-WOODS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 19th APRIL 2021
AT 7.00 PM VIA ZOOM**

PRESENT: Councillor Mr Mark Clifford (Chairman)
Councillor Mrs C Billouin
Councillor Ms C Bromilow
Councillor Mrs G Charlesworth
Councillor Mr D Clough
Councillor Ms J Cronshaw
Councillor Mrs D Dowrick
Councillor Mrs S Edwards-Williams
Councillor Ms L Farnworth
Councillor Mr R Francis
Councillor Mr P Gabbott
Councillor Mr S Maddock
Councillor Mrs G Ormston
Councillor Mr D Rogerson (14)

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs T Morris (Clerk to the Council)
Mrs G Egan (Project Officer)

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: 2

APOLOGIES: None

The Chairman Councillor M Clifford welcomed Councillors and the public to the Annual Parish Meeting.

The Charman reported to the meeting on the some of the actions that were undertaken by the Parish Council during the last year. The following items were discussed:

Back Lane Woods – Improvement work had been carried out including new and widened paths, dipping platforms, outdoor classroom, gate to Preston Road and new noticeboards had been ordered.

Play Areas – When the pandemic began Chorley Council had removed one swing from pairs on the playgrounds in order to enable social distancing. They will be keeping the situation under review and will return them as the roadmap evolves. The Parish Council had improved Manor Road and Cunnery Meadow play areas.

CIL funding – The monies come from a levy on developers that enables local councils to fund works to improve amenities in the locality. The Parish Council have recently funded two external projects. There was the provision of an outdoor classroom at Lisieux Hall and improvements to paths and landscape at Cuerden Valley Park.

Litter picking – The pandemic closed down the community litter picking group but following a call out residents volunteered to litter pick in their own bubbles. The Parish Council had distributed over 30 sets of litter picking kits.

Footpaths – A new footpath was created at Bankside and repairs were carried out on the footpath from Fiddlers Lane to Manor Road

Hanging Baskets – The Parish Council plan to increase the hanging baskets to include Wigan Road in 2022.

Clayton Hall Landfill –There had been no reoccurrence of the stink that plagued residents in 2018. Cllr Clifford could confirm that the fire at the weekend was not from the landfill site itself but was caused by capping material being set on fire and that the police were investigating the cause of the fire.

Silent Soldier – This was sadly vandalised but had been repaired by a local metal fabricator who was also an ex soldier. Cllr Clifford expressed his thanks to Mark Francis and MKM Creations for the work to repair and install the Silent Soldier back on the plinth on Sheep Hill Lane/Town Brow.

Flowerbeds – The Parish Clerk updated the meeting on the work undertaken by a local landscaping company to improve the beds and plant winter bedding. The work will continue with herbaceous plants being planted over the coming season.

Wildflower Meadows – The Parish Council had increased the number of wildflower meadows; so there would be 8 sites this year. One such site would be by the Christmas Tree location opposite the Lidl store.

Christmas Tree – The tree in 2020 was very well received by the community. It was unfortunate that the switch on event was cancelled due to the pandemic but it was hoped that it could be held in 2021.

Food parcel provision – The Project Officer updated the meeting that over 100 food parcels had been sent and the project was continuing as funding remains available.

Summer Fair – This was cancelled in 2020 and 2021 due to Covid-19. It was planned that the Summer Fair will be held on 25th June 2022.

Clayton Cup – The schools had requested that the Cup be cancelled in 2021 but it is scheduled to be restored in 2022.

OAP Lunch - It was hoped that the OAP lunch could be held in some form this year.

Questions from the Public

Q. Was the Parish Bowling Green to be sold?

A. No. The lease holder Marston's had informed the Parish Council (as the tenant) that they had sold the lease on to a third party. The Parish were yet to be approached by the new leaseholder.

Q. Would the Parish Council relinquish the tenancy of the Bowling Green?

A. The Parish Council have no plans to relinquish the tenancy at the present time.

Q. Can the pavilion toilets be open to bowling club members? Can the grass quality be improved?

A. Due to Covid-19 restrictions the pavilion and toilets will remain closed. There are no plans for the toilets to be opened in the long term. The pub toilet facilities can be used as it is now open. The grass quality was in line with other municipal greens in Chorley.

Q. Would the Sprinkler System be used and the quality of the green be reviewed?

A. The Chairman advised the resident that all the queries raised would be scrutinised by the Play and Leisure Committee when they meet later in the year.

The Chairman thanked everyone who attended and closed the meeting at 7.30pm