

Cloughton on Brock Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Annual General Meeting held on 17 April 2024 commencing at 7.30pm, in the Cloughton Memorial Village Hall

1. Election of Chairman for 2023/2024

Councillor F. J. Fitzherbert-Brockholes was re-elected as Chairman (proposed by Councillor R. T. Eccles seconded by Councillor E. J. Leach).

2. Those Present

Councillor F.J. Fitzherbert-Brockholes
Councillor R. T. Eccles
Councillor E. J. Leach
Councillor R. B. Clark

J E Hallas – Parish Clerk

Councillor S.Turner (LCC)
Councillor D, Bolton (Wyre)
Councillor D. Swift (Wyre)

3. Apologies

Councillor S. M. Dewhurst
Councillor J. M. Gornall

4. Minutes of the Last Meeting held on the 17th of May 2023.

The minutes of the last meeting were resolved to be a true record of that meeting.

5. Chairman's Annual Report

The Chairman thanked Council Members for their support and commented on the initiatives being taken and that are needed to develop the Memorial Village Hall. The work of the Hall committee and other volunteers and contributors was a particularly encouraging feature of the activities and progress made over the past year.

6. Election of Vice – Chairman

Councillor E. Leach was elected as the Vice-Chairman (proposed by Councillor R. Clark and seconded by Councillor R.B. Clark).

7. The Clerk provided a brief resume of the Parish Council's financial position at the year-end 31st March 2024 stating that the amount carried forward into the

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current year 2024/2025 was £2773.49, however an additional amount of £331.62 (VAT paid during the year) had been claimed back from HMRC. But with the Clerk's PAYE bill for January, February, and March to deduct from this, plus a couple of outstanding payments for services prior to 31/03/2024, for the accountants (£70.80 less Vat) and for Gaskell's Waste (63.98 less VAT) this left a true net carried forward amount of £2738.59. The Clerk reminded the Council that a significant portion of the Council's modest reserve funds had been spent during 2022/2023 on the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee events and not replenished. Reserves at the end of that year were only £3417.82 and whilst additional precept was raised in April 2023 which had bolstered funds; the Council did incur approximately £1900.00 in costs for work on the Hall's septic tank, car park fencing and a tree that needed removal. This had resulted in the Council's decision to significantly raise the Precept for April 2024 from £21,000 to £27,000 plus an additional £8000.00 to contribute to the proposed project to vastly improve the Lancaster Canal Towpath along section between Barton Grange and Garstang.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

Minutes prepared by J.E. Hallas – Clerk:

Signed:

Minutes Approved by the Chairman:

Signed:

Dated: