

BELTHORN VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 1st April 2026
in The Dog Inn, Belthorn

Members Present: Judith Hamilton Marianne Davies Paul Ellwood
Tina Walker Lesley Kay

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1. 100 PLUS CLUB – APRIL 2026 DRAW The April draw was made by Judith. Winner of the 1st prize of £63.60, ticket number 113 – Jan G Winner of the 2nd prize of £31.80, ticket number 157 – Hazel & Dave B Winner of the 3rd prize of £23.85, ticket number 78 – Chris & Claire H Winner of the 4th prize of £15.90, ticket number 133 – D Wilkins	
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cathryn McGurk sent apologies.	
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Interest was declared by Tina Walker in her capacity as a local councillor but there was nothing contentious to be discussed on this month's agenda.	
4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – 4th March 2026 The minutes of the meeting were agreed as a correct record.	
5. MATTERS ARISING <u>POGB</u> - An update meeting was held in the Dog Inn on The 12th March at which it was explained that proposals detailed in the outline planning application were still awaiting a council decision owing to the objections raised by the two agencies, Natural England, Highways England and environmental studies results submitted by the POGB group. Residents were asked to complete and submit the template letters from the POGB group to the Council's Planning department setting out the concerns of residents to proposals for the erection of industrial units around Guide and Belthorn's moorland. Letters could either be e-mailed to the planning department or left in the box provided in the Dog Inn. Everyone was implored to submit their letters in support all the objections raised and efforts by the environmental consultants and the POGB group. Every letter of objection counts when the planning application is discussed and decided at the Council's planning committee meeting. Village Committee members present agreed that Marianne should submit a letter of objection from the committee.	Marianne

<u>Pond Bench</u> - Hyndburn Councillor Zak Khan had been asked to delay the erection of the bench because of work currently being undertaken to repair broken drains carrying surface water into the pond from the mill car park. This is resulting in the worryingly low water level in the pond. Access to the front of the pond may be needed. <u>Recreation ground Footpath</u> – Marianne reported that she had submitted a funding bid to the National Lottery and was awaiting a response which should be some months before the decision is made.	
6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED No correspondence had been received other than the POGB appeal for support by forwarding letters of objections to the outline planning application for the proposed building of industrial units.	
7. TREASURER'S REPORT AND SOCIAL EVENTS EXPENDITURE Judith had circulated her latest Treasurers report electronically and the issue of funding for future social events was discussed. Tina advised that she may be allocated some Council funding in her capacity as a Hyndburn Conservative councillor for our area.	
8. CHARITY CONTRIBUTIONS The Committee had considered donating money to fundraising for a worthy charity but Marianne reminded members that according to the duties of charity trustees, as dictated by the Charity Commission, we were unable to support other charities from our Committee's charity funds.	
9.EASTER SOCIAL EVENTS – AND MAY DAY PARADE <u>Easter Egg Hunt</u> - for under 12s will be held on on Easter Monday 6th May from 2.00pm at a charge of £3 per child. Pancakes and waffles will be served all day by the restaurant from 10.00 am. <u>Children's Easter Bonnet craft afternoon and with Judith</u> will be held on Easter Saturday 4th April between 2.00 – 4.00 pm at a charge of £4 per child. <u>Traditional May Day Parade</u> will be held on Bank Holiday Monday 4th May from 11.00 am. Yvonne had asked the school to choose a May Day king and Queen for the day.	
9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS <u>Belthorn and Guide recent burglaries</u> – information on the recent spate of burglaries in the area had been detailed in posts on Belthorn Days website. This was causing worry and concerns to residents. Tina offered to invite our community police officer to attend our next meeting to discuss, offer advice and help allay any fears.	Tina

<u>Dog Inn Shareholders</u> - Committee members were reminded that the Dog Inn Board AGM, for shareholders only, would be held in the restaurant at 7.00 pm on Monday 11th May.	
10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – The next meeting, together with the monthly 100+ Club draw, will take place at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 6th May 2026 in the Dog Inn.	