

# BELTHORN VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2021  
(directly after the AGM)

in The Dog Inn, Belthorn

## Members Present:

Collette Riding	Marianne Davies	Judith Hamilton	Barbara Heffernan
Yvonne Brown	Tina Walker	Mel Egan	

## Also Present:

Hyndburn Councillors Marlene Haworth and Susan Hayes

	Action
<b>1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> – There were no apologies for absence.	
<b>2 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE OFFICERS</b>  As set out in the Village Committee's Constitution, the first action of a new Committee is to agree the appointment of officers. It was therefore considered and agreed as a whole that members would remain in the same posts as agreed at the last AGM.  The positions of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>› Committee Chair – Tina Walker</li><li>› Vice Chair – Collette Riding</li><li>› Treasurer – Judith Hamilton</li><li>› Secretary – Marianne Davies.</li></ul> New members, Yvonne Brown, Mel Egan and Barbara Heffernan were welcomed onto the committee.	
<b>3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>  There were no declarations of interest at this meeting but the involvement of Yvonne as Chair of Governors of the village school and member of the Dog Inn Board and Mel, Head Teacher would be considered at each meeting, taking into account the items for discussion.	
<b>4 MATTERS ARISING</b>  <u>Village Dog Show, Bank Holiday Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August</u> – Refreshment arrangements were agreed and all involved would meet at 10.30 am on the day in readiness for the 11.00 am start. Yvonne and Nicky to officiate.  <u>Village school traffic and parking</u> Tina had circulated information about the new traffic and parking initiative “School Streets” and discussion took place around the possibility of Belthorn being one of the first areas to be considered suitable for implementation of the scheme after it comes on	

<p>stream in December 2021.</p> <p>A meeting between the village committee, LCC Highways Department and local councillors would need to be arranged to discuss possibilities before a wider consultation meeting organised between all villagers, school representatives, and councillors involved.</p> <p><b>Agreed:</b> Councillor Marlene Haworth would contact LCC Councillor Britcliffe to discuss the issue and suggest a suitable LCC Highways officer to initially attend a meeting of the village committee and councillors involved solely to discuss the village traffic/parking problems.</p>	<p>Cllr Haworth</p>
<p><b>5 ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p><u>Hedges at the top of the village</u> – Yvonne raised the issue of overgrown hedges on land adjoining the farm at the top of Belthorn road and the on-going dispute between the farmers and Hyndburn Council. Marianne explained that from memory the hedges were laid by LCC's Lengthsman as arranged by West Pennine Moors project officer at that time and that Hyndburn Council had no involvement.</p> <p><u>Mobile Camera at the top of the village</u> – After Councillor Marlene Haworth raised the issue of rubbish dumping at the top of the village, Marianne explained that the lack of electricity for a strong, powerful security camera to be erected was the main problem. Councillor Haworth offered to check on the suitability of Hyndburn's new mobile cameras for the area.</p> <p><u>Overgrown area at the front of the pond</u> – Marianne mentioned that weeds were overgrown and the rose bush badly needed attention. She and Judith had cut back lots of overgrown plants on the Syke Mill garden last summer and she suggested another attempt to tidy the pond area when all available to do some clearing could get together.</p> <p><u>Overgrown public footpath</u> – Councillors Haworth or Hayes were asked to arrange for the footpath between the village recreation ground and Kendal Row be cleared of long grass. It hadn't been cleared for some time and was now very overgrown.</p> <p><u>Animal Rescue</u> – Councillor Hayes mentioned that she has, for some time, been involved in the rescue of wild and domestic animals. She offered to try to help anyone in the village or area who knows of any animal in distress. Her contact details are on Hyndburn Borough Council's web site.</p>	<p>Councillor Marlene Haworth</p> <p>Marianne</p> <p>Cllrs Haworth and Hayes</p>
<p><b>6 DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>The next committee meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021 in the Dog Inn.</p>	