

BELTHORN VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7th September 2021

in The Dog Inn, Belthorn

Members Present:

Collette Riding

Marianne Davies

Judith Hamilton

Mel Egan

Also Present: Henry Neil Linaker

	Action
<p>1. 100 PLUS CLUB - 9th Monthly Draw of the Year</p> <p>The September draw, held at the committee meeting was drawn by Dave Smith at the meeting and witnessed by committee attendees.</p> <p>Winner of the 1st prize of £52.50 – ticket number 161, Barbara H</p> <p>Winner of the 2nd prize of £30.00 – ticket number 95, Marilyn W</p> <p>Winner of the 3rd prize of £22.50 – ticket number 86, Dominique T</p> <p>Winner of the 4th prize of £15.00 – ticket number 25, Andy B</p> <p>Judith proposed we hold a one-off prize draw at Christmas for those who wish to take part.</p> <p>Agreed: Judith and possibly Tina, when collecting names of those who want to be included in the 100 Plus Club for year 2022, to ask if they also wish to take part in the Christmas one-off prize draw.</p>	Judith / Tina
<p>2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Barbara Heffernan, Yvonne Brown and Tina Walker submitted their apologies for absence.</p>	
<p>3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>As Head Teacher of Belthorn Academy Mel Egan declared an interest in item 8 on the agenda.</p>	
<p>4. MINUTES OF THE 3rd and 17th AUGUST MEETINGS FOR APPROVAL</p> <p>The minutes of the meetings were approved.</p>	
<p>5. MATTERS ARISING</p> <p><u>Village Dog Show, Bank Holiday Monday 30th August</u> – The event was very well attended, well organised with a great atmosphere. Although the weather wasn't perfect, it was dry. Refreshment served on the day raised £70.77 for the village committee.</p>	

<p><u>Overgrown Footpath between the Rec and Kendal Row</u> – Villager Jason had started clearing the path but the job was finished by an Oswaldtwistle group. Although they dumped the grass cuttings in the farmers field, the cuttings were later removed.</p> <p><u>Recreation Ground Benches</u> – Judith reported that the three benches, erected by Hyndburn Council, had now been refurbished by Barbara and herself and were ready for use. They had already proved very popular.</p> <p><u>Mobile Security Camera, Top of the Village</u> – Cllr Marlene Haworth offered, at the last meeting, to investigate the possibility of using one of the Council's new mobile security cameras at the top of Belthorn Road. She would report any progress at a later meeting.</p> <p><u>Overgrown Area at the Front of the Pond</u> – Marianne reported having cut back the overgrown rambling rose bush but that weeds still needed clearing by the water and all cuttings removed. She would again appeal to Syke Mill to use one of their skips for the cuttings when the work is finished.</p>	Marianne
<p>6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</p> <p>Collette had received a text complaint from a villager asking why he hadn't been invited to the Village Committee Annual General Meeting held on 17th August. Collette agreed to reply to him explaining that the set procedures were followed in notifying villagers by posting the official AGM notices around the village in the usual places by the requisite two weeks in advance of the meeting. No individual invitations to villagers are ever offered.</p>	Collette
<p>7. TREASURER'S REPORT</p> <p>Judith circulated her latest financial report and advised that the annual premium for public liability insurance had been paid with a saving of approximately £100 on last year's premium.</p>	
<p>8. BELTHORN ROAD SCHOOL PARKING PROBLEMS</p> <p>In response to a request for figures on how many children at the school actually live in Belthorn, Mel advised that only 8% of children attending Belthorn Academy live in Belthorn. She reported on the school's efforts to minimise village traffic nuisance, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • appealing to parents/guardians in the school newsletters to consider villagers when parking their cars before and after school; • drivers asked to continue through the village without turning round at the top where possible; • continuing with the staggered starts for classes to help minimise traffic problems. <p>Mel felt that the suggested new initiative discussed at previous committee meetings was not a practical option because it would deter parents from sending their children to the school and could move the parking nuisance problem to other parts of the village. It was explained that only a small section of the road would be cordoned off for a short period and parking at the top and bottom of the village was available.</p>	

She mentioned that one of the parents is a policeman who had spoken to inconsiderate motorists parking around the school. She didn't feel that the parking issue is much of a problem at the moment but would continue to monitor the situation.	
9. REQUEST FOR MEMORIAL BENCH SITE – DEE DAVIES Yvonne had offered to put the request for a bench to be sited on the Dog Inn field to the Dog Inn Board at their next meeting and report back to the village committee and Dee on the outcome.	Yvonne
10. SOCIAL EVENTS FOLLOWING COVID LOCKDOWN A Social Events meeting was arranged for 12.30 pm on Saturday 11 th September in the Dog Inn. Anyone willing to take part in organising village social events is welcome to attend.	
11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS At the previous night's Dog Inn AGM for shareholders, the request by some villagers to buy some of the Dog Inn field adjoining their property was raised. At a vote, there was only one person in favour of the request, the remainder of the meeting voted No. Members of the village committee present totally agreed with the decision for various reasons.	
12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next committee meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Tuesday 5 th October 2021 in the Dog Inn.	