

BELTHORN VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2nd November 2021
at 6.00 pm in The Dog Inn, Belthorn

Members Present:

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

Also Present: Councillor Peter Britcliffe
and Craig Steele for part of the meeting.

	Action
<p>1. 100 PLUS CLUB - 11th Monthly Draw of the Year</p> <p>The November draw was drawn by Judith Hamilton before the meeting.</p> <p>Winner of the 1st prize of £52.50 – ticket number 164, Suzanne N</p> <p>Winner of the 2nd prize of £30.00 – ticket number 54, Tony and Lynne</p> <p>Winner of the 3rd prize of £22.50 – ticket number 98, Judith H</p> <p>Winner of the 4th prize of £15.00 – ticket number 161, Barbara H</p> <p>Judith had reminded the village that she would soon be collecting contributions for next year's monthly draws.</p>	
<p>2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Judith and Barbara submitted apologies for absence.</p>	
<p>3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>As Head Teacher of Belthorn Academy Mel and School Head of Governors, Yvonne declared an interest in discussions around the School parking and traffic problems.</p>	
<p>4. MINUTES OF THE 5th OCTOBER MEETING FOR APPROVAL</p> <p>The minutes of the meetings were agreed as a correct record.</p>	
<p>5. MATTERS ARISING</p> <p><u>Mobile Security Camera, Top of the Village</u> – Cllr Marlene Haworth offered, at the August meeting, to investigate the possibility of using one of the Council's new mobile security cameras at the top of Belthorn Road. She was awaiting a response from a Council officer. Marianne had sent a chase up e-mail to the Council officer and was still awaiting a response.</p> <p>Tina suggested we re-consider installing dummy cameras at the top of the village and offered to check costings, availability and installation practicalities. Yvonne offered to talk to farmers re erecting poles for the cameras in their fields.</p>	Tina/Yvonne

<p><u>Belthorn School Parking Problems</u> – Tina apologised for being so busy at work, not having had time to meet with Mel outside the school as agreed but would arrange to meet up again after half term.</p> <p><u>14th November Remembrance Day Arrangements</u> – Yvonne confirmed that Roger would say a few words at the village memorial. A free hot toddy would be available at the Dog Inn for those attending the service. Judith had offered to buy the wreath on behalf of villagers.</p> <p>Councillor Britcliffe, as a member of the British Legion, would lay a wreath at the Belthorn memorial on their behalf.</p> <p><u>Village Dog Poo Bins</u> – Following Barbara's request for poo bins to be re-located, a response had been received from Councillor Britcliffe explaining that <u>there were no suitable area at the locations suggested to locate the dog bins. Also being next to bus shelters people would complain over the smell while waiting for a bus. There is currently a post mounted litter bin next to the Dog Inn which can be used for dog waste if needed.</u></p>	<p>Tina/Mel</p> <p>Judith</p>
<p>6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</p> <p>Marianne had applied to the Hilda Clarke Memorial Fund for help towards the Christmas events and received a response to say they would be happy to contribute.</p>	
<p>7. TREASURER'S REPORT</p> <p>The cheque from the Hilda Clarke Memorial Fund was passed to Judith to bank. Tina reported having chased up her Community Grant application. She had received an acceptance form from them which she would complete, return then await the cheque.</p>	
<p>8. SOCIAL EVENTS</p> <p>Firework Display Arrangements – the potato pie supper, prepared by Kathryn at the school, would be delivered between 5.30 – 6.00 pm and put onto warmers in the restaurant for serving at £3 each meal, cash only.</p> <p>Firework display to start appx 7.00 pm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mel would also ask Kathryn to make a cheese and onion pie for vegetarians. • Tina would collect donations from attendees. • Yvonne had posted notices to local farmers warning them of the possible noise nuisance from fireworks. • Craig would source paper plates etc. <p><u>Christmas Parties Update</u></p> <p>Children's party, 11th December, 2.00 – 4.00 pm – limited tickets (appx 45) sold on a first come, first served policy to a deadline of 30th November. They would be priced at £7.50 with at least £10 each spent on presents.</p> <p>Claire to be asked to prepare tickets and posters.</p>	<p>Mel/Kathryn</p> <p>Tina</p> <p>Craig</p> <p>Yvonne</p>

<p>Over 60s Party, 18th December, from 2.00 pm onwards – the Dog Inn would provide free port and sherry, Marianne to source Christmas crackers and collect names of those planning to attend.</p> <p>Raffle prizes would be gratefully received from anyone but, as usual, all attending to be asked to bring along a raffle prize on the day or alternatively leave it behind the bar at the pub in advance</p> <p>Buffet meals for both parties – Councillor Britcliffe recommended a local caterer and Flavours, caterers, which we've used before were also suggested.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed: We ask for quotes from both caterers before deciding and booking. <p>Oswaldtwistle Christmas Parties – As usual all Belthornian Over 50s are invited to the two parties at a refundable cost of £5 per ticket on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 7th December at 7.30 in Hare & Hounds, Blackburn Rd, West End, Oswaldtwistle, or Sunday 12th December from 1.30 pm in Oswaldtwistle's Social Club. <p>Christmas Meals for Over 60s provided by the school and part-funded by the village's UKI, Syke Mill, will be delivered on Wednesday 8th December.</p> <p>Dog Inn Events Meeting will be held on Saturday 6th November. All villagers are welcome to attend.</p> <p>Christmas Carols Around the Tree will be held on Sunday 19th December from 6.00 pm.</p>	<p>Marianne</p> <p>All</p> <p>Collette</p>
<p>9. BELTHORN ROAD PAVEMENT TURNED INTO A GARDEN</p> <p>Following lots of comments on the village Facebook pages, as a village committee member, Marianne had been asked to investigate the legality of the pavement outside numbers 152 and 154 Belthorn Road being transformed into gardens. She updated the meeting on her findings and was, along with concerned villagers, still awaiting a decision, due within 22 days, from Lancashire County Council Highways inspectors.</p>	
<p>10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>Overgrown Hawthorn Bushes - Councillor Britcliffe intended to investigate with Lancashire County Council the long-standing issue of overgrown Hawthorn bushes along the top of Belthorn Road and would report back.</p> <p>Village Christmas Tree – provided as usual by Hyndburn Borough Council. Craig asked that the tree be slightly smaller if possible to make it more practical in the Belthorn wind and that Hyndburn's contractors be asked to decorate it with the lights stored in the pub the way they have done in previous years.</p>	
<p>11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next committee meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Tuesday 7th December 2021 in the Dog Inn.</p>	