

# BELTHORN VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7th December 2021  
at 6.00 pm in The Dog Inn, Belthorn

## Members Present:

Collette Riding  
Yvonne Brown

Marianne Davies  
Judith Hamilton

Mel Egan

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<p><b>1. 100 PLUS CLUB – Final Draw of the Year</b></p> <p>The December draw was started by Orla Ellwood</p> <p>Winner of the 1<sup>st</sup> prize of £52.50 – ticket number 63, W Smyth</p> <p>Winner of the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize of £30.00 – ticket number 80, D and E Taylor</p> <p>Winner of the 3<sup>rd</sup> prize of £22.50 – ticket number 139, L Banyard</p> <p>Winner of the 4<sup>th</sup> prize of £15.00 – ticket number 57, I and A Ready</p> <p>Judith confirmed that we would be holding a one-off prize, priced at £1 each, drawn on New Year's Eve, with 20% for the village committee and 80% of takings going to the winner. She reminded the meeting that she would start collecting contributions in the village for year 2022 this week-end.</p>	
<p><b>2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> – Tina and Barbara submitted apologies for absence.</p>	
<p><b>3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
<p><b>4. MINUTES OF THE 2<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER MEETING FOR APPROVAL</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meetings were agreed as a correct record but the Carols around the Tree event had been changed by the church from the 19<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 7.00 pm.</p>	
<p><b>5. MATTERS ARISING</b></p> <p><u>Mobile Security Camera, Top of the Village</u> – Owing to the lack of electricity on the road at the top of the village, Tina had sourced some potentially suitable dummy mobile cameras to help deter the dumping of rubbish in the lay-bys at the top of the village.</p> <p>After checking the area, Yvonne suggested erecting poles to hold the cameras on the grass verges after obtaining permission from LCC Highways.</p> <p><b>Agreed:</b> To discuss the issue at the next meeting.</p>	

<p><u>Village Christmas Over 60s Meals</u> – Christmas Meals provided by the school and part-funded by the village's UKI, Syke Mill, were due to be delivered round the village the following day on the 8<sup>th</sup> December. Yvonne and Mel offered to deliver them, accompanied by school children singing Christmas carols.</p>	<p>Mel / Yvonne</p>
<p><u>Debit card payments for village committee events</u> – A number of people at recent village events had preferred paying by card rather than by cash. Judith agreed to ask the Committee's bank whether we would be allowed to offer this service and the costs involved.</p>	<p>Judith</p>
<p><u>Belthorn Road pavement turned into a garden</u> – Following lots of comments on Belthorn Days Facebook page about the change of use of the pavement across from the Dog Inn, Marianne had been asked by Jennie, (Belthorn Days Administrator) to investigate the matter.</p> <p>After discussions with Hyndburn Borough Council's Development Control Department (Planning) and Lancashire County Council's Highways Department, Marianne had reported that since that part of the pavement was classed as Unadopted Land, there was nothing LCC could do about it. Hyndburn's Planning Department had advised that erecting the wall was allowed under Permitted Development rules therefore the building of the wall was considered perfectly legal. Sadly some villagers felt unable to accept the situation and continued to post negative comments, some directed at volunteer Jennie, therefore the Facebook posts on the matter had been discontinued.</p>	
<p><b>6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</b></p> <p>There had been no correspondence received.</p>	
<p><b>7. TREASURER'S REPORT</b></p> <p>Judith circulated the latest figures following summer events, public liability costs and general expenses paid out. At the recent firework display, £297.61 was raised from refreshments provided by the village school and cash collections on the night. £250, the committee's contribution, was paid to Clive Carroll for the fireworks leaving a total profit of £47.61 towards committee funds.</p>	
<p><b>8. SOCIAL EVENTS</b></p> <p><u>Firework Display</u> – the event received good reviews although some attendees would have preferred traditional noisy fireworks, most villagers, including farmers and pet owners, preferred the quieter ones.</p> <p><u>Village Remembrance Day</u> – very well attended with Roger providing some thoughtful words for the occasion. Wreaths were laid on behalf of the village, British Legion and Hyndburn Conservative party amongst others. The school children had placed poppies around the garden creating a beautiful display.</p> <p>The committee was asked if we could ask the British Legion to place large poppies on the lamp posts as in other local areas. This was discussed and considered that next year the school children might like to make large poppies for the lamp posts instead.</p>	

<p><u>Christmas Parties Update</u></p> <p><b>Village Children's party, 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2.00 – 4.00 pm and Over 60s Party, 18<sup>th</sup> December, from 2.00 pm onwards.</b> Last minute arrangements were discussed for both parties with everything appearing to be in place for the events. Numbers attending were down on previous years but that was considered a good thing considering the latest Covid situation.</p> <p><b>Oswaldtwistle Christmas Parties</b> – attendance of some committee members and friends at the Tuesday night's event unfortunately had to be changed mainly because of bad colds and hectic Christmas schedules.</p> <p><b>Christmas Carols around the Tree</b> event has been changed by the church and will now be held on <b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December from 7.00 pm.</b></p>	
<p><b>9. BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN'S LOCAL PLAN INDUSTRIAL UNITS PROPOSAL</b></p> <p>The meeting on the above subject at the Dog Inn on the 29<sup>th</sup> November was presented by Dog Inn Board Member, Kathryn Sharpe and the group from Guide fronting the fight against the Council's proposals to release land from the green belt along the motorway from Guide to build industrial units.</p> <p>Marianne explained how it would adversely affect the village and indicated that the next stage of the consultation process would take place in January/February 2022. Voluntary group, Campaign for the Protection of Rural England, had agreed to support the Guide and Belthorn objections but they needed funds to engage a consultant to concentrate solely on this issue at a reasonable cost of £2,700, be borne by the community. £1,350 of that would be payable in January/ February with the balance due 6 months later. Our written objections to the proposals would need to be submitted to the Council again in January.</p>	
<p><b>10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p><u>Overgrown Hawthorn Bushes</u> - 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>Councillor Britcliffe</p>
<p><b>11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>The next committee meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 in the Dog Inn.</p>	