

# BELTHORN VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
at 6.00 pm in The Dog Inn, Belthorn

## Members Present:

Collette Riding  
Yvonne Brown

Marianne Davies  
Judith Hamilton

Mel Egan  
Tina Walker

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<p><b>1. 100 PLUS CLUB – First Draw of the Year</b></p> <p>The January draw was overseen by Barman Harry.</p> <p>Winner of the 1<sup>st</sup> prize of £59.15 – ticket number 126, Mr &amp; Mrs Gerrard</p> <p>Winner of the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize of £33.80 – ticket number 61, D Holden</p> <p>Winner of the 3<sup>rd</sup> prize of £25.35 – ticket number 84. T Holden</p> <p>Winner of the 4<sup>th</sup> prize of £16.90 – ticket number 29, G McGurk</p> <p>Judith stated that the first one-off New Year's Eve draw with a prize of £133.60 was drawn in the Dog Inn on the night and won by Dean Ellwood. Judith reported that she had recruited 169 members of the 100+ Club for year 2022.</p>	
<p><b>2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> – Barbara and Collette 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 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2021 MEETING FOR APPROVAL</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meetings were agreed as a correct record.</p>	
<p><b>5. MATTERS ARISING</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 to a future meeting.</p> <p>Yvonne reported that they had been cut back but needed more attention.</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>Yvonne had suggested erecting poles to hold the cameras on the grass verges after obtaining permission from LCC Highways.</p>	

<p><b>Agreed:</b></p> <p><b>Marianne to approach LCC for permission to erect poles on the grass verges to house 1 or 2 dummy cameras as necessary.</b></p>	Marianne
<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 had e-mailed round the latest Treasurers report as at January 2022 showing current profit and loss after income and expenditure for Christmas events. £167 was received for tickets for the New Year's Eve one-off draw with £133.60 paid to the winner leaving a profit of £33.40 for the committee's fund. Judith hadn't had time to enquire about a card machine to be used for village committee events but would do so when next at the bank.</p>	Judith
<p><b>8. CHRISTMAS SOCIAL EVENTS FEEDBACK</b></p> <p><u>Children's Christmas Party</u> – very successful,</p> <p><u>Over 60s Christmas Meals</u> – delivered on a wet, windy day but very well received and much appreciated.</p> <p><u>Over 60s party</u> - fewer villagers attended than previous years, mainly owing to the current Covid situation, but those who did enjoyed the event. Quite a lot of food left over which was enjoyed later by pub customers with no wastage.</p> <p><u>Christmas Fair</u> – very busy, great atmosphere and Nicky Razza Ashworth had kindly raised £71 towards village committee funds.</p> <p><u>Carols around the Tree</u> – changed date but good event.</p> <p>The committee considered whether or not anything could be changed or improved for this year's events and agreed that the only change suggested was slightly less buffet food for the Over 60s party if fewer people were attending.</p> <p><b>Agreed: Children's entertainer Peter Dean be booked ASAP for this year's Children's Party to be held on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. The Christmas Fair to be held on 10<sup>th</sup> December and Over 60s party 17<sup>th</sup> December.</b></p>	
<p><b>9. QUEEN'S PLATINUM CELEBRATION SUMMER VILLAGE EVENT</b></p> <p>Marianne and Yvonne reported having been asked to consider holding a summer event to celebrate the occasion. Grants are available from Awards for All to cover the costs of hiring a marquee and other items needed. Councillor Britcliffe had also advised of the possibility of a £500 pot of money in his budget which we could bid for.</p> <p><b>Agreed:</b> To raise the issue at the next village Events Meeting, date to be circulated later but it was agreed in principle to hold an event in June.</p>	

## **10. BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN'S LOCAL PLAN INDUSTRIAL UNITS PROPOSAL**

At last month's committee meeting the above subject was discussed. Kathryn Sharpe is representing Belthorn joining the group from Guide fighting against the Council's proposals to release a large amount of land from the green belt, along the motorway from Guide to build industrial units.

Marianne reminded the committee 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.

Having spoken earlier to Kathryn who was involved in raising the necessary funds to pay a consultant, Marianne suggested that the committee help their efforts by making a financial contribution towards their fund. This would be justified since it would adversely affect every household in the village by reducing our peaceful rural village, with beautiful views, to a busy thoroughfare, with increased amounts of traffic and overshadowed by the proposed industrial units on our doorstep.

**Agreed: A committee donation to their consultancy fee fund was considered and it was agreed that an amount of approximately £250, depending on need, be donated.**

## **11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Tina reminded the committee that a celebration event was to be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January for Dog Inn staff and all village volunteers.

## **12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next committee meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 in the Dog Inn.