

BELTHORN VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 1st March 2022
at 6.00 pm in The Dog Inn, Belthorn

Members Present:

Collette Riding
Yvonne Brown

Marianne Davies
Judith Hamilton

Catherine McGurk
Mel Egan

	Action
1. 100 PLUS CLUB – MARCH 2022 DRAW The March draw was overseen by Steve Breswell Winner of the 1 st prize of £59.15 – ticket number 81, W Edwards Winner of the 2 nd prize of £33.80 – ticket number 77, S Foden Winner of the 3 rd prize of £25.35 – ticket number 145, P Carol Winner of the 4 th prize of £16.90 – ticket number 15, H Chadwick	
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Barbara submitted an apology for absence.	
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were no declarations of interest.	
4. MINUTES OF THE 1st FEBRUARY 2022 MEETING FOR APPROVAL The minutes of the meetings were agreed as a correct record.	
5. MATTERS ARISING Judith hadn't yet had chance to buy a card machine but would do so before our next social event.	
6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED There had been no correspondence received.	
7. TREASURER'S REPORT Judith stated that she had nothing further report from our last meeting.	
8. LCC COUNCILLOR PETER BRITCLIFFE 'S £500 FUNDING Marianne advised having submitted the LCC application for £500 funding and had received confirmation that Councillor Britcliffe had agreed the funding bid. £300 had been set aside for Easter and May Day social events and £200 had been agreed for repair work to the notice boards and, if there was enough money left in the fund, put it towards a new notice board for the centre of the village to possibly be sited on or around the Dog Inn.	

<p>Agreed: Marianne to arrange for the repair work to be carried out and Yvonne to approach the Dog Inn Board with our request for an additional notice board sited outside the Dog Inn.</p>	<p>Marianne / Yvonne</p>
<p>9. QUEEN'S PLATINUM CELEBRATION SUMMER EVENT UPDATE</p> <p>Yvonne supplied an update on where she was on planning for the three-day event. She had submitted and been successful in obtaining a £5,200 Lottery Awards-for-All funding grant. A marquee would be rented for one month for the Platinum event and afterwards to host weekly bands and village entertainment. Yvonne outlined the celebration arrangements made so far.</p> <p><u>Easter and May Day celebrations</u> Arrangements to date were discussed covering children making Easter bonnets for the competition, craft session and biscuit decorating and egg hunting around the Dog Inn.</p> <p>The maypole needs updating before the traditional May Day parade around the village on Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May. Jennie is to be asked to decorate the maypole with flowers and the pub for the Easter events. Mel to appeal for May King and May Queen from village school children and Elspeth be asked to make greetings cards for the successful children.</p> <p>Mel reported having received confirmation of a successful funding bid for the school to allow a stage to be built for use of villagers as well as the school, together with other improvements planned for the school.</p>	
<p>10. BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN'S LOCAL PLAN INDUSTRIAL UNITS PROPOSAL – OBJECTIONS DEADLINE 18 MARCH 2022</p> <p>Since the group had been unable to open a bank account in time, a “Go Fund Me” page had been set up and donations were being requested as soon as possible in order to pay the first part of the agreed amount to the consultant from voluntary organisation CPRE (Campaign for the Protection of Rural England) to fight our cause. Villagers and Guide residents were asked to contribute to the fund to help fight the proposal to build industrial units alongside the M65 from Guide. Yvonne and Marianne explained the importance of our objecting to the proposals, rather than have the development begin as soon as the Local Plan was agreed and adopted by Blackburn with Darwen Council.</p> <p>According to press reports, the Issa Brothers intended to develop the whole site as soon as possible if and when the land was released from the Green Belt. Marianne confirmed, following recent events, that 'People Power' does work and if enough objections were received to the proposals, the Council could be forced to change its plans, the land remain in the Green Belt and we retain the rural nature of our area.</p> <p>A response template to form the basis of our objections to the Council before the 18th March deadline would be available shortly. The committee appealed for all villagers to send in their objections to the development as suggested on the template as every objection counts.</p>	

<p>11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p><u>Hyndburn Council Garage Site</u> - Tina raised the issue of the start of building work taking place on Hyndburn Council's garage site by a new villager who intends to lay foundations for the erection of his garages at the rear of the garage site whilst a long list of residents were awaiting the allocation of a garage site for their use without being offered the same opportunity.</p> <p>No-one on the committee had heard or been informed of the work carried out on the land. It was agreed that following discussions about the garage site some years ago, that Councillor Marlene Haworth be contacted to investigate and report back as a matter of urgency. Tina had tried to find out what's happening from a council officer without success therefore agreed to contact Councillor Haworth.</p> <p>Yvonne reported plans for Blackburn with Darwen's Niomi Wood to arrange Adult Learning classes covering First Aid, Defibrillator training, Mental Health Awareness and various craft classes, to be held in the Dog Inn.</p> <p><u>Village First Aiders and Medically Trained Volunteers</u> – following discussion on the proposed classes available, Mental Health nurse, Tina suggested that since she is often called upon to help in various first-aid emergencies in the village that other, possibly retired professionals, be asked to join a list of possibly available 'angels' to be contacted in case of emergency. It was also suggested that a blood pressure machine be bought, to be kept in the Dog Inn at an approximate cost of £20.</p> <p>The ideas were considered and the organisation of the list be discussed at a later meeting. Yvonne to arrange for the defibrillator be checked to see if it was in good working order and fully registered with the NHS.</p>	<p>Tina</p> <p>Yvonne</p>
<p>12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next committee meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Tuesday 5th April 2022 in the Dog Inn.</p>	