

BELTHORN VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5th April 2022
at 6.00 pm in The Dog Inn, Belthorn

Members Present:

Marianne Davies Catherine McGurk Yvonne Brown
Tina Walker and Judith Hamilton

Also Present: Lesley Dunn, Graham Slater
and Blackburn with Darwen Councillor, Julie Slater

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1. 100 PLUS CLUB – APRIL 2022 DRAW The April draw was overseen by Tina Walker Winner of the 1 st prize of £59.15 – ticket number 91, Mr & Mrs Pearson Winner of the 2 nd prize of £33.80 – ticket number 71, Vick K Winner of the 3 rd prize of £25.35 – ticket number 54, Tony & Lynne Winner of the 4 th prize of £16.90 – ticket number 25, Andy B	
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Collette Riding, Mel Egan and Barbara Heffernan submitted apologies for absence.	
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were no declarations of interest.	
4. MINUTES OF THE 1st MARCH 2022 MEETING FOR APPROVAL The minutes of the meetings were agreed as a correct record.	
5. MATTERS ARISING <u>Committee Card Payment Machine</u> - Judith had researched card machines and after discussion it was decided to buy one that didn't require a phone app at a price of around £99. <u>Hyndburn Garage Site</u> -Tina reported on her on-going correspondence with Hyndburn Borough Council regarding recent planning permission granted to a new resident for the building of a double garage on the Council-owned garage site whilst many villagers had their names on a long waiting list for a garage without being given the same opportunity to rent a garage. Councillor Judith Addison had researched and e-mailed Hyndburn's policy on their garage sites which clearly stated the rules. A formal complaint had been submitted to the Council and a holding response received. <u>Village First-Aiders and Medically Trained Volunteers</u> – Yvonne reported that a new village newsletter, covering both village and Dog Inn news,	Judith

<p>would be produced and advertise for volunteers. She would discuss buying a blood pressure machine, to be kept at the pub, at the next Dog Inn board meeting. The defibrillator was to be checked and its registration confirmed before the training workshop arranged for Tuesday 12th April in the Dog Inn. Bookings for the workshop to be made in advance at the pub.</p>	
<p>6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</p> <p>Marianne had received an invitation for the village to submit an entry to Lancashire's Best Kept Village competition but after discussion it was agreed that the entrance to the village from the bottom of the Grane Road was spoilt by the appearance of large, rubbish filled containers and the poor condition of the allotments at the bottom of the village. I was felt that, at the moment, Belthorn would have very little chance of winning when competing against other villages.</p> <p>Marianne had also received a letter from MP Sara Britcliffe advising the committee that following residents' complaints concerning the recreation ground, she had arranged for the goal posts to be repainted and pest control work to be carried out.</p>	
<p>7. TREASURER'S REPORT</p> <p>Judith circulated the committee's year-end financial report which she would post on the Charity Commission's website as required by law.</p>	
<p>8. LCC COUNCILLOR PETER BRITCLIFFE 'S £500 FUNDING</p> <p>Judith had received the invoice from Belthorn's Fix-it-Pete for the same stain used on the top notice board and re-staining the pond fence and notice board. He would give us an estimate for the erection of a notice board outside of the Dog Inn. The Dog Inn had arranged for regular customer Ian from Parkinson Singes to also prepare a quote for a new notice board for consideration and they would help fund it.</p>	
<p>9. QUEEN'S PLATINUM CELEBRATION SUMMER EVENT UPDATE</p> <p>Yvonne supplied an update on what was on planned for the June event after winning 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 to date. Sunday, 5th June is to be the main community day with games and children's events, on Saturday, 4th June the marquee would host various craft stalls. Arrangements and bookings are still on-going.</p> <p><u>Easter and May Day celebrations</u> Arrangements to date were confirmed covering children making Easter bonnets for the competition, craft session, biscuit decorating and chocolate egg hunting in the Dog Inn.</p> <p>The maypole needs updating before the traditional May Day parade around the village on Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May and Jennie has agreed to decorate the maypole with flowers and the pub for the Easter events. Mel would appeal for May King and May Queen from village school children and Elspeth asked to make greetings cards for the successful children.</p>	

10. BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN'S LOCAL PLAN - PROPOSED INDUSTRIAL UNITS UPDATE

The consultant from voluntary organisation CPRE (Campaign for the Protection of Rural England), employed to fight to retain our Green Belt land, had submitted her informed, technical objections to the Council's proposals by the 18th March deadline. Villagers and Guide residents had also been asked to submit objections to the second round of consultation and to contribute to the fund to help fight the proposal to build industrial units alongside the M65 from Guide.

Enough money had been raised by the group to fund the consultant's work to date. Lots of publicity had been given to help retain our Green Belt and appeal to Blackburn with Darwen Council to change its proposal for the land to remain in the Green Belt and retain the rural nature of our area.

An on-line petition opposing the proposals had been set up and all residents were asked to add their names ASAP to help the cause and a **community walk has been arranged for Saturday 23rd April from Belthorn to Blackburn Town Hall starting at 10.00 am to show support.**

West Pennine Moors Councillor for Blackburn with Darwen, Julie Slater attended the meeting to show support for our cause and explain some of the politics involved in decision making. She had reported that there were so many Brown-field sites available for use without the need to cement over the Green Belt. Adjoining Councils were able to submit either support or objections to Local Plan proposals and she asked whether Hyndburn's Councillors or MP had submitted objections. Darwen/Rossendale MP Jake Berry was opposed to releasing the land from the Green Belt.

Agreed: Marianne to contact Councillor Britcliffe and Sara Britcliffe MP to ask whether or not objections had been submitted, and report back to the committee and the Guide group.

Marianne to e-mail the link to the on-line petition to her village e-mail list.

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11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

New Committee Members - Lesley and Graham attended the meeting with a view to joining the committee. It was agreed that they would be very welcome to join.

Village Flower Tubs – Tina suggested planting more flowers and replacing the tubs at the top and bottom entrance to the village. Since Tina had to leave the meeting early it was agreed to discuss the suggestion at the next meeting.

Grant Funding Masterclass – Yvonne advised of an education session to be held on how to submit funding applications and to which organisations, at a cost of £50 per person.

Councillor Slater suggested contacting MP Sara Britcliffe's secretary, who could possibly suggest organisations with funding available for rural areas.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next committee meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Tuesday 3 rd May 2022 in the Dog Inn.	
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