

BELTHORN VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3rd May 2022
at 6.00 pm in The Dog Inn, Belthorn

Members Present:

Marianne Davies
Collette Riding

Yvonne Brown
Judith Hamilton

Tina Walker
and Graham Slater

Lesley Dunn

Also Present: Councillor Peter Britcliffe

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1. 100 PLUS CLUB – MAY 2022 DRAW The May draw was overseen by Councillor Peter Britcliffe. Winner of the 1 st prize of £59.15 – ticket number 88, R Beech Winner of the 2 nd prize of £33.80 – ticket number 29, G McGurk Winner of the 3 rd prize of £25.35 – ticket number 130, J Halliwell Winner of the 4 th prize of £16.90 – ticket number 17, N Bland	
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Barbara Heffernan, Mel Egan and Catherine McGurk.	
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were no declarations of interest.	
4. MINUTES OF THE 5th APRIL 2022 MEETING FOR APPROVAL The minutes of the meetings were agreed as a correct record.	
5. MATTERS ARISING <u>Hyndburn Garage Site</u> -Tina advised that after learning about Hyndburn Council's policy on their garage sites which clearly stated the rules, she had submitted a formal complaint to the Council since the rules clearly hadn't been followed. A response had been received from the Ombudsman informing her that a Level three investigation was being carried out. <u>Village First-Aiders and Medically Trained Volunteers</u> – Yvonne reported that she had appealed for someone to co-ordinate villagers acting as volunteers to be available to apply health care in case of a local emergency. The appeal for trained health care workers or ex-workers would go out shortly. Tina Walker offered to keep a register of volunteer health care workers. Volunteers would be asked to either e-mail Tina or contact Nic in the Dog Inn. A blood pressure machine had been bought and would be kept at the pub. The defibrillator was checked and its registration confirmed. A Lifesaver training workshop for villagers was held on the 12 th April in the Dog Inn.	Tina Walker

<p>The Mental Health workshop arranged by Blackburn with Darwen Council, will be held over a four-week period. Bookings for the workshop are to be made at the pub.</p>	
<p>6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</p> <p><u>Schools Parking</u></p> <p>Marianne reported having been forwarded an e-mail by Councillor Britcliffe from LCC informing us of the targetted deployment of Civil Enforcement Officers to deter parking at the beginning and end of the school day at problem areas and to tackle complaints. The e-mail was circulated to committee members.</p>	
<p>7. TREASURER'S REPORT</p> <p>Judith e-mailed the committee's latest financial report as at 23 March 2022. A card payment machine had been purchased for committee use at village social events.</p>	
<p>8. LCC 'S £500 FUNDING UPDATE</p> <p>Following the allocation of £500 from Councillor Britcliffe's funding allocation which was to be used to repainting the village pond woodwork plus an additional notice board, Judith had spoken to Fix-it-Pete about an estimate for the erection of the notice board outside of the Dog Inn. Regular customer Ian, from Parkinson Singes to also preparing a quote for a new notice board for consideration and the Dog Inn would help fund it.</p>	
<p>9. SPRING / SUMMER EVENTS UPDATE</p> <p><u>Easter and May Day celebrations</u> Both events were well attended. Refreshments, decorations and prizes were funded by Councillor Britcliffe's pot of LCC funding. Marianne to write a letter of thanks to Elspeth for supplying a beautiful greetings card for the May Queen. Jennie was thanked for her work on decorating the pub for the events.</p> <p><u>Queen's Platinum Jubilee Arrangements to date</u></p> <p>The marquee would be erected in the field behind the Dog Inn at the end of May. Yvonne outlined the celebration arrangements for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee to date:</p> <p>Thursday 2nd June, Jubilee quiz and maybe watch the lighting of Jubilee Beacon on Darwen Tower,</p> <p>Friday 3rd June, A bee afternoon from 2.00 – 4.00 with demonstration by Louisa Simpson-Brown,</p> <p>Saturday 4th June, the marquee would host various craft stalls. Appeals for stall-holders had been made. Arrangements and bookings are still on-going. Live music from 7.30 pm with ceilidh band plus dancing.</p> <p>Sunday 5th June, is to be the main community day with games and children's events ie children's entertainer, and live performance at 2.10 pm by Oswaldtwistle Civic Theatre. Refreshments available. Petting corner present. Live music later from Belthorn's Liam Davies.</p>	<p>Marianne</p>

<p>10. LAY-BYS AT THE TOP OF BELTHORN ROAD</p> <p>Following Yvonne's request for the lay-bys at the top of the village to be closed off to help prevent the tipping of rubbish, Councillor Britcliffe had passed on the message that the issue would be discussed at the next meeting of the Lancashire's Community Safety Partnership meeting.</p>	
<p>11. BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN'S LOCAL PLAN - PROPOSED INDUSTRIAL UNITS ON GREEN BELT UPDATE</p> <p>The community walk which took place on Saturday 23rd April from Belthorn, picking up Guide protestors and ending at Blackburn Town Hall was very well supported with approximately 40 – 50 people attending. Extra support was gained by passing motorists with plenty of coverage received in local press. Paul Simpson of Kendal Row gave a well-delivered speech outside the Town Hall setting out the Council's proposals and explaining our objections. Signatures on petitions are continuing to be gathered from villagers who were unable to sign the on-line form.</p> <p>As agreed at the last committee meeting, Marianne asked Councillor Britcliffe and Sara Britcliffe MP whether or not their objections had been submitted to releasing our land from the Green Belt. They had both confirmed that they had submitted objections. Marianne had also e-mailed the link to the on-line petition to her village e-mail list.</p>	
<p>12. VILLAGE WEBSITES ADMINISTRATION</p> <p>Marianne had circulated concerns from Jennie about complaints and upsetting threats she had received from people about posts on village pages on Facebook when they disagreed with her actions taken. Discussion took place about the administration of the websites and it was agreed that Jennie was appreciated for doing a difficult job, at times having to block insulting and offensive comments but the information on the Facebook pages ensured that villagers and those interested in Belthorn were kept informed.</p>	
<p>13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p><u>Village Flower Tubs</u> – Tina had suggested planting more flowers and replacing the tubs at the top and bottom entrance to the village. Thanks were given to both Tina and her sister Louise for arranging new planters with bulbs and plants for the chicanes at the top and bottom of the village to brighten entrances to the village.</p> <p><u>Remembrance Day Service</u> Councillor Britcliffe suggested we consider using better audio equipment at this year's Remembrance Day service. Judith advised that she had found a better system which she had planned to use this year.</p>	
<p>14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>A committee meeting to discuss last minute arrangements for the Queen's Platinum Celebrations will be held at 6.00 pm on Tuesday 17th May and a full Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th June.</p>	