

BELTHORN VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 5th October 2022

at 6.00 pm in the Dog Inn, Belthorn

Members Present:

Tina Walker Cathryn McGurk Marianne Davies
Yvonne Brown Sean Starkie and Judith Hamilton for the last part of the meeting

	Action
<p>1. 100 PLUS CLUB – OCTOBER 2022 DRAW</p> <p>The October draw was overseen by Steve Bramwell.</p> <p>Winner of the 1st prize of £59.50 - ticket number 10, S Burrill</p> <p>Winner of the 2nd prize of £34.00 - ticket number 66, L Beech</p> <p>Winner of the 3rd prize of £25.50 - ticket number 39, J Creasy</p> <p>Winner of the 4th prize of £17.00 - ticket number 79, C Hamilton</p>	
<p>2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE -</p> <p>Andy Harwood, Graham Slater, Kelly Druggan, Mel Egan and Lesley Dunn submitted apologies.</p> <p>Discussion took place around lack of attendance at committee meetings. It was felt that since some members rarely attended committee meetings consideration should be taken of item 10 of the committee's constitution which states that "Any members who fails to attend 3 consecutive committee meetings without good cause shall be deemed to have resigned his/her membership". This would apply with immediate effect.</p>	
<p>3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST</p> <p>As Secretary of the Dog Inn Board, Yvonne Brown submitted a declaration of interest.</p>	
<p>4. MINUTES OF THE 7th SEPTEMBER 2022 MEETING FOR APPROVAL</p> <p>The minutes of the were agreed as a correct record.</p>	
<p>5. MATTERS ARISING</p> <p><u>Hyndburn Garage Site</u> – Tina updated the Committee on the outcome of her complaint to the Councils' Ombudsman on behalf of the Committee and villagers regarding planning permission granted for a large garage on the Council's garage site in contravention of their Garage Site Rules and Regulations. For various disputed reasons the Ombudsman decided in the Council's favour.</p>	

<p>Agreed: Marianne to contact Councillor Judith Addison regarding the rumoured sell-off of some of the Council-owned Garage Site land.</p> <p><u>LCC Funding Update, Dog Inn Notice Board</u> – The quote awaited for and received was considered expensive by the Dog Inn Board and the Village Committee therefore more quotes would be sought ASAP.</p>	Marianne
<p>6. CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>No correspondence had been received,</p>	
<p>7. TREASURER'S REPORT</p> <p>Judith circulated the latest figures for consideration. Discussion took place about the price of public liability insurance taken out in August. Although it was the same price as last year, it was suggested that next year we contact an Insurance Broker to search for cover at a better price.</p>	
<p>8. AUGUST DOG SHOW FEEDBACK</p> <p>The show was very well attended by villagers and visitors. It was a great fun day and a profit of £31.11 raised towards Committee funds.</p>	
<p>9. WINTER SOCIAL EVENTS</p> <p>Tina had submitted a funding application for money to help fund the Christmas and other social events and was expecting a decision shortly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halloween – A children's party arranged for between 4.00 and 6.00 pm on 30th October with games in the pub and possibly a children's entertainer booked if available. • <u>A Murder Mistry evening</u> -The Dog Inn to be held on Saturday 29th October from 7.00 pm in the restaurant. • <u>Remembrance Day – Sunday 13th November at 11.00 am</u> - Roger Brown had agreed to speak at the event and lay a wreath on behalf of villagers, as last year, and Judith to be asked to buy the wreath on behalf of the Committee. • <u>Firework Display</u> – Tuesday 1st November is the suggested date for the event if a price can be agreed for the display. Entrance would be free but a collection arranged to help cover the price of the fireworks. Supper, at £3 per portion, would be supplied by the village school and served by the committee from 6.30 pm. • <u>Children's Christmas Party – Saturday 3rd December</u> – start time is 2.00 pm until 4.00 pm. A children's entertainer booked and food will be served as usual. All children to be accompanied by an adult. • <u>Over 60s Christmas Party – this year on a Sunday 11th December</u> from 2.00 pm onwards. A buffet would be served and prepared by Cathryn, food supplied by the village committee 	<p>Judith</p> <p>Cathryn</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Carols around the tree is to be arranged and hopefully a Brass band</u> concert arranged if Phil Cornell is in agreement. Dates to be 	

confirmed.	
<p>10. GREEN BELT FIGHT UPDATE</p> <p>For the latest information and recent updates members were advised to visit the “Protect our green belt and rural communities” page on Facebook.</p>	
<p>11. MEMORIAL GARDEN</p> <p>Marianne provided an update following Hyndburn Council's agreement to the village taking over the care and maintenance of the garden. She indicated her intention to ask Hyndburn Council to help move the undergrowth and weeds pulled from the pond area when the Council staff attend to remove unwanted plants/weeds from the garden and lay bark, as a priority, at the beginning of October. Bernadette Sager and helpers are to plant between the bark. Hyndburn Councillor, Susan Hayes happened to be passing during discussions at the memorial garden and kindly offered to donate either rose bushes or suitable plants for the garden.</p>	
<p>12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>The Committee had received an e-mail from County Councillor Peter Britcliffe offering the village the opportunity to apply for funding of £300 from his LCC allocation. Marianne thanked him for the opportunity.</p> <p>Agreed: Marianne to submit an application for the funding - £250 towards the Firework Display and £50 towards plants for the Memorial Garden.</p> <p>Louisa, who did an excellent job of updating the plant tubs at the chicanes to provide lots of colour, had requested a nominal sum to replace summer plants with winter heathers etc.</p> <p>Agreed: £10 - £20 from committee funds to buy winter plants for the tubs.</p>	Marianne
<p>13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 2nd November 2022 in the Dog Inn.</p>	