

# BELTHORN VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022  
at 6.00 pm in the Dog Inn, Belthorn

## Members Present:

Tina Walker      Cathryn McGurk      Marianne Davies      Lesley Dunn  
Yvonne Brown      Judith Hamilton      and Graham Slater

Also Present: Christine Yates

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<p>1. 100 PLUS CLUB – NOVEMBER 2022 DRAW</p> <p>The November draw was overseen by</p> <p>Winner of the 1<sup>st</sup> prize of £59.50 - ticket number 44, Clair B</p> <p>Winner of the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize of £34.00 - ticket number 161, Barbara H</p> <p>Winner of the 3<sup>rd</sup> prize of £25.50 - ticket number 12, Marianne D</p> <p>Winner of the 4<sup>th</sup> prize of £17.00 - ticket number 82, June H</p>	
<p>2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE -</p> <p>Sean Starkie and Andy Harwood submitted apologies.</p> <p>Collette Riding who helps out at all social events has re-considered her decision to leave the committee and asked to be reinstated.</p> <p><b>Agreed: Collette to be re-instated as a committee member.</b></p> <p>Following last month's discussion about poor attendance at committee meetings and lack of support and attendance at village social events 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".</p> <p>A decision on this would be made at the next meeting.</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 5<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2022 MEETING FOR APPROVAL</p>	

The minutes were agreed as a correct record.	
<p>5. MATTERS ARISING</p> <p><u>Hyndburn Garage Site</u> – Following discussion at the last meeting regarding rumours that the Council had sold off part of the garage site, Marianne contacted Councillor Judith Addison to investigate. Following a chase-up call she was told that Judith was still awaiting a response from the Garage Site officer and would report back ASAP. Marianne to continue trying to find out what's happening.</p> <p><u>LCC Funding Update, Dog Inn Notice Board</u> – The quote received was considered expensive by both the Dog Inn Board and the Village Committee therefore more quotes would be sought but it was proving difficult to find someone able to make a suitable notice board.</p> <p><b>Agreed: to consider Googling manufacturers and consider buying a re-cycled plastic board.</b></p>	<p>Marianne</p> <p>Marianne</p> <p>All</p>
<p>6. CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>No correspondence had been received,</p>	
<p>7. TREASURER'S REPORT</p> <p>Judith's latest figures were circulated before taking into account £300 received from County Councillor Peter Britcliffe's funding allocation and £40 cheque paid to Hyndburn Council for the gambling licence. All will be shown on the next bank statement received.</p> <p>Tina was still awaiting for a decision on whether or not we had been successful in her application for funding.</p>	
<p>8. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – 13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER – ARRANGEMENTS</p> <p>Roger Brown, as a Royal Marine Reserve, had agreed to speak and lay a wreath on behalf of villagers and Judith had agreed to buy the wreath.</p>	Judith
<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"> <li>• <u>Halloween</u> – The children's party was well-attended, the Entertainer was excellent and all the children had a great time.</li> <li>• <u>Firework Display</u> – on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November was very well attended. The school was thanked for supplying the food and Cathryn thanked for cooking it. Clive and Paul arranged a sparkling display as usual. Luckily the weather was good making for a great attendance. Money collected for food and for the event had still to be counted but owing to the new card machine was considered to be more than previous years.</li> </ul> <p>Marianne was successful in obtaining £300 from Councillor Britcliffe's</p>	

<p>LCC funding allocation, £250 of which would help pay for the firework display, the remaining £300 for the display was paid by The Dog Inn Board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Children's Christmas Party – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</u> – start time is 2.00 pm until 4.00 pm. A children's entertainer booked, a buffet will be made by Cathryn and served as usual. All children are to be accompanied by an adult.</li> <li>• <u>Over 60s Christmas Party – this year on a Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December</u> from 2.00 pm onwards. A buffet would be served and prepared by Cathryn and served by the village committee. Marianne to collect names and addresses of attendees.</li> <li>• Rather than a free raffle, this year a nominal charge will be made, proceeds of which to go towards the Protect the Green Belt group fund, fighting to keep our Green Belt free from the building of industrial units.</li> <li>• <u>Carols around the tree event is to be organised and hopefully a Brass band</u> concert arranged if Phil Cornell is available. Dates to be agreed</li> </ul> <p>A letter of thanks to be sent to the school Headteacher for allowing the school to provide the food for Cathryn to prepare for this year's social events.</p>	<p>Marianne</p> <p>Marianne</p>
<p>10. GREEN BELT FIGHT UPDATE</p> <p>Lesley advised that the Protect our Green Belt group were working on a report to the January Council hearing. There was still some fundraising needed to pay the balance of costs to the environmental consultants leading the fight against the Council's proposals. Currently a wildlife calendar was being produced of local photos, in time for the Christmas market.</p>	
<p>11. MEMORIAL GARDEN</p> <p>Marianne explained the difficulties in trying to contact the Council officer in charge of gardens and open spaces to chase up the practical work needed following Council permission for the village to take over the care and maintenance of the Memorial garden. Finally the officer arranged to have the weeds removed and lay bark as agreed.</p> <p>Hyndburn Councillor, Susan Hayes had kindly offered to donate either rose bushes or suitable plants for the garden. In Spring Bernadette and helpers would use the £50 granted from the recent LCC funding to buy suitable plants and shrubs. The small team would ensure the garden looked presentable for the Memorial Service.</p>	
<p>12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</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. Once the summer flowers die off she will replace them winter plants.</p>	

<p><b>Agreed: £10 - £20 from committee funds to buy winter plants for the tubs.</b></p> <p>Yvonne again raised the subject of overgrown hedges narrowing the width of Belthorn Road at the top of the village making it difficult to pass. Discussion took place on who was responsible and who would pay for the work. Cathryn offered to contact a colleague who may be able to help carry out the work.</p>	
<p><b>13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>A meeting solely to discuss final arrangements for the two Christmas parties would be held at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November.</p> <p>The next full committee meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 7th December 2022 in the Dog Inn.</p>	