

BELTHORN VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 4th January 2023
at 6.00 pm in the Dog Inn, Belthorn

Members Present:

Cathryn McGurk Marianne Davies Sean Starkie Yvonne Brown
Judith Hamilton Tina Walker

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<p>1. 100 PLUS CLUB – JANUARY 2023 DRAW</p> <p>The New Years Eve one-off draw of £131.20 was won by ticket number 149, Carol Flynn.</p> <p>The January draw was overseen by customer Paul Shuttleworth.</p> <p>Winner of the 1st prize of £57.75 - ticket number 55, Christine Y</p> <p>Winner of the 2nd prize of £33.00 - ticket number 88, Rob B</p> <p>Winner of the 3rd prize of £24.75 - ticket number 67, Steve H</p> <p>Winner of the 4th prize of £16.50 - ticket number 158, Leanne R</p>	
<p>2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>Collette, Lesley & Graham and Andy Harwood submitted apologies</p> <p>Sean Starkie stated that he and Andy Harwood wished to remain members of the village committee and would make attempts to attend more meetings.</p>	
<p>3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST</p> <p>As Secretary of the Dog Inn Board, Yvonne Brown submitted a declaration of interest but there was nothing contentious for discussion on this month's agenda.</p>	
<p>4. MINUTES OF THE 7 DECEMBER 2022 MEETING FOR APPROVAL</p> <p>The minutes were agreed as a correct record.</p>	
<p>5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES</p> <p><u>Green Belt Fight Update</u> - Wildlife calendars produced by the Save the Greenbelt Group were still available to buy from various venues in the area. They were produced for sale to help fund the environmental consultant employed by the group to help fight Blackburn with Darwen Council's proposals to release land from the Green Belt for the erection of industrial buildings around Guide and the M65 area.</p> <p>The formal Hearing is due to take place on Tuesday 31st January with meetings on 1st and 28th February to discuss the Plan.</p>	

<p><u>Overgrown Hedges</u> – Cathryn indicated that the work she had arranged to be undertaken would be carried out within the next few weeks for a one-off payment of £200 from Committee funds.</p>	
<p>6. CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>No correspondence had been received.</p>	
<p>7. TREASURER'S REPORT</p> <p><u>100 Plus Club Membership 2023</u> – Judith confirmed that she had recruited 165 members to date with a few more left to contact or collect payments.</p> <p>Judith set out details of payments out and money in over the Christmas period. The Children's Christmas party made a loss of £205.20 with the Over 60s party making a profit of £43.86.</p> <p>Judith would check that the £500 approved grant funding had been deposited in the Committee bank account.</p>	
<p>8. WINTER SOCIAL EVENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Children's Christmas Party Feedback</u> – Well attended, successful event. • <u>Over 60s Christmas Party</u> - Initially there were very few names booked to attend the event but some villagers did attend at the last minute after holidays etc, plus new villagers to make up attendees to the usual numbers. Over £60 was raised from the raffle towards paying for the environmental consultant employed to fight proposals to build industrial units on local green belt land. • <u>Carols around the Tree</u> - Owing to the poor weather conditions the event was moved inside the Dog Inn. • <u>Christmas Eve Barn Church Service</u> - organised by St James Church, Lower Darwen, was held in Springfield Barn, Belthorn Road started at 3.00 pm and was again, well attended. 	
<p>9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p><u>Village Teenagers</u></p> <p>Following the suggestion at our last meeting that we could maybe consider something social to cater for village teenagers, ie possibly one evening a week to use the Dog Inn's upstairs room for them to meet up, play table tennis etc or simply to socialise. The idea was discussed and Yvonne agreed to put it to the Dog Inn Board for consideration, and report back.</p> <p>Yvonne reported that unfortunately there could be lots of problems around supervision and practicalities. The idea wasn't viewed favourably. The village committee still felt it was a good idea and discussed various possibilities and checked the prices of foldable pool tables, table football games etc for sale on Facebook Market Place at reasonable prices.</p>	

<p>Agreed: to check for formal rules and liabilities along with possible supervision for the 13 – 17 age group in a community pub, and discuss again at our next meeting.</p> <p><u>Murder Mystery Evening</u> – Yvonne reminded the meeting of the 28th January event in the Dog Inn restaurant starting at 7.00 pm.</p> <p><u>Upcoming Social Events:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easter Egg Hunt – Yvonne to ask Clive Carroll whether he would like to arrange the event again this year. • King Charles III Coronation Day Celebration – Discussion took place around the possibilities for celebrating in and around the pub. To be discussed further at our next meeting. 	
<p>10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next Committee meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 1st February 2023 in the Dog Inn.</p>	