

BELTHORN VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 1st March 2023
at 6.00 pm in the Dog Inn, Belthorn

Members Present:

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

Also Present: Thomas and Alice Clarkson, Isabelle Lever and parents Nicola Lever and Andy Clarkson.

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<p>1. 100 PLUS CLUB – March 2023 DRAW</p> <p>The March draw was overseen by a customer.</p> <p>Winner of the 1st prize of £58.45 - ticket number 130, John H</p> <p>Winner of the 2nd prize of £33.40 - ticket number 30, Paul M</p> <p>Winner of the 3rd prize of £25.05 - ticket number 73, Chris & Dawn</p> <p>Winner of the 4th prize of £16.70 - ticket number 157, Hazel & Dave</p>	
<p>2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>Collette submitted an apology</p>	
<p>3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST</p> <p>As Secretary of the Dog Inn Board, Yvonne Brown and Board member Tina Walker submitted declarations of interest but there was nothing contentious for discussion on this month's agenda.</p>	
<p>4. MINUTES OF THE 1 FEBRUARY 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>Pond Notice Board</u> - Marianne indicated that Dean Ellwood would consider making a replacement for the current notice board which is in a poor state of repair.</p>	Marianne
<p>6. CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>Marianne had received a message from Andy Harwood resigning from the Village Committee owing to work commitments. He kindly offered to help at any events if needed. He was thanked for his work for the Committee.</p>	

<p>7. TREASURER'S REPORT</p> <p>Judith circulated her report prior to the meeting advised that we now had 167 members of the 100+ Club which would slightly increase monthly winnings. There were no questions on the report.</p> <p>It was suggested that Judith consider on-line banking of the Committee bank account for ease of access to recent activity.</p>	<p>Judith</p>
<p>8. TEENAGERS' SOCIAL MEET-UPS</p> <p>Following discussions at the latest Dog Inn Board meeting at the Committee's suggestions for the village's teenagers, Yvonne had produced a flyer for circulation inviting interested teenagers to attend this meeting to submit possible entertainment suggestions for consideration. Discussion took place around the following pastimes to be held upstairs on a weekly basis taking account of the teenagers and their parents' suggestions which included:</p> <p>Youth Club – possibly Saturday nights from 7.00 – 9.00 pm, pool table/football table, karaoke (need TV), "Just Dance" on TV, table tennis, use of bean bags for comfy sitting, arts & crafts. Well-behaved friends would be allowed in and outside food could be brought in. Possibly funded trips out could be arranged. Sessions would need to be supervised and Lesley and Sean had expressed an interest in becoming involved. The Dog Inn Board had offered to donate some funding for the project. The teenagers and their parents were thanked for attending.</p> <p>Agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee members to source and price suitable equipment. • Tina offered to investigate funding from her usual source. • Marianne to approach some usual funders for contributions. • More practical work, and possible funding for the project to take place after Easter. 	<p>All Tina Marianne Yvonne</p>
<p>9. GREEN BELT FIGHT – RESULT THE OF 28TH FEBRUARY HEARING</p> <p>Yvonne, who had attended the Hearing, reported that although professional planners at Blackburn with Darwen had submitted their evidence and stated their proposals, our local Protect the Green Belt group fighting their plans had put every effort into providing evidence and stating objections and make it clear how strong local feelings were against releasing land from the green belt to erect industrial buildings.</p> <p>A decision from the independent arbiters was expected in approximately six weeks' time. Yvonne advised that whatever the outcome of the Hearing, the local Guide/Belthorn group objecting to their proposals had given 100% effort and was warmly thanked by the Village Committee.</p>	
<p>10. SPRING/SUMMER SOCIAL EVENTS</p> <p><u>Easter Egg Hunt</u> – and biscuit decorating will be held on Monday 10th April between 2.00 – 4.00 pm. Children's' egg decorating craft session will take place on Saturday 8th April between 2.00 and 4.00 pm.</p>	

<p>Considering the price rise of Easter Eggs this year, a lesser budget based on last year's expenditure be given to Clive Carroll to buy the eggs. Judith would check last year's figures for comparison.</p> <p><u>May Day Parade</u> – will be held on Monday 1st May with bacon baps served from 10.30 am before the Parade starts at 11.00 am. As usual the school will be asked to nominate a May King and Queen to lead the parade. Jennie be asked to decorate the pub for the occasion and Elspeth asked to provide a greeting card for the winners.</p> <p><u>King Charles III Coronation</u></p> <p>Arrangements to date subject to funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday 5th May – Band booked • Saturday 6th May – Murder Mystery evening • Sunday 7th May – Party in a marquee (big lunch). Jamie will provide a buffet from 12 noon – 3.00 pm • Monday 8th May – Dog Show. 	<p>Judith</p> <p>Yvonne</p>
<p>11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>There was no other business to discuss.</p>	
<p>12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next Committee meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 5th April 2023.</p>	