

BELTHORN VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 3rd May 2023
at 6.00 pm in the Dog Inn, Belthorn

Members Present:

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

	Action
<p>1. 100 PLUS CLUB – MAY 2023 DRAW</p> <p>The May draw was overseen by a customer.</p> <p>Winner of the 1st prize of £58.45 - ticket number 42, D Merrick</p> <p>Winner of the 2nd prize of £33.40 - ticket number 162, L Mackie</p> <p>Winner of the 3rd prize of £25.05 - ticket number 45, Harleigh</p> <p>Winner of the 4th prize of £16.70 - ticket number 7, J Butterworth</p>	
<p>2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>Collette, Leslie and Graham submitted apologies for absence.</p>	
<p>3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST</p> <p>As Secretary of the Dog Inn Board, Yvonne submitted a declaration of interest together with Dog Inn Board member Tina regarding Item 11 on this Agenda.</p>	
<p>4. MINUTES OF THE 5th APRIL 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 advised that she had not heard from Dean Ellwood as to whether or not he was able to make a replacement notice board for the pond area. Someone else has been asked to carry out the work and his agreement is awaited after he looks at the notice board drawing and specifications.</p>	Marianne
<p>6. CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>No correspondence had been received.</p>	

<p>7. TREASURER'S REPORT</p> <p>Judith circulated her report prior to the meeting which included the figures after the Easter and May Day events held.</p> <p>She had investigated on-line banking of the Committee bank account advising that two signatures were required for the account. Judith and Marianne to go to the bank to sort</p>	<p>Judith, Marianne</p>
<p>8. VILLAGE TEENAGERS' YOUTH CLUB</p> <p>Yvonne and Judith reported on the first club meeting held, relayed teenagers' suggestions for future events including basic car maintenance, dance music and trips out. Possible equipment needed for future club nights was considered. The next Youth Club meeting would be held on Saturday 13th May.</p>	
<p>9. PROTECT OUR GREEN BELT FIGHT – UPDATE</p> <p>Marianne reported having spoken to a Strategic Officer at Hyndburn Borough Council regarding Blackburn with Darwen's neighbouring authorities' consultation meeting held, with adjoining authorities, to consider land allocation in Blackburn's emerging Local Plan.</p> <p>Although he had attended the consultation meeting, he was unaware of proposals for the green belt issue around Guide/Belthorn since that area was not highlighted along with the others.</p> <p>Hyndburn's officer offered to meet members of our POGB group for more information and to discuss the issue. Marianne had passed the information on to members of the POGB group.</p> <p>Marianne had been advised that the formal decision following the last Hearing would take much longer than the six weeks originally stated.</p>	
<p>10. SPRING/SUMMER SOCIAL EVENTS</p> <p><u>Children's' bonnet decorating</u> craft session was enjoyed by all who attended.</p> <p><u>Easter Egg Hunt</u> – the pub was full for the biscuit decorating and Easter Egg Hunt held on Easter Monday.</p> <p><u>May Day Parade</u> – was held on Bank Holiday with bacon baps served from 10.30 am before the Parade started at approximately 11.00 am. Far more people attended this event with more children involved than in previous years. Elspeth to be thanked for making the May King and May Queen greetings cards.</p> <p><u>King Charles III Coronation</u> Yvonne reported that all arrangements were in place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday 6th May – Murder Mystery evening (£25 tickets) – even though there were a few tickets still available, a profit would be made. • Sunday 7th May – All arrangements are in place. Party in a marquee (big lunch). Jamie will provide a buffet lunch from 12 noon – 3.00 pm. There will also be a Children's Entertainer from 3.00 – 5.00 pm 	<p>Marianne</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 8th May – Dog Show (11.00 am – 1.00 pm) and Village Litter Pick (King Charles Big Help Out) starting at 2.00 pm at the pub. Bacon baps will again be served. 	
<p>11. DOG INN BOARD SPECIAL MEMBERS MEETING</p> <p>As Dog Inn Board Secretary, Yvonne had been asked to arrange a Special Members Meeting to discuss suggested changes to some of the Board Members' Rules. Since the village committee holds shares, a committee vote was required. A vote was therefore agreed and would be presented at the 9th May Special Members' meeting.</p>	
<p>12. VILLAGE SCHOOL FOUNDATION STONE</p> <p>Marianne advised of a request from the village History Society for the Village Committee to agree a suitable spot to place the old school foundation stone when it was brought back to the village. Following discussion, it was agreed that the school should be asked in the first instance if they would like it placed in their grounds, following that, the village Memorial Garden be the second choice.</p> <p>Agreed – Cathryn to approach the school with the suggestion and Marianne to discuss the issue with Bernadette Sagar, who is leading the project to care and maintain the Memorial Garden, for her views.</p>	Cathryn, Marianne
<p>13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p><u>Fly Tipping at the Top of the Village</u></p> <p>Since Sean Starkie had requested that the issue of a security camera be discussed at the previous meeting which he had been unable to attend, he was given a quick explanation, as set out in the minutes, as to why the village committee had agreed no further action to be taken by the committee after all the time wasting by nearby villagers on their previous attempt to solve the fly tipping problem.</p> <p><u>Syke Mill Garden</u></p> <p>Marianne explained the background to the community garden and the need to keep it maintained. She suggested a group of villagers get together to carry out maintenance and cut back overgrown plants and bushes ASAP.</p> <p>Agreed – request villagers' help and suggest a date for the work to be carried out at the Monday 8th May litter pick.</p> <p><u>Recreation Ground Fallen Trees</u> – Sean reported that, although still alive, three trees were overhanging after possibly being blown down during winter gales. Marianne agreed to contact Hyndburn Council officers to check the trees when they're next in the area.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Marianne</p>
<p>14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next Committee meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 7th June 2023 in the Dog Inn.</p>	