

BELTHORN VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7th June 2023
at 6.00 pm in the Dog Inn, Belthorn

Members Present:

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

	Action
<p>1. 100 PLUS CLUB – JUNE 2023 DRAW</p> <p>The June draw was overseen by restaurant waiter, Lloyd</p> <p>Winner of the 1st prize of £58.45 - ticket number 160, Sharon T</p> <p>Winner of the 2nd prize of £33.40 - ticket number 19, A Mattison</p> <p>Winner of the 3rd prize of £25.05 - ticket number 166, Andy T</p> <p>Winner of the 4th prize of £16.70 - ticket number 158, Leanne R</p>	
<p>2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>Sean Starkie submitted an apology 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 5 of this agenda (11 on last month's agenda).</p>	
<p>4. MINUTES OF THE 3rd MAY 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 unfortunately Dean Ellwood is unable to make a replacement board for the pond area. She had arranged for else had been asked to carry out the work and his agreement is awaited after he looks at the notice board drawing and specifications.</p> <p><u>Village Teenagers' Youth Club</u> - Yvonne reported on the last club meeting held on the 13th May. The group was still getting established, with more teenagers expected when the current hot weather changes and parents would no longer need to attend each time as long as their contact details had been submitted. Changing the age range was also considered. The next meeting would be held on Saturday 17th June.</p>	Marianne

<p><u>Dog Inn Board Special Members' Meeting</u> – Suggested proposals that the DPS (Premises Supervisor) should not be a Board member was voted down, 54 votes to 9.</p> <p>A vote of 'No-confidence in the Board' was not necessary as explained in detail by Chair, Dave Hollins. Therefore, since the huge majority present were happy with the current arrangements, the Dog Inn Board would continue to operate as usual.</p> <p><u>Village School Foundation Stone</u> – Cathryn and Yvonne discussed where the stone could be sited in the school grounds. Cathryn agreed to discuss the issue with the school Head and ask Chris Nuttall if he would move the stone from his storage to the School.</p> <p><u>Syke Mill Garden</u> – Having checked the condition of the garden after all the hot weather, she reported how well it was looking but would need cutting back in a couple of month's time. Neighbour Kevin had earlier cut back some of the overhanging bushes.</p>	
<p>6. CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>No correspondence had been received.</p>	
<p>7. TREASURER'S REPORT</p> <p>Judith circulated her June report electronically prior to the meeting and hard copies at the meeting. There were no questions. She offered to bank the money from the jar on the Dog Inn bar.</p> <p>On-line banking of the Committee bank account arrangements were agreed.</p>	
<p>8. PROTECT OUR GREEN BELT FIGHT – UPDATE</p> <p>Marianne questioned whether Hyndburn's Strategy Officer (Stephen Brown) had been contacted by the POGB group regarding Blackburn with Darwen's neighbouring authorities' 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 at that meeting. He seemed keen to meet members of our POGB group for more information on Blackburn with Darwen's proposals in their plan and to discuss the issue further.</p> <p>A traffic survey had been carried out by Blackburn with Darwen Council. Unfortunately the dates included a Bank Holiday, the Coronation weekend and one where the motorway had been closed. Obviously very slow traffic days would impact their findings. Objections to the traffic survey had been submitted.</p> <p>It was reported that proposals to change the traffic arrangements at Guide had recently been revealed. Apparently they include a roundabout to replace traffic lights in Guide and the two-lane slip roads to be changed to three lanes.</p>	

<p>9. SUMMER SOCIAL EVENTS AND CORONATION FEEDBACK</p> <p>All of the summer social events arranged by the Dog Inn team attracted great attendances even on the odd day when the weather wasn't as favourable, thanks to the marquee. Fantastic feedback was received and thanks were passed to Yvonne and the Dog Inn team for all their time and efforts in organising such great village social events, with superb atmosphere, attracting many villagers and visitors.</p>	
<p>10. VILLAGE E-MAIL DATABASE</p> <p>Marianne suggested that since more people had moved into the village over the last couple of years, we should ask them if they wished to be added to the village e-mail list to receive village committee minutes and details of village events to be held etc.</p> <p>It was agreed that an invitation to all villagers to submit their e-mail addresses to Marianne on next flyers/leaflets circulated.</p>	
<p>11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p><u>Memorial Garden</u> – It was suggested that since Bernadette had received a donated £300 voucher for plants for the Memorial garden, that the village Committee's donation of £50 be passed to villager Louisa towards summer plants for the chicane tubs, if Bernadette was in agreement.</p> <p>Agreed, Judith or Marianne to mention it to Bernadette.</p>	
<p>12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next Committee meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 5th July 2023.</p>	