

BELTHORN VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 5th July 2023
at 6.00 pm in the Dog Inn, Belthorn

Members Present:

Marianne Davies	Judith Hamilton	Sean Starkie
Tina Walker	Leslie Dunn	Graham Slater

Also Present: Dave Fairweather and Steve Bramwell

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<p>1. 100 PLUS CLUB – JULY 2023 DRAW</p> <p>The July draw was overseen by restaurant waiter, Lloyd</p> <p>Winner of the 1st prize of £58.45 - ticket number 106, Andy H</p> <p>Winner of the 2nd prize of £33.40 - ticket number 76, Ethan G</p> <p>Winner of the 3rd prize of £25.05 - ticket number 18, Dean E</p> <p>Winner of the 4th prize of £16.70 - ticket number 6, Gill H</p>	
<p>2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>Yvonne Brown and Cathryn McGurk submitted apologies for absence.</p>	
<p>3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST</p> <p>Tina Walker, as a member of the Dog Inn Board submitted a declaration of interest but there was no contentious items on this month's agenda.</p>	
<p>4. MINUTES OF THE 7th JUNE 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 had provisionally arranged for someone to carry out the work but was informed that he was now not able to make a new notice board. The search continues.</p> <p><u>Village Teenagers' Youth Club</u> – In Yvonne's absence, Leslie reported on the last club meeting held on the 17th June. The group was still getting established with not many attending this session. It was hoped that more teenagers were expected when the current hot weather changes and with darker nights approaching. Tina suggested that numbers be monitored for the next 12 months after which, if numbers don't increase, the Youth Club project be abandoned.</p>	Marianne

<p><u>Village School Foundation Stone</u> – Cathryn advised by phone at the meeting that she had arranged for Chris Nuttall to move the stone some time this week from his storage to the School.</p>	Cathryn
<p>6. CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>Marianne reported having received another e-mail from the Charity Commission changing access and providing a link to their website. Judith hadn't received the e-mail.</p>	
<p>7. TREASURER'S REPORT</p> <p>The Treasurer's report had been circulated electronically. Marianne queried the banking of the cheque for the Dog Inn Board dividend which the committee usually discuss before agreeing whether to accept the dividend or to re-invest.</p> <p>On-line banking of the Committee bank account arrangements had been sorted.</p>	
<p>8. PROTECT OUR GREEN BELT FIGHT – UPDATE</p> <p>The Lancashire Evening Telegraph had reported that a decision had been made to ignore the fact that nuclear waste had been deposited on the moors, which indicated that the land involved was to be released from the Green Belt for the erection of industrial units in the emerging Local Plan.</p> <p>Obviously the POGB group and all residents involved were very disappointed and are now awaiting a formal decision in September and vow to continue the fight. Meanwhile forming an Appeal was planned and fundraising is to continue together with the on-going wildlife survey.</p>	
<p>9. SOCIAL EVENTS</p> <p>In the absence of Yvonne, it was thought that no immediate social events were planned but August Bank Holiday, Halloween and the Firework Display were discussed.</p> <p>Agreed: Clive to be asked for a provisional date for his annual Firework Display.</p>	
<p>10. VILLAGE POND - RATS</p> <p>After complaints received from villagers living next to the pond about rats living under bushes by the water, Marianne outlined her efforts to raise funds to pay for Hyndburn Council's pest control to help clear the rats in the most up-to-date approved methods at £60 per visit. Tina and Dave advised that there were rats throughout the village therefore felt that no money should be taken from the Committee's account to fund the removal of the ones around the pond.</p> <p>Agreed: In failing to obtain funding from Hyndburn's Conservative Councillors, no money was available to solve the rat problem around the pond.</p>	

<p>11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p><u>Recreation Ground Grass</u></p> <p>Sean advised that the grass on the recreation ground had not been cut so far this year. Marianne volunteered to ask Hyndburn Leisure to sort.</p> <p>Sean asked about the whereabouts and condition of the committee lawn mower since it wouldn't be too difficult for him to cut the grass to allow children to play football. Judith confirmed that the lawn mower was in her garage. She would check it's condition and let him know.</p> <p><u>Hyndburn Council</u></p> <p>Marianne reported having received an e-mail from Hyndburn Councillor Zac Khan asking if he was able to attend our next meeting. Marianne replied that he was welcome at any of our Committee meetings, as were with any other councillors or villagers.</p>	<p>Marianne</p> <p>Judith/ Sean</p>
<p>12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next Committee meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 2nd August 2023.</p>	