

BELTHORN VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 6th September 2023
at 6.00 pm in the Dog Inn, Belthorn

Members Present:

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

	Action
<p>1. 100 PLUS CLUB – AUGUST 2023 DRAW</p> <p>The August draw was overseen by Tina</p> <p>Winner of the 1st prize of £58.45 - ticket number 88, Rob B</p> <p>Winner of the 2nd prize of £33.40 - ticket number 51, Dorothy W</p> <p>Winner of the 3rd prize of £25.05 - ticket number 137, Barbara B</p> <p>Winner of the 4th prize of £16.70 - ticket number 165, Ian P</p>	
<p>2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>There were no apologies for absence.</p>	
<p>3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST</p> <p>Tina Walker, as a member and Yvonne as Secretary of the Dog Inn Board submitted declarations of interest but there was no contentious items on this month's agenda.</p>	
<p>4. MINUTES OF THE 2nd AUGUST 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> - The notice board has now been completed and ready to have wood stain applied.</p> <p><u>Village Teenagers' Youth Club</u> – The next meeting will be held on Saturday 16th September. The meeting considered holding a “one off” dance class if qualified dance teacher Amy was willing to hold the class and if it was well publicised.</p> <p>Agreed – Margaret and Steve to be asked if daughter Amy would be willing to take the class.</p> <p><u>Village School Foundation Stone</u> – Cathryn had arranged for Chris Nuttall to move the stone to the School but, despite frequent reminders, he hasn't done it yet.</p>	

<p><u>Recreation Ground Overgrown Grass</u> – Sean reported that according to Leisure officers the grass was last cut on the 22nd June. Councillor Britcliffe had offered to chase it up again with the officers.</p>	
<p>6. CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p><u>Charity Commission Website</u> – Judith was unable to access the latest updated version of the website and would contact them for instructions. Marianne had received several e-mail messages from them regarding new instructions. She had requested a new password from them and was still waiting.</p>	
<p>7. TREASURER'S REPORT</p> <p>The Treasurer's report had been circulated electronically and circulated at the meeting for information. Judith advised of saving of £180 by moving the Public Liability insurance to another company.</p>	
<p>8. PROTECT OUR GREEN BELT FIGHT – UPDATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundraising continues. A race night was planned for the 29th September in Guide Club and a photo competition held. • Lesley unfortunately hadn't received an update on the group's discussion with the London specialist solicitor or whether the suggested conversation with Hyndburn's Strategy Officer had taken place. 	
<p>9. SOCIAL EVENTS</p> <p><u>The August Bank Holiday</u> dog competition wasn't well supported, owing to the continued rainy weather making it unsuitable to be held outside, but the Flyball was a success. Yvonne suggested hiring a marquee next year for annual events.</p> <p><u>Halloween</u> - a children's party and Halloween Trail to be held again this year.</p> <p><u>Firework Display</u> – Date set for Monday 6th November.</p> <p><u>Christmas Dates</u> – Children's party to be held on Saturday 9th December between 2 – 4.00 pm and the Over 60s party on Sunday 17th December from 2.00 pm onwards. Cathryn agreed to make the buffet for both parties.</p> <p>The school had agreed to do the Christmas "Meals on Wheels" again this year.</p>	
<p>10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p><u>Red telephone boxes</u> – After reading a newspaper article about old telephone boxes available for villages and community group to use as libraries or to host flower displays etc, Marianne suggested the group think about applying for one for the village and offered to try to find out more about the scheme.</p> <p>11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 4th October in the Dog Inn. All villagers are welcome to attend.</p>	

