

# BELTHORN VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
at 6.00 pm in the Dog Inn, Belthorn

## Members Present:

Marianne Davies   Yvonne Brown   Graham Slater  
Tina Walker (part of the meeting)

	Action
<p>1. 100 PLUS CLUB – OCTOBER 2023 DRAW</p> <p>The October draw was overseen by Tina.</p> <p>Winner of the 1<sup>st</sup> prize of £58.45 - ticket number 126, K &amp; M Gerrard</p> <p>Winner of the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize of £33.40 - ticket number 150, B &amp; Gemma</p> <p>Winner of the 3<sup>rd</sup> prize of £25.05 - ticket number 139, L Banyard</p> <p>Winner of the 4<sup>th</sup> prize of £16.70 - ticket number 168, N and Caroline</p>	
<p>2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>Judith Hamilton, Sean Starkie, Cathryn McGurk and Leslie Dunn submitted 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 6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 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>Village Teenagers' Youth Club</u> – The 16<sup>th</sup> September meeting was poorly attended. The meeting discussed the future of the project and decided to wait to see what attendance was like during the winter months. Living a distance away, the dance teacher was unable to take a dance class.</p> <p><u>Village School Foundation Stone</u> – No information available.</p> <p><u>Recreation Ground Overgrown Grass</u> – Apparently the grass had been cut.</p> <p><u>Charity Commission Website</u> – Judith was now able to access the latest updated version of the website after Marianne had received the password to enable her to access the website and agree access to Judith.</p>	

<p><u>Red Telephone Boxes</u> – After reading an article on villages and community groups owning some of the old red telephone boxes, as agreed at the last meeting, she had checked further and found that only existing ones could be adopted for a nominal sum but others were available for sale at £1750. Obviously this would mean fundraising, various permissions obtained as well as upkeep arrangements so the idea was dismissed.</p>	
<p>6. CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>No correspondence had been received.</p>	
<p>7. TREASURER'S REPORT</p> <p>The Treasurer's report had been circulated electronically. There were no questions.</p>	
<p>8. PROTECT OUR GREEN BELT FIGHT – UPDATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fundraising - a race night was held in Darwen on the 29<sup>th</sup> September and raised £506 and a photo competition is being held.</li> <li>• A formal response had been submitted to the Planning Inspector's comments.</li> </ul>	
<p>9. SOCIAL EVENTS</p> <p><u>Remembrance Day</u> – Judith to be asked to arrange a wreath and Roger had agreed to give a talk at the service.</p> <p><u>Halloween</u> - a children's party with food and games will be held on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October and the Halloween Trail is to be held again this year.</p> <p>And the 26<sup>th</sup> October pub quiz questions will have a Halloween theme.</p> <p><u>Firework Display</u> – Date set for Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November.</p> <p><u>Christmas Dates:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The annual Tractor Run of the area will be held on <b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b> arriving at the Dog Inn around 6.00 pm.</li> <li>• Children's party to be held on <b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b> between 2 – 4.00 pm. Tickets will be available soon.</li> <li>• Over 60s party on Sunday <b>17<sup>th</sup> December</b> from 2.00 pm onwards.</li> </ul> <p>Cathryn agreed to make the buffet again for both parties.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The school had agreed to do the Christmas "Meals on Wheels" again this year.</li> <li>• And Carols around the tree will be held on <b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December</b> at 6.00 pm</li> <li>• New Year's Eve at the Dog Inn – tickets £10 with a free drink or food tickets at £20 or £25. Hoddlesden's Jo Jo had been booked to entertain.</li> </ul>	

<p>10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>Tree Planting was considered but it was decided that there were no other suitable areas to plant trees in the village.</p>	
<p>11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November in the Dog Inn. All villagers are welcome to attend.</p>	