

BELTHORN VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 2nd April 2025
(directly after the AGM which was actually held on 1st April but for filing purposes and practicalities the paperwork date would remain as 2nd April)
in The Dog Inn, Belthorn

Members Present: Cathryn McGurk Judith Hamilton Marianne Davies
Sean Starkie Tina Walker Lesley Kay

	Action
1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Owing to work commitments, apologies were received from Dean Ellwood and Richard Hollingworth.	
2. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE OFFICERS Committee officers remain the same as the previous year. Chair – Tina Walker Vice Chair – Cathryn McGurk Treasurer – Judith Hamilton Secretary – Marianne Davies	
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Interests were declared by Tina Walker in her capacity as local councillor and Sean Starkie in respect of item 10 on the agenda - the village garage site recreation land.	
4. 100 PLUS CLUB – APRIL 2025 DRAW The April draw was made by Judith Hamilton Winner of the 1 st prize of £58.10, ticket number 159 - Sue Winner of the 2 nd prize of £33.20, ticket number 9 - Joseph M Winner of the 3 rd prize of £24.90, ticket number 137 - Barbara B Winner of the 4 th prize of £16.60, ticket number 100 - Hania H Winner of the 5 th prize of £8.30, ticket number 37 - Brian Duffy	
5.. MINUTES OF THE 5th MARCH 2025 FOR APPROVAL The minutes of the meeting were agreed as a correct record.	

<p>6. MATTERS ARISING</p> <p><u>POGB</u></p> <p>Marianne attended the update POGB meeting held on Friday 28 March in the Dog Inn and reported the outcome. The provisional planning application for site one was still on hold thanks mainly to Highways England's opposition.</p> <p>But following a recent peat report commissioned by the POGB team, all villagers and Guide residents were asked to submit suggested letters to both our own MPs and to Natural England with the intention of encouraging National England to submit further objections to the outline planning application based of the encouraging findings of the peat report.</p> <p>It was hoped that the planning decision would be delayed until after the local government devolution takes place (currently due in 2027) when it would be the responsibility of the appointed mayor to make the decision as to whether or not the outline planning application would be approved. Fundraising to pay the environmental consultants continues.</p> <p><u>Village Pond</u> – Marianne mentioned that she was meeting a representative of Lancashire Wildlife Partnership the following day for advice on how to proceed with improving the village pond and to look at the recreation ground footpath.</p> <p><u>Recreation ground</u> - Marianne also reported on her on-going discussions with Hyndburn Council to create a more substantial footpath path between the recreation ground and Kendal Row. She had received a quote of £28k for a tarmac path for which HBC had no funding. Funding was therefore being sought for the work.</p> <p>Also mentioned was the need for the benches on the rec needing cleaning and re-painting.</p> <p><u>Farm Vehicle Trimmed up to tour the village</u></p> <p>It was decided that the idea would be cancelled since other village arrangements had recently been made.</p>	<p>Marianne</p> <p>All</p>
<p>7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – No correspondence had been received.</p>	
<p>8. TREASURER'S REPORT – Judith's Treasurer's report had been circulated electronically as reported at the AGM. An App for a phone to connect to a card payment machine is to be arranged for summer events.</p>	
<p>9. SPRING SOCIAL EVENTS</p> <p><u>Easter</u> – The traditional Easter egg hunt, biscuit decorating etc will take place again this year in the Dog Inn on Easter Monday from 2.00 pm. The committee will again, fund the purchase of the eggs and Clive Carroll will place them around the pub for children to find. An entry charge of £3 per child will be made.</p>	

<p>Decorating Easter bonnets and crafting will take place on Saturday 19 April from 2 – 4.00 pm. Entry price £3 per child</p> <p>It was decided that trimming the pub for the events wasn't necessary.</p> <p><u>May Day parade</u> – As usual the annual event will take place from the village memorial starting at 11.00 am whereby village children will dance around the maypole at various points throughout the village. Afterwards pizzas will be available from the Dog Inn car park.</p> <p>The school will choose a May King and Queen for the event.</p>	Judith
<p>10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p><u>Get Belthorn Active</u> – Tina reported on an idea discussed with many villagers about arranging local walking groups in and around the village. They could start and end at the Dog Inn with the view to meeting neighbours, discovering different paths and general socialising whilst exercising. All residents asked appeared interested and many keen to take part. Leaders would need to be sought and paths carefully chosen to reflect personal abilities. Tina could source funding for the walks.</p> <p>Agreed – Suitable and keen Leaders to be sought ASAP.</p> <p><u>Garage site recreation land</u> - Sean raised the issue of the Facebook posts regarding the land behind the garages on the Hyndburn owned garage site. Tina, in her role of Hyndburn Councillor, explained the outcome of her meeting with officers which didn't match Sean's understanding and explanation of events.</p> <p>Agreed – Further discussions would take place when Tina had sought clarification from Council officers involved on plans for the leisure area at the rear of the site.</p>	<p>Tina</p> <p>All</p> <p>Tina</p>
<p>11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting, will take place at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 7th May 2025 in the Dog Inn.</p>	