

BELTHORN VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 4th June 2025
in The Dog Inn, Belthorn

Members Present: Cathryn McGurk Judith Hamilton Marianne Davies
 Tina Walker Lesley Kay Paul Ellwood

	Action
<p>1. 100 PLUS CLUB – JUNE 2025 DRAW</p> <p>The June draw was made by villager Archie.</p> <p>Winner of the 1st prize of £58.10, ticket number 86 – Dom T</p> <p>Winner of the 2nd prize of £33.20, ticket number 111 – Mrs M</p> <p>Winner of the 3rd prize of £24.90, ticket number 59 – Jacqueline P</p> <p>Winner of the 4th prize of £16.60, ticket number 124 – Lesley K</p> <p>Winner of the 5th prize of £8.30, ticket number 22 - Lennon G</p>	
<p>2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Owing to work commitments Richard Hollingworth submitted his apologies.</p>	
<p>3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>Interest was declared by Tina Walker in her capacity as a local councillor but there was nothing contentious on this month's agenda.</p>	
<p>4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – 7th May 2025</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting were agreed as a correct record.</p>	
<p>5. MATTERS ARISING</p> <p><u>POGB</u></p> <p>Fundraising continues with a Horse Racing event in the Dog Inn planned for the near future.</p> <p><u>Village Pond</u> – Marianne explained the dangers involved in expecting a team of men to wade in and remove the bull-rushes taking over more of the pond. The only course of action available was to try to find a chemical solution to kill them that would be non-toxic to the growing numbers of fish in the pond.</p> <p>Funding in principle was provisionally guaranteed by Prospects Foundation but doubts raised over the use of chemicals in the water could make the project un-fundable. Advice from Lancs Wildlife Trust as to which, if any, chemicals could be used will be sought.</p>	<p>Marianne / Paul</p> <p>Marianne</p>

<p><u>Recreation ground Footpath</u> - Marianne reported on her efforts to create a more substantial footpath path between the recreation ground and Kendal Row. An application for funding for the alternative quote of £13,140 from the Wildlife Trust for a recycled, aggregate path has been submitted, on the 4th May, to the National Lottery and a decision awaited.</p> <p><u>Recreation Ground benches</u> – Volunteers will stain and paint the benches ASAP.</p> <p><u>Get Belthorn Active</u> – Walk leaders are sought from locals who are willing to lead a small group of villagers around local paths and possibly further afield.. Anyone interested in leading was asked to contact any Committee member. A request will be posted on Belthorn Days website.</p> <p><u>Garage Site recreation area's open space land</u> – Following last month's meeting Tina, in her capacity as our Hyndburn councillor, sought clarification on plans for the open space land. She reported receiving a response from the Planning Department confirming that they have no intention of releasing land for rent or sale.</p> <p><u>Remembrance Day Plans for 2025</u> – Discussion took place on exactly the type of items to be displayed in the village this year. Enquiries would be made to the British Legion for help and advice.</p>	Paul / Judith
<p>6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</p> <p>No correspondence had been received.</p>	
<p>7. TREASURER'S REPORT</p> <p>Judith's Treasurer's report had been circulated electronically. Very few transactions had been made since last month's report so very little change.</p>	Marianne /Tina
<p>8. SUMMER SOCIAL EVENTS</p> <p>Cathryn reminded the meeting of the Dog Show planned for Sunday 6th July in the marquee where the Village Committee had volunteered to providing bacon baps on the day. All events planned had been circulated to villagers and Dog Inn members by the Events Committee of the Dog Inn Board.</p>	
<p>9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>There was no other business to discuss</p>	
<p>10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting, will take place at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 2nd July 2025 in the Dog Inn.</p>	