

BELTHORN VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 2nd July 2025
in The Dog Inn, Belthorn

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

Also Attended for part of the meeting: Kevin Holden

	Action
<p>1. 100 PLUS CLUB – JULY 2025 DRAW</p> <p>The July draw was made by Judith.</p> <p>Winner of the 1st prize of £58.10, ticket number 66 - Linz</p> <p>Winner of the 2nd prize of £33.20, ticket number 80 – Dave & Emma</p> <p>Winner of the 3rd prize of £24.90, ticket number 124 – Lesley</p> <p>Winner of the 4th prize of £16.60, ticket number 134 – Cath Mc</p> <p>Winner of the 5th prize of £8.30, ticket number 162 – Lorraine</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 – 4th June 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 to help pay consultants fighting against the proposed development.</p> <p><u>Village Pond</u> – Kevin attended the meeting to discuss practical ways to kill off the bullrushes following advice from Lancashire Wildlife Trust.. A small group of villagers has been formed to try to solve the issue since the Prospects Foundation refused to fund project owing to the possible use of herbicides in the pond.</p> <p><u>Recreation ground Footpath</u> - Marianne reported on her efforts to create a more substantial footpath between the recreation ground and Kendal Row. Currently the Committee and LCC are working to establish ownership of the footpath – which is not, as thought, Hyndburn Borough Council.</p>	<p>Marianne /Kevin/ Paul/ Steve Ratcliffe</p> <p>Marianne</p>

<p><u>Recreation Ground benches</u> – Committee member Paul was thanked for staining the three benches placed around the Rec. The Committee are awaiting a picnic bench to be installed next to the play area by Hyndburn Council, hopefully on Saturday 12th July.</p> <p><u>Recreation Ground Grass Mowing</u> – Contractors employed to cut the grass on a two-weekly basis are being monitored by Hyndburn Council to ensure they comply with the agreement.</p> <p><u>Get Belthorn Active</u> – Walk leaders were sought from locals without success but Tina offered to contact Wellbeing Walks to discuss the possibility of a member leading walks in this area.</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 were made by Lesley for help and advice and is awaiting information from the Oswaldtwistle branch of the Royal British Legion on items available for posting on village lamp posts following agreement from the councils.</p>	<p>Tina</p> <p>Lesley</p>
<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. The bank balance over the last 12 months was reviewed. Discussion took place around next year's membership and prizes for the 100+ group. Since Judith would be away over December/January the village collection of 100+ club contributions was considered.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>8. DOG INN 10th ANNIVERSARY GIFT</p> <p>Since July 2025 is the 10th anniversary of the village community taking ownership of the Dog Inn, the Committee considered ideas on what to do to help celebrate.</p> <p><u>Agreed:</u> Saturday 26th July is free of bookings in the marquee, making that an ideal date to hold a village buffet. A karaoke session will be held led by villager Kevin Leaver (now Karaoke Kevin) with a finger buffet available from 5.00pm, music starting at 6.00 pm.</p>	
<p>9. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>In line with rules in the Village Committee Constitution, members who have missed three consecutive monthly Committee meetings is deemed to have resigned his/her membership. Therefore Sean Starkie, who has missed many meetings without sending apologies for absence, is considered resigned from the Village Committee.</p>	
<p>10. VILLAGE SOCIAL EVENTS</p> <p><u>Dog Show</u> - Cathryn, Judith and Lesley discussed last-minute arrangements for preparing and serving hot dogs at the Dog Show planned for Sunday 6th July in the marquee.</p>	

<u>Firework Display</u> – date to be discussed at the next Dog Inn Events meeting	
<p>11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>Tina suggested creating a collage of village photographs as a Committee logo to highlight the work carried out by the Village Committee to improve Belthorn for the benefit of residents and visitors. Paul Ellwood is thanked for creating the new logo which will be updated to reflect new projects as and when necessary.</p>	Tina / Paul
<p>12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting, will take place at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 6th August 2025 in the Dog Inn.</p>	