

# BELTHORN VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018

in The Dog Inn, Belthorn

**Members Present:** Gary Riding, Marianne Davies and Clive Carroll

**Also Present:** Mark Griffiths (Community Road Watch Scheme Leader)

	Action
<b>1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> Judith Hamilton and Collette Riding sent apologies for absence.	
<b>2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> There were no declarations of interest.	
<b>3. MINUTES OF THE 1 NOVEMBER 2017 MEETING FOR APPROVAL</b> The minutes of the last meeting were approved as a correct record.	
<b>4. MATTERS ARISING</b> There were no matters arising from the last minutes.	
<b>5. CORRESPONDENCE</b> No correspondence had been received but Marianne reported that she had sent letters of thanks to the organisations who helped fund the village Christmas parties.	
<b>6. TREASURER'S REPORT</b> Copies of December 2017/January 2018 Treasurer's report were circulated to the group prior to the start of the meeting setting out the income and outgoings over the Christmas period.	
<b>7. COMMUNITY ROAD WATCH SCHEME UPDATE</b> Mark reported that the four Community Road Watch Scheme volunteers, plus the volunteer administrator, had now completed their training and most of them had completed the forms applying for a full police background check. Mark would chase up the ones still to complete their forms for the vetting process. The next stage would involve actual training on how to use the equipment.  He advised that parking around the school was an ongoing problem, with some parents having crashed into the school's child figures at the school entrance placed there as a parking preventative measure. He had also received aggressive verbal complaints from a couple of villagers living	

<p>across the road who were unhappy with the school banner on the school railings placed there to help prevent inconsiderate and dangerous drivers, despite the fact that both the council and police officers encouraged the banner to be displayed.</p> <p>Both the police and Hyndburn Council had encouraged the school to ignore the complaints and to continue to display the banner in the interest of safety.</p>	
<p><b>8. FEEDBACK FROM CHRISTMAS PARTIES</b></p> <p>Both parties had proved to be successful events. The attendance at children's party was lower than in the past partly owing to a number of children having moved up from the primary to secondary school and no longer wishing to attend.</p> <p>More children from the village school were expected to attend the party this year and parents encouraged to obtain tickets in advance of the day to help control numbers and to prevent volunteers having to rush out on the day to buy last-minute gifts.</p> <p>The over 60s Christmas party was also very well received, with good attendance.</p> <p>It was suggested a large whisky bottle - or suitable container - be placed on or around the Dog Inn bar area to collect donations to help fund this year's firework display and Christmas events.</p>	
<p><b>9. 2018 SOCIAL EVENTS</b></p> <p>Suggestions for this summer's events included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easter egg hunt, as last year, with Easter eggs again provided by Clive Carroll;</li> <li>• 19 May - Garden Party to celebrate the wedding of Harry and Megan;</li> <li>• 30 June - 1940s themed event to celebrate Armed Forces Day, which would tie in with the Dog Inn's group booked for the night.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p>There was no other business to discuss</p>	
<p><b>9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>The next formal meeting will be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Dog Inn.</p>	