

BELTHORN VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 10 October 2017
in The Dog Inn, Belthorn

Members Present: Collette & Gary Riding and Marianne Davies

Also Present: Mark Griffiths, Martin Turner, Jo and Simon Wilson

	Action
1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Judith Hamilton and Clive Carroll sent apologies for absence.	
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were no declarations of interest.	
3. MINUTES OF THE 27 SEPTEMBER 2017 MEETING FOR APPROVAL The minutes of the last meeting were approved as a correct record.	
4. MATTERS ARISING There were no matters to discuss.	
5. CORRESPONDENCE No correspondence had been received.	
6. TREASURER'S REPORT Owing to Judith's absence there was no Treasurer's report but no financial activity was expected other than reported at the last meeting.	
7. TRAFFIC MEETING FEEDBACK Mark Griffiths attended the meeting to provide an update on progress with the Community Road Watch Scheme. He reported having met that day with Gary Makin of Lancashire Constabulary Traffic Management team who confirmed that the proposed Community Road Watch Scheme had the full backing of the Constabulary. Volunteers from the village to be involved in the scheme are: Mark and Jo Griffiths, Sheena Gallagher Sam Hughes & Eddie Kath Yates. The volunteers are in the process of being vetted and trained, with Mark	

<p>undergoing further training at a higher level having the responsibility of coordinating information with the Constabulary.</p> <p>The role of the volunteers is to zap speeding cars/vans, log their speed and collect the vehicle details. That information would then be taken to the police station and offenders would be sent a cautionary letter. After receiving two letters the offenders could expect to be fined. Cars travelling at over 20 mph would be included in the process. Volunteers would also be expected to cover other areas, similarly other volunteers would be expected to cover Belthorn.</p> <p>Mark also advised that the school had tied a shiny, material sign to the school railings as a traffic calming measure and to help stop people parking near the school. They had removed the sign following a complain by a neighbour but the police had advised the school to put it back up.</p> <p>The police are in the process of carrying out another speed check through the village, in a more appropriate location, as agreed at our village July traffic meeting. Mark was not sure at this stage how or when the results would be available but he would make enquiries when next meeting Gary Makin.</p>	
<p>8. AUTUMN/WINTER SOCIAL EVENT DATES</p> <p>Firework Display</p> <p>The Halloween party would be arranged by the Dog Inn team and last minute arrangements for the Firework Display, organised by the Village Committee, were discussed. Paul Carroll was asked if the provisional date of 6th for the Display was confirmed but he felt that Saturday 11th November would be a better date. The date is therefore yet to be agreed.</p> <p>Christmas parties</p> <p>Dates of the village Christmas Parties in the Dog Inn:</p> <p>Children's party - Saturday 2nd December from 2.00 pm. Over 60s party - Saturday 9th December from 2.00 pm.</p> <p>Following arrangements discussed at the last meeting:</p> <p>Lainey's catering to be asked to provide the buffet for the Over 60s party and prices etc to be discussed ASAP.</p> <p>Jackie to be asked if she was able to make a trifle as usual.</p> <p>A response awaited from Lee Shorrocks about taking his father's place as Father Christmas.</p> <p>Marianne had approached Syke Mill, Hilda Clarke Memorial Fund and County Councillor and Leader of Hyndburn Council's Conservative Party, Peter Britcliffe for help in funding for the parties. All three had kindly agreed to help as they did last year.</p> <p>A funding bid to LCC to be completed ASAP.</p>	<p>Collette/ Gary</p> <p>Marianne</p>
<p>9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p>	

Jo and Simon Wilson attended the meeting, together with Martin Turner to find out more about what was happening in the village. Their e-mail addresses would be added to the committee's e-mail database for info and advised to check the Dog Inn website for information on what's happening in the pub.

Jo and Simon live next door to the Dog Inn and expressed concerns about the pub smoking shelter which is close to their kitchen window. They often need to close their window to keep out the cigarette smoke and asked if the shelter could be moved to the other side of the pub, possibly behind the bus shelter. The committee advised them to contact the Dog Inn team to discuss their concerns.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st November at 7.30 pm.