

BELTHORN VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 14 August 2018
in The Dog Inn, Belthorn

Members Present: Gary Riding, Clive Carroll, Tina Walker and Marianne Davies

Also Present: Hyndburn Councillor Marlene Haworth and Rene Donaldson

	Action
<p>1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>Apologies were submitted by Judith, Collette, Blackburn with Darwen Councillor Julie Slater and Hyndburn Councillor Lisa Allen.</p>	
<p>2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>Clive declared that he was a member of the Dog Inn board but that there was nothing on this meeting's agenda which would be impacted by that membership.</p>	
<p>3. MINUTES OF THE 17 JULY 2018 MEETING FOR APPROVAL</p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting were approved as a correct record.</p>	
<p>4. MATTERS ARISING</p> <p><u>Christmas Parties</u></p> <p>In an effort to source funding Tina had contacted various councillors and had received a funding application form from Blackburn with Darwen CVS which she would complete and submit for funding towards the Christmas parties. She had been in contact with Blackburn with Darwen Councillor Julie Slater who had agreed to attend our next committee meeting if available.</p> <p>Cllr Marlene Haworth advised that County Councillor Peter Britcliffe was still in post and could possibly help again with funding this year.</p> <p><u>Village Notice Boards</u></p> <p>Marianne circulated a newspaper article reporting that the Labour Group had unfortunately used Oswaldtwistle Forum funding for their projects. This was the pot of money which was hoped could be used to fund the repair or replacement of the village notice boards following a conversation with Councillor Haworth. Marianne was awaiting a quote for the work from Mark Banyard who had made the current notice boards.</p> <p>Cllr Haworth explained that the Conservatives had not been consulted, informed or notified in advance by the Labour group that they intended to fund, from the Forum's Capital budget of £25K and £1K Revenue budget, work to the garden area by the Bay Horse pub at an extortionate cost of £10K and CCT cameras erected costing £8K where no-one seemed to know where they were sited.</p> <p>Although the Conservative Group are fighting the decision, apparently the</p>	Tina

<p>Labour Council Leader has the power to spend the Oswaldtwistle Forum money where he felt appropriate in Oswaldtwistle irrespective of what funding has been promised to local groups. Councillor Haworth felt some of the funding spent should have come out of the Council's, not the Forum, budget and she intended to seek and check invoices for their projects to ensure value for money.</p> <p>Councillor Haworth also appealed for villagers to attend a Forum meeting in Oswaldtwistle Civic Theatre at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 25 September to discuss the Forum funding issue.</p>	All
<p>5. CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>No correspondence had been received.</p>	
<p>6. TREASURER'S REPORT</p> <p>Judith was away but no changes were expected to last month's figures.</p>	
<p>7. COMMUNITY ROAD WATCH SCHEME UPDATE</p> <p>Marianne provided an update on the Community Road Watch Scheme after talking to Mark Griffiths. He had advised that although other volunteers were awaiting medicals – mainly drug or drink related tests - he and his wife had undergone the necessary checks and would soon start practical training, with volunteer training to follow later. He was awaiting further contact from their Lancashire Constabulary contacts.</p>	
<p>8. VILLAGE COMMITTEE GARAGE</p> <p>Clive reported that he had moved all the unwanted items from the garage but couldn't return the key to the committee as agreed since he had left it in a car which was away and he wouldn't be able to access it until after his holidays.</p> <p>Marianne stated that he needed the key to take some of the remaining unwanted items to the tip. To save on cost, Committee members agreed to take some of the items to the tip in their cars.</p> <p>Gary had agreed to replace the broken fascia at the side of the garage.</p>	Clive All Gary
<p>9. FIREWORK DISPLAY</p> <p>Clive had not yet spoken to the Dog Inn Board about funding but would do so at the meeting taking place directly after our Village Committee meeting.</p> <p>As agreed at our last month's meeting, now with a much reduced income the village committee were not in a position to fund the fireworks this year and asked that the Dog Inn Board fund the display from bar takings. The committee suggested taking donations from the crowd as usual to help towards Christmas parties and essential outgoings.</p>	Clive
<p>10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>To help raise funds to allow the village committee to cover set expenses, eg garage rent and public liability insurance, Councillor Haworth suggested setting up a 100 or 200 club whereby villagers pay into a fund and one winner is pulled out each week/month with profit going to the village</p>	

<p>committee. She would also forward information on licence applications needed for some of our social events.</p> <p>Councillor Haworth advised that Councillor Lisa Allen had a bouncy castle stored in Oswaldtwistle which would be available for use by Belthorn Committee's social events at no cost.</p> <p>Also that she and Councillor Allen had been available for villagers at the Dog Inn last week to help address any village issues but no-one had approached them.</p>	<p>Cllr Marlene Haworth</p>
<p>12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th September 2018 at 7.00 pm in the Dog Inn.</p>	