

BELTHORN VILLAGE COMMITTEE

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

Members Present: Gary Riding, Tina Walker, Judith Hamilton and Marianne Davies

	Action
1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Clive Carroll sent his apology for absence.	
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were no declarations of interest.	
3. MINUTES OF THE 2 OCTOBER 2018 MEETING FOR APPROVAL The minutes of the last meeting were approved as a correct record.	
4. MATTERS ARISING <u>Bouncy Castle</u> Marianne had advised Councillor Lisa Allen that her kind offer of a bouncy castle was sadly declined since storage would be a problem, there were no events planned where it could be used and considering the windy position of the Dog Inn, a bouncy castle could prove a danger to children.	
5. CORRESPONDENCE <u>Hyndburn Councillor Greg Harrison</u> As agreed at the last meeting, Clive circulated to committee members his response to Councillor Harrison's request for an invitation to our committee meetings. He explained that the village committee was a non-political group and registered charity, Conservative councillors attended meetings from time to time to discuss their funding and help with village projects and events and to offer advice with fund-raising ideas and suggestions. Councillor Harrison was provided with information on future meeting dates. <u>Village Garage</u> Judith had received a letter from Hyndburn Council advising of a rise in garage rents from April 2019 from £96 + VAT to £115 + VAT.	
6. TREASURER'S REPORT Judith reported that £175 had been collected in donations towards village funds from the village firework display and the committee had paid out £25 for Sunday's Remembrance Day wreath.	

<p>7. FIREWORK DISPLAY FEEDBACK</p> <p>All agreed that the Tuesday 6 November event had again been a great success. The weather was good, turnout of villagers and friends great and the restaurant and bar proved popular with all who indulged in drinks, bonfire suppers and meals.</p>	
<p>8. ARMISTICE DAY FEEDBACK</p> <p>A wreath was laid at the village memorial by Rene Donaldson on behalf of Belthorn villagers. Liz, Diane, Rene and Steve were thanked for their contributions to the short service which again was well attended despite the rainy weather. Pupils at the village school had made a special contribution to the event which was displayed at the memorial, and plants set out around the garden by Hyndburn Borough Council staff.</p>	
<p>9. CHRISTMAS PARTIES UPDATE</p> <p><u>Children's party – Saturday 8th December between 2 – 4.00 pm.</u> Collette reported that 17 tickets had been sold to date and she would appeal for anyone not on the list to do so ASAP to allow her to buy an appropriate present for each child.</p> <p><u>Over 60s party – Saturday 15th December from 2.00 pm onwards.</u> Marianne had e-mailed the village database with details of the event and displayed notices about the event in the pond notice board and in the Dog Inn asking anyone interested to contact her by telephone or e-mail.</p> <p>Buffet would be served in the upstairs function room. The Dog Inn group had booked a swing/jazz singer from 5.00 pm onwards to provide entertainment that would carry on into the evening.</p> <p>Appeals for funding were made towards the cost of the parties and cheques gratefully received from Syke Mill and the Hilda Clark Memorial Fund.</p>	
<p>10. COMMUNITY ROAD WATCH SCHEME UPDATE</p> <p>Marianne provided an update on the Community Road Watch Scheme after talking to Mark Griffiths, advising that after completing all health and stringent security checks Mark and Joanne had attended their first practical training session, with police officers near BAE Systems, Mellor, using the hand-held speed guns to check traffic speed.</p> <p>The devices were able to show the speed of vehicles at quite a distance away. The next training for Mark, as lead on the project, would be the completion of paperwork following each checking session after which Mark and Joanne would be able to start practical speed checks in the village, although Mark did indicate that wearing the high viz jackets around Belthorn Road had already proved a speeding deterrent.</p>	
<p>11. VILLAGE NOTICE BOARDS</p> <p>Marianne reporting being notified of a trust fund as a source of possible funding for the replacement notice boards following the withdrawal of the Oswaldtwistle Area Council funding offer. She would submit an appeal to the trust fund as soon as its details were found on the Charity Commission web site.</p>	Marianne

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Council Entertainment/Raffle Licence – As advised by Councillor Marlene Haworth, a licence would be required before we officially start the proposed village 100 Club. Judith had therefore submitted the form with a cheque and was awaiting the licence.

100 Club – Villagers had been canvassed to assess viability and take-up of the scheme with most being interested and eager for it to start.

The scheme would start in January with participants paying their annual subscription of £12 (equalling £1 per month). Monthly prizes would be:

the winner takes 50% of takings, 2nd place £20%, 3rd place 10% with the committee taking the remaining 20% towards committee funds. The draw would be taken at committee meetings, with the winners notified but members given only the winners first names for reasons of privacy.

Judith would start collecting names + £12 subscription (cash or cheque) from all interested, to a deadline of the Monday 31st December. All committee members would be happy to receive the names and subscriptions to pass to Judith before the deadline, allowing the 100 Club to start in January.

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Village Committee Dog Inn Shares – Following last night's Dog Inn Shareholders' meeting where a 3% dividend was announced, a discussion took place about the committee's dividend. The decision was taken to re-invest the committee's 3% share dividend.

Oswaldtwistle Area Council – Marianne reported on a meeting attended to formally close down the Area Council following the remaining £15K in the funding pot being spent by Labour's Council Leader on funding their Oswaldtwistle projects following consultation with his councillors - but which should have also been with consultation and approval of the Conservative group which hadn't been notified of his intentions.

Therefore the promise in principle by Councillor Marlene Haworth to fund the replacement of our village notice boards was now not possible.

Police Officers Bill and Andy, based in Accrington's Broadway office attended the meeting and mentioned that 17 more PCSOs were being recruited and soon Belthorn's PACT team meetings could be re-instated.

Councillor Peter Britcliffe proposed starting a fund-raising group to replace the Area Council, with it's first meeting taking place on Thursday 22nd November at the Reena Indian restaurant on Union Road, Oswaldtwistle. He invited all to attend if interested in becoming involved in the new group.

Village Committee Representation on Dog Inn Team – Collette Riding had been invited to join the Events team of the Dog Inn group - following the Board's formal approval - representing the village committee to co-ordinate village social events.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th December 2018 at 7.00 pm in the Dog Inn.

