

# BELTHORN VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 2 July 2019

in The Dog Inn, Belthorn

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

**Also present:** County Councillor Peter Britcliffe

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<p><b>1. 100 PLUS CLUB - 7<sup>th</sup> MONTHLY DRAW</b></p> <p>The draw was witnessed by bar maid Justine</p> <p>Winner of the 1<sup>st</sup> prize of £82.00 - ticket number 121, Jane</p> <p>Winner of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize of £32.80 - ticket number 131, Rachel</p> <p>Winner of the 3<sup>rd</sup> prize of £16.40 - ticket number 67, Steve</p>	
<p><b>2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b></p> <p>Clive Carroll sent his apology for absence as did Hyndburn Councillor Marlene Haworth.</p>	
<p><b>3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
<p><b>4. MINUTES OF THE 4 JUNE 2019 MEETING FOR APPROVAL</b></p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting were approved as a correct record.</p>	
<p><b>5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES</b></p> <p><u>Village Notice Boards</u> – the unsuitable small notice boards at the top of the village had not yet been replaced and Tina again raised the issue of one of the locks not working properly.</p> <p><u>Grey Mare Event, Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May</u> – a £500 charity donation cheque from the Grey Mare had been collected by the village committee when they attended for a meal to thank Rebecca and Steve Prince.</p> <p><u>Thank You Letters</u> had been sent to Elspeth for the greetings cards made and to Rebecca and Steve Prince at the Grey Mare restaurant.</p> <p><u>Grass Verges at the top of Belthorn Road</u> – Marianne had circulated e-mail correspondence to the committee and the village e-mail database detailing responses to her complaint about the poor state of the work carried out by LCC.</p> <p>Marianne stated that she felt very strongly about the issue and that given that the committee take care of the plant tubs and village garden and pond</p>	

that although County Councillor Iddon indicated that aesthetics were not important, the committee felt that they most certainly were and the poor workmanship carried out by LCC had detrimentally affected the appearance of the village.

She suggested contacting the LCC Ombudsman if a satisfactory solution was not forthcoming. County Councillor Britcliffe advised the committee to wait until a further response was received from LCC Highways Chair, County Councillor Keith Iddon. Councillor Britcliffe indicated that he was due to attend a meeting with a potential candidate for the Police & Crime & Commissioner post where he would broach the subject and report back.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

Judith had received a letter from the bank enclosing a £8 cheque which had been returned, cancelled and replaced and Tina had received a request from one of our funders of the Children's and Over 60s Christmas parties for photos of the events for their advertising and promotion purposes. Tina offered to try to source some from villagers and appeal on "Belthorn Days" Facebook page

**7. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Judith circulated her financial report for June/July together with the detailed 2018/19 year-end report to be uploaded onto the Charity Commission website.

The figures showed that £1,966 had been collected for the village 100 Plus club with a total profit for the committee of £249.

**8. COMMUNITY ROAD WATCH SCHEME UPDATE**

Marianne reported that she had not heard from Mark Griffiths and assumed that he and Joanne were still awaiting a date for their last training session before starting to record speeding vehicles through the village. The committee felt that fortunately there had been no major traffic speeding problems reported recently.

**9. SUMMER BBQ**

Bank Holiday Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> August was agreed as the date for the event and given that the restaurant managers had expressed an interest in catering for the event. It was agreed that the committee discuss arrangements with them ASAP.

It was suggested that we hold a raffle, car boot/craft stalls outside if the weather is fine, Radio Lancashire be asked to advertise the time and date and their countryside presenter, Steven Lowe, be invited to attend. Also Yvonne to be asked to advertise the event in the next edition of Dog's Life and Claire be asked to produce a poster.

**10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

County Councillor Britcliffe suggested we approach Tesco stores for some of the charity funding raised from the sale of plastic bags.

Tina offered to submit another funding application for help towards this

<p>year's Children's and Over 60's Christmas parties.</p> <p>Judith had been advised that we should obtain an estimate from the new restaurant managers for undertaking the catering for the Christmas events and apply for that amount from the Hilda Clark Memorial Fund.</p>	
<p><b>11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>The next committee meeting including the 100 Plus Club draw will be held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at 7.00 pm in the Dog Inn.</p> <p>County Councillor Britcliffe mentioned that he would be unable to attend the next two meetings owing to holidays.</p>	