

# BELTHORN VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 2 October 2018

in The Dog Inn, Belthorn

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

	Action
<b>1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> There were no apologies for absence.	
<b>2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> 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.	
<b>3. MINUTES OF THE 11 SEPTEMBER 2018 MEETING FOR APPROVAL</b> The minutes of the last meeting were approved as a correct record.	
<b>4. MATTERS ARISING</b> <u>Bouncy Castle</u> The councillors offer of a bouncy castle was 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.	
<b>5. CORRESPONDENCE</b> Clive had received an e-mail request for an invitation to the next village committee meeting from Councillor Glen Harrison. <b>Agreed: Clive would respond, copying committee members into his e-mail, advising the councillor that villagers were invited and encourage to attend all meetings to offer ideas, suggestions and to discuss any village issues.</b> <b>He would relay the fact that our village committee is a non-political group. Councillors Peter Britcliffe, Marlene Haworth and Lisa Allen attend meetings from time to time to discuss the many projects that the Conservative group had funded or part-funded over the years as well as future funding issues, to offer support and suggestions and to discuss any issues that may have arisen. He would indicate that Councillor Harrison would be welcome to attend any village committee meeting in that capacity.</b>	Clive

<p><b>6. TREASURER'S REPORT</b></p> <p>Judith reported that she was awaiting the next bank statement which should show the grant money received.</p>	
<p><b>7. APPROVED FUNDING GRANT</b></p> <p>Tina had submitted an application and been successful in obtaining funding towards village social events. The money would be deposited in our bank account on 12 October. Items to be funded were considered and would be decided at a later meeting when exact costs were known.</p>	
<p><b>8. FIREWORK DISPLAY</b></p> <p>The Dog Inn Board would prefer the firework display to be held on Tuesday 6 November and funding for the event was still undecided. A decision on funding would be made at their 9<sup>th</sup> October Board meeting. Since the event would now be held on a Tuesday night when the restaurant was open there would be little opportunity for the village committee to raise funds.</p> <p><b>Agreed: Clive would notify the committee of their decision by e-mail after the Board meeting.</b></p>	Clive
<p><b>9. CHRISTMAS PARTIES</b></p> <p><u>Children's party</u> – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December between 2 – 4.00 pm. An entertainer had been booked and Collette agreed to buy the children's presents as usual and arrange for tickets to be produced. Tickets priced at £5 each.</p> <p><u>Over 60s party</u> – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December between 2 – 6.00 pm. Buffet to be served in the function room upstairs with the Dog Inn group trying to arrange entertainment to start early to fit in with the party. Jason to be asked to make the buffet as usual.</p> <p>Appeals for funding towards the parties to be made to Syke Mill and Hilda Clark Memorial Fund.</p>	Collette          Marianne
<p><b>10. COMMUNITY ROAD WATCH SCHEME UPDATE</b></p> <p>Marianne provided an update on the Community Road Watch Scheme reporting that Mark Griffiths had confirmed that he was prepared to continue with the scheme.</p> <p>The committee were reminded that following last year's well-attended meeting, chaired by Councillor Peter Britcliffe to discuss the village's traffic issues, the Community Road Watch scheme was agreed to be the only practical and viable scheme available to address the problem of speeding traffic through the village.</p> <p>Mark had laboured, with his small team of volunteers, to progress the scheme, overcoming the problems along the way including Lancashire Constabulary's lack of funding and changes to his contacts at the Constabulary.</p> <p>The current situation was that both he and Joanne, his wife, had completed all the health/drugs/security checks. Mark had undergone stringent security checks to allow him access to Blackburn's Greenbank police headquarters</p>	

<p>to access the necessary equipment and report back on findings.</p> <p>They had both been allocated security badges and would shortly begin physical training to use the hand-held speed guns to check the speed of traffic through the village. Other volunteers would begin training after completing their health checks.</p>	
<p><b>11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p><u>Village Notice Boards</u> – Marianne had spoken to Mark Banyard who advised that aluminium notice boards were available on the internet to be fixed to the existing posts. He would be happy to fix them when they arrive. Marianne agreed to measure and seek funding for the work.</p> <p><u>100 Club</u> – as a way of helping raise funds towards village activities a village 100 club was proposed. Villagers would be canvassed to assess viability and take-up of the scheme. Tina and Judith agreed to call on villagers and Steve would be asked announce it at Thursday night's quiz meeting. Marianne to explain the suggestion to the village e-mail database group and gather responses.</p>	<p>Marianne</p> <p>Judith / Tina</p> <p>Marianne</p>
<p><b>12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>Owing to holidays, the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7.00 pm in the Dog Inn.</p>	