

# BELTHORN VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 26 April 2016  
in The Dog Inn, Belthorn

**Members Present:**

Gary Riding                      Collette Riding              Judith Hamilton              Marianne Davies  
Andy Bain

**Also present:**

Liz Creasey and Sam Edwards

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<p><b>APOLOGIES</b></p> <p>Clive Carroll sent an apology for absence.</p>	
<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
<p><b>MINUTES OF THE 5 APRIL 2016 MEETING FOR APPROVAL</b></p> <p>The minutes were approved as a correct record.</p>	
<p><b>MATTERS ARISING</b></p> <p><u>Charity Commission</u> – Jason has not yet prepared a formal “change of trustees” form to be signed by the old committee trustees.</p> <p><u>Village Garage</u> – Gary would carry out the necessary garage repairs when work on the Dog Inn had finished</p> <p><u>Belthorn Heritage Trail</u> – Marianne advised of the Dog Inn group's plans to carry out the walk with photographs to be taken at strategic points en-route to add to the new leaflet.</p> <p><b>Agreed: Marianne to check when work to complete the bridleway down by the reservoir are due to be finished.</b></p> <p><u>Additional Committee Members</u> – To date no-one had approached members of the committee with a view to joining the committee or help arrange social events.</p>	<p>Jason</p> <p>Gary</p> <p>Marianne</p>
<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE</b></p> <p>There was no correspondence received.</p>	
<p><b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b></p> <p>Judith circulated copies of April's statement of accounts and the village's annual accounts as at the end of March 2016. She and Jean would add the accounts to the Charity Commission web site but cannot change the</p>	<p>Judith/Jean /Jason</p>

<p>committee's directors until Jason has sorted the Change of Trustees form.</p>	
<p><b>SOCIAL EVENTS 2016</b></p> <p>Arrangements for the following summer social events were discussed:</p> <p><b>May Day Parade</b> – to be held on Bank Holiday Monday, 2 May with a 2.00 pm start from the bottom of the village, travelling to the top of the village and ending for a social get-together and children's games in the Dog Inn. Three entries had been received to date for the May Queen with a decision on who wins to be made at the quiz on Thursday night.</p> <p>Posters would be displayed on the Dog Inn website, at the school and in the village notice board.</p> <p><b>Queen's Official Birthday – Sunday 5 June</b> – A BBQ to be held at the Dog Inn with fancy dress optional, with a prize for best costume with a Royal theme.</p> <p><b>Scarecrow Competition</b> - A scarecrow competition with a Royal theme will now be organised for September. All scarecrows to be left outside villagers' front doors the previous day or on the morning of the day, depending on the weather.</p> <p><b>Agreed - Clive to contact Radio Lancashire's Stephen Lowe if he would judge the scarecrow competition.</b></p> <p><b>Sunflower Seeds</b> – Clive and Diane had not yet distributed the seeds and since time is moving and as neither was present at the meeting we were unsure what was happening on that project.</p> <p><b>Bingo nights at the Dog Inn</b> - Monthly bingo nights will be arranged for the second Wednesday of every month. A practice night for the committee to sort technical equipment and practicalities will be held on Wednesday 4 May at 7.00 pm.</p> <p><b>Traditional Morris Dancing</b> - Marianne had suggested that a Morris Dancing group hold one of their practise nights with full costume and music at the Dog Inn but unfortunately, since Thursdays were the only nights they were able to attend when our village quiz was held, the was idea was postponed.</p> <p><b>Christmas Decorations</b> – Sam attended the meeting to update the committee on plans for money she plans to raise for village Christmas lights this year. She had held discussions and meetings with Nigel Lodge and Craig Elliott of Hyndburn Council to discuss practicalities on lighting, and would approach Blackburn with Darwen Council for their help on street lighting. A permanent Christmas tree planted on the grass verge outside the mill was discussed.</p> <p><b>Agreed:</b></p> <p><b>Sam to consider various suitable lighting options for the funding</b></p>	<p></p> <p>Clive</p> <p>Clive/ Diane</p> <p>Judith/ Collette</p> <p></p> <p>Sam Edwards</p>

<p><b>raised and approach Blackburn with Darwen Council for their help.</b></p> <p><b>Cycle Ride</b> - Sam proposed organising a village cycle ride from and back to the Dog Inn during this summer and was due to meet with a colleague, Mick Fenton, after the committee meeting to discuss arrangements. She would report back to the next meeting on plans made.</p> <p><b>Defibrillator Training</b> – Sam updated the meeting on plans to provide extra defibrillator training for those who had missed out on Andy's village session or needed an update/reminder. A week-end date would be arranged.</p> <p>Sam was thanked for all her considerable time and efforts made on behalf of the village.</p>	<p>Sam</p> <p>Sam</p>
<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p>Marianne reported that after consultation with committee members, to save the village the cost of their current website she had deleted a lot of old text and the remainder had now been transferred, under the Belthorn Village page, over to the new Dog Inn website which had gone live this week.</p> <p><b>Agreed: Marianne to check when the next village web site payment was due</b></p>	<p>Marianne</p>
<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>Since several summer events are planned, the next committee meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 17 May in The Dog Inn.</p>	