

BELTHORN VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 4 June 2019

in The Dog Inn, Belthorn

Members Present: Gary and Collette Riding, Judith Hamilton, Marianne Davies and Clive Carroll. Tina Walker attended for part of the meeting.

Also present: County Councillor Peter Britcliffe

	Action
<p>1. 100 PLUS CLUB - 6th MONTHLY DRAW</p> <p>The draw was witnessed by County Councillor Peter Britcliffe</p> <p>Winner of the 1st prize of £82.00 - ticket number 79, Christine</p> <p>Winner of the 2nd Prize of £32.80 - ticket number 89, Dave</p> <p>Winner of the 3rd prize of £16.40 - ticket number 137, Barbara</p>	
<p>2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>There were no apologies for absence.</p>	
<p>3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest other than Clive also being a member of the Dog Inn board but nothing on this agenda would be impacted by that membership.</p>	
<p>4. MINUTES OF THE 7 MAY 2019 MEETING FOR APPROVAL</p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting were approved as a correct record.</p>	
<p>5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES</p> <p><u>Village Notice Boards</u> – Tina had re-stained the posts of both notice boards but noticed that the new top notice boards badly needed attention and had contacted our supplier, Garry Ryan to check out and try to amend. Garry later offered to look for a more substantial, suitable large notice board to replace the two small ones at the top of the village.</p> <p><u>Grey Mare Event, Saturday 4th May</u> – a £500 charity donation cheque from the Grey Mare, raised on the day for the village committee was awaiting collection by a member of the committee.</p> <p>Agreed: all committee members to meet for a meal at the Grey Mare on Monday 17 June at 6.30 pm to thank them for their fund-raising efforts and collect the cheque.</p>	

6. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence had been received.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

Judith advised that there was nothing new to report but would provide a detailed account of cheques received for the 100 Plus Club at the next meeting.

8. THANK YOU LETTERS – ELSPETH & GREY MARE

Judith offered to write a letter of thanks to Elspeth for her beautiful cards made for the May Day king and queen and Marianne would write a thank-you letter to the Grey Mare for their £500 donation to Village Committee funds.

Judith /
Marianne

9. COMMUNITY ROAD WATCH SCHEME UPDATE

Mark Griffiths had earlier reported to Marianne that despite chasing up and leaving messages he and Joanne were still awaiting a date from Lancashire constabulary to undertake computer training on inputting findings from each speed tracking session. This would be the last training session before starting to record speeding vehicles through the village.

10. SUMMER BBQ

Steve Horrocks briefly read part of the Dog Inn board minutes which stated that there were no objections to the village committee arranging a summer BBQ providing hot dogs and burgers. Therefore the date for the event was agreed as Bank Holiday Monday, 26th August starting at 1.00 pm.

It was suggested that we hold car boot/craft stalls, 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 Banks be asked to produce a poster.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Grass verges at the top of Belthorn Road

Marianne raised the issue of the poor workmanship on the job carried out by Lancashire County Council Highways department on both sides of Belthorn Road at the top of the village out to the Grane road. She had submitted a complaint to LCC regarding the state of the soil dug out and just left haphazardly rather than levelled properly when creating a ditch to help alleviate flooding in the area.

She had previously approached an LCC Highways officer who blamed funding cuts. A response had been received at her second request stating no more funding was available for the job.

County Councillor Britcliffe agreed that when leaving the meeting he would check out the problem. He asked for copies of correspondence to LCC, which Marianne agreed to provide, and would raise the issue with Highways officers if he agreed with the committee's views on the poor workmanship.

Marianne

Grit Bins

Councillor Britcliffe also enquired about a problem of grit bins raised at an earlier winter meeting. The committee felt that we had enough grit bins in the village but were unsure of whether or not they needed re-filling before winter and would check them out.

Oswaldtwistle Over 50s Christmas Parties

The dates for the Oswaldtwistle Conservative party Over 50s Christmas parties had been agreed as the first Tuesday night in December and the following Sunday afternoon. Councillor Britcliffe indicated that all Belthorn Over 50s were invited to attend as usual.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next committee meeting including the 100 Plus Club draw will be held on Tuesday 2nd July 2019 at 7.00 pm in the Dog Inn.