

BELTHORN VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 6 August 2019

in The Dog Inn, Belthorn

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

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<p>1. 100 PLUS CLUB - 8th MONTHLY DRAW</p> <p>The draw was witnessed by chef, Mark Taylor.</p> <p>Winner of the 1st prize of £82.00 - ticket number, 42 - Mez</p> <p>Winner of the 2nd prize of £32.80 - ticket number, 91 - Mr & Mrs Pearson</p> <p>Winner of the 3rd prize of £16.40 - ticket number, 12 - M Davies</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.</p>	
<p>4. MINUTES OF THE 2 JULY 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>Grass Verges at the top of Belthorn Road</u> – Marianne was awaiting a response from either County Councillor Keith Iddon or County Councillor Peter Britcliffe to her e-mail setting out the all work the village committee had undertaken to improve the appearance of the village. This was following a letter from County Councillor Keith Iddon's indicating that the appearance of the work carried out was of no importance since it did not pose a safety concern to highway users therefore no remedial work was planned.</p> <p>She stated that Himalayan Balsam, which is an invasive weed which chokes all other plants, was now covering the verges on both sides of the road.</p>	
<p>6. CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>Judith had received a quote from our insurance brokers for next year's public liability insurance.</p>	
<p>7. TREASURER'S REPORT</p> <p>Judith had nothing further to report on our financial position but advised that</p>	

<p>the public liability insurance quote was for a total of £631.29. Since the quote was for only slightly more than last year it was agreed that we go ahead and accept the quote.</p>	Judith
<p>8. COMMUNITY ROAD WATCH SCHEME UPDATE</p> <p>Marianne reported that she had not heard from Mark and Joanne Griffiths. She thought that they were currently on holiday and assumed that they were still awaiting a date for their last training session before starting to record speeding vehicles through the village.</p> <p>Although some motorists still use the village as a rat-run there had been no major traffic problems reported in the village recently. A discussion was held as to whether a imitation cut-out of a traffic policemen in the village, as seen in some areas, would be practical or possible.</p>	
<p>9. SUMMER BBQ</p> <p>Bank Holiday Monday, 26th August was agreed as the date for the event. We had missed the latest edition of "Dog's Life" to advertise the event but Claire had agreed to produce posters when final arrangements were agreed.</p> <p>The restaurant chefs had expressed an interest in holding the BBQ with the committee arranging everything else and taking a percentage of the takings. It was agreed that the committee discuss details with the chefs ASAP to finalise arrangements.</p> <p>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 of the event.</p>	
<p>10. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING DATE</p> <p>Since most committee members were away mid/late September the AGM date was agreed as Tuesday 8th October at 7.30 pm with a pre-meeting for committee members at 7.00 pm. Notices to be displayed in the village mid September.</p>	Marianne
<p>11. VILLAGE CHRISTMAS PARTIES FUNDING</p> <p>Tina reported having spoken to the funding body which helped support last year's parties and provided the photos requested. They indicated that they would be prepared to offer the same amount of funding for this year. Tina offered to submit an application to them before their end of September deadline. Marianne agreed to apply for funding to the Hilda Clark Memorial Fund nearer the time.</p> <p>The children's party to be held on Saturday 7th December and the Over 60's to be held the following week on Saturday 14th December.</p>	Tina / Marianne
<p>12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>County Councillor Britcliffe had suggested at the last meeting that we approach Tesco stores for some of the charity funding raised from the sale of plastic bags. A discussion was held on the types of event we could hold which would be eligible for funding and considered possibly a coach trip for villagers to see a production at a local theatre.</p>	

Bar maid Justine briefly attended to remind the committee that next year's May Day bank holiday would be held on a Friday to hold VE Day celebrations.	
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13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
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The next committee meeting including the 100 Plus Club draw will be held on Tuesday 3 rd September 2019 at 7.00 pm in the Dog Inn.	
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