

BELTHORN VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 3 December 2019

in The Dog Inn, Belthorn

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

	Action
<p>1. 100 PLUS CLUB - 12th and FINAL MONTHLY DRAW FOR 2019</p> <p>The final draw for the year was witnessed by barmaid, Charlie Sinclair</p> <p>Winner of the 1st prize of £82.00 - ticket number, 23 - Stuart & Linda</p> <p>Winner of the 2nd prize of £32.80 - ticket number, 67 - Steve H</p> <p>Winner of the 3rd prize of £16.40 - ticket number, 153 - Geoff F</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 5th NOVEMBER 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>There were no matters arising.</p>	
<p>6. CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>No correspondence had been received.</p>	
<p>7. TREASURER'S REPORT</p> <p>Judith circulated the latest financial report to 2nd December showing that after paying the committee share of money for the fireworks plus food for the evening resulted in a total loss of £2.30 from the evening. The committee paid £10 for the Remembrance Day wreath laid on behalf of villagers.</p>	
<p>8. 100 PLUS CLUB, YEAR 2020 UPDATE</p> <p>Judith and Tina discussed dates when they could both get together ASAP to call on villagers to check whether or not they wished to continue in the 100</p>	

<p>Plus Club or if new members wished to join. Initial discussions with villagers indication that more people wished to join for year 2020.</p> <p>Membership cost is £12 for the year. Judith and Tina suggested that we have four prizes next year, ie:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st prize winning 35% of takings • 2nd prize winning 20% • 3rd prize winning 15% • 4th prize winning 10% • and 20% taken for village committee funds. <p>They would also check with everyone interested as to whether or not they would prefer to see the full names of winners displayed for interest and to avoid confusion.</p>	<p>Judith / Tina</p>
<p>9. REMEMBRANCE DAY WREATH LAYING FEEDBACK</p> <p>It was reported that there was a great turnout this year for the 10th November wreath laying at the village memorial. Dog Inn Board member Steve Horrocks laid the wreath and spoke on behalf of Belthorn villagers.</p>	
<p>10. VILLAGE TRAFFIC AND SAFETY PROPOSALS</p> <p>Marianne had contacted Mark Griffiths asking for an update on the Community Road Watch Scheme which he had been training for for well over 18 months.</p> <p>Although Mark had reached the final stage of his training, he had been awaiting for some time a suitable date to attend Greenbank Station to learn how to input the data received from targetting speeding traffic through the village. He indicated that despite putting in many hours of training he was now totally despondent and sadly reluctant to carry on with the scheme for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As Caretaker/Head of maintenance at the school he had received lots of opposition to school traffic from neighbours across the road from the school. Although he had the full support from Lancashire Police for the morning actions of helping children from cars outside the school, he and his staff had received constant complaints, verbally abused and threatened with violence from neighbours. • His contact at Lancashire Constabulary had left his post and Mark's phone calls and messages to his replacement went unanswered. • All the people who initially expressed interest in taking part in the Community Watch Scheme with him had dropped out along the way for various reasons. <p>Marianne expressed thanks to Mark for all his efforts on behalf of the village and sadness that the most likely method for addressing speeding traffic through the village had failed.</p> <p>Following the failure of the scheme the committee discussed other options to be explored and would discuss again at their next meeting.</p>	

<p>10. DOG INN BOARD MEMBERS MEETING – 3% SHARE PRICE DIVIDEND</p> <p>At the 12th November Dog Inn shareholders meeting where we were informed that all shareholders would receive a cheque for their dividend rather than be allowed to put their dividends back into shares. We were informed at tonight's meeting that we were unable to buy more shares with the committee's dividend as all available shares had now been sold.</p> <p>The committee therefore requested that we be placed on the waiting list to buy shares for the committee when more became available.</p>	
<p>11. VILLAGE CHRISTMAS PARTIES</p> <p>The buffet would be supplied by Flavours of Cherry Tree for both parties.</p> <p><u>Children's Party</u> – All arrangements were in place.</p> <p><u>Over 60s Party</u> – All arrangements were in place. More raffle prizes were needed and it was hoped that those attending would bring some along as usual if they hadn't already left them behind the bar at the Dog Inn.</p>	
<p>12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p><u>Oswaldtwistle Over 50s Christmas Party</u> – County Councillor Britcliffe again invited Belthorn's Over 50s to attend parties and Tina advised that she had received a number of free tickets from him for the party on Sunday afternoon of 22nd December at 1.30 pm in what was the Oswaldtwistle Conservative Club.</p> <p>There would be a minibus which could pick up Belthorners. Entertainment would be provided by two artists and four games of bingo would be held and a buffet provided.</p>	
<p>13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next committee meeting will be held at 7.00 pm on 2020 in the Dog Inn.</p>	