

# BELTHORN VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 5 November 2019

in The Dog Inn, Belthorn

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

**Also Present:** County Councillor Peter Britcliffe and Councillor Sara Britcliffe

	Action
<p><b>1. 100 PLUS CLUB - 11<sup>th</sup> MONTHLY DRAW</b></p> <p>The draw was witnessed by County Councillor Peter Britcliffe</p> <p>Winner of the 1<sup>st</sup> prize of £82.00 - ticket number, 109 – Kim H</p> <p>Winner of the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize of £32.80 - ticket number, 146 – Brian N</p> <p>Winner of the 3<sup>rd</sup> prize of £16.40 - ticket number, 8 – Eric L</p> <p>Judith and Tina agreed to start going round the village this week-end collecting names - and money if available at the time – of people wishing to join the village's 100+ Club starting in January next year. Membership cost is £12 for the year. Judith and Tina will also check with everyone as to whether or not they would prefer to see the full names of winners displayed.</p> <p>Marianne agreed to inform her village e-mail database to expect a call from this week-end onwards.</p>	Judith / Tina Marianne
<p><b>2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b></p> <p>Clive Carroll submitted an apology for absence.</p>	
<p><b>3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
<p><b>4. MINUTES OF THE 9<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2019 MEETING FOR APPROVAL</b></p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting were approved as a correct record.</p>	
<p><b>5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES</b></p> <p><u>Village Notice Boards</u></p> <p>Since Garry Ryan was unable to find replacements for the poor quality notice boards it was agreed that we would hope that they last the winter and buy new, more substantial ones in Spring.</p>	

<p><u>Kerbside Gutters and Grass Verges – bottom of Belthorn Road</u></p> <p>Marianne had previously reported having contacted Blackburn with Darwen Council twice about the weeds growing at the side of Belthorn Road without a result but at her third attempt she advised that the gutters had now been cleared and the grass verges cut.</p> <p><u>Grass Verges at the top of Belthorn Road</u> – finally, after been cleared of Himalayan Balsam and tidied up by LCC, they were now looking tidier.</p>	
<p><b>6. CORRESPONDENCE</b></p> <p>Judith reported having received notification from Hyndburn Borough Council's Licensing Department that our annual £20 charge for running raffles etc was due for payment. Judith would pay it ASAP.</p>	Judith
<p><b>7. TREASURER'S REPORT</b></p> <p>Judith circulated the November financial report showing that donations in the bottle on the bar towards village functions arranged by the committee was £60. Cheques from the Hilda Clarke Memorial Fund of £300 and a donation from the village's mill (UK Installations) of £250 had been banked. Our annual public liability insurance invoice of £631.29 had been paid.</p>	
<p><b>8. VILLAGE TRAFFIC AND SAFETY PROPOSALS</b></p> <p>Tina advised that in her last conversation with PCSO Mark Evans, he agreed to contact the village's Mark Griffiths to discuss the on-going Community Road Watch scheme and the practicality of a cardboard cut-out police officer with speed camera installed in the village, as is situated in Pleasington village, as a speeding deterrent. She is still waiting for an update from PCSO Evans and although he was invited to our meeting tonight, he was unable to attend.</p> <p>Tina had also contacted LCC regarding the siting of securing cameras at the top and bottom of the village to try to capture fly-tippers etc. They advised her to contact Hyndburn's Environmental Health Department. She was advised that a daily patrol van would start to cover the areas.</p> <p>Agreed: Tina to contact PCSO Mark Evans and Marianne to try to contact Mark Griffiths for updates on any progress.</p>	Tina / Marianne
<p><b>9. FIREWORK DISPLAY FEEDBACK</b></p> <p>Everyone agreed that the Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November firework display had been a huge success. The Dog Inn was packed with visitors enjoying drinks from the bar and coffee shop plus hot dogs served by the village committee.</p> <p>Although all attending the display hadn't made financial donations on the night towards the fireworks and the village committee had made a financial loss at the end of the night, everyone had enjoyed watching the fireworks and socialising with friends and neighbours in the warm and friendly family atmosphere.</p>	
<p><b>10. DOG INN BOARD MEMBERS MEETING – 3% SHARE PRICE INCREASE</b></p>	

<p>After a discussion on the proposed 3% share price increase in the village committee's shareholding, it was agreed by all that the money should be put back into shares when it's discussed at the 12<sup>th</sup> November Dog Inn shareholders meeting.</p>	
<p><b>11. VILLAGE CHRISTMAS PARTIES</b></p> <p><u>Children's Party</u> - Tickets for the Children's party on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December were now available at a price of £5 each with Christmas gifts to the value of £10 presented to each child by Father Christmas. For health &amp; safety reasons a maximum of 40 tickets would be available. A deadline of Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November was set for the sale of tickets to allow time for Collette to buy all the gifts. Collette would also prepare the children's party buffet.</p> <p>Judith would confirm attendance of the same children's entertainer as last year.</p> <p><u>Over 60s Party</u> – The buffet is usually prepared by Jason who this year may not be available therefore Collette agreed to discuss this with Jason or use the caterers Diane uses for her History Group events. Collette to buy the sherry and port provided on arrival at the party and Jackie to be asked to make the trifles as usual. All villagers to be asked for donations towards the party raffle. Any donations in advance of the day to be left with Dog Inn bar staff to keep behind the bar.</p>	<p>Collette</p> <p>Judith</p> <p>Collette</p>
<p><b>12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p><u>Memorial Day Wreath</u> – Judith had arranged a wreath from the village committee to be laid by the Dog Inn's Steve Horrocks on behalf of villagers on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 11.00 am in a short service to be held at the village memorial.</p> <p><u>Poppies around lamp posts</u> – The British Legion had provided poppies for Church and Oswaldtwistle main road lamp posts. It was suggested we would try to arrange some for Belthorn for November next year.</p> <p><u>Oswaldtwistle Over 50s Christmas Party</u> – County Councillor Britcliffe again invited Belthorn's Over 50s to attend one of the two parties arranged for: Sunday afternoon 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 1.30 pm or Tuesday night, 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 7.30 pm. They were fundraising to hire a minibus which could pick up Belthorners. Entertainment would be provided by two artists and four games of bingo would be held.</p> <p><u>Rydal Mount Road Surface Dressing</u> – Councillor Britcliffe indicated that LCC had discussed re-surfacing Rydal Mount after the winter weather - some time in Spring and he would attend a meeting arranged for 27<sup>th</sup> April to ensure it goes ahead.</p>	<p>Judith / Steve</p>
<p><b>13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>The next committee meeting will be held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December in the Dog Inn.</p>	