

Belthorn Village Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at 6.00pm on Wednesday 5th June 2024
at The Dog Inn.

Members present:

Sean Starkie, Judith Hamilton, Richard Hollingworth, Tina Walker,
Dean Ellwood, Cath McGurk.

	Action
1. 100 Plus Club - June 2024 Draw The June draw was overseen by J. Hamilton. Winner of the 1st prize of £58.10 - number 43 - Paul M Winner of the 2nd prize of £33.20 - number 120 - Debra G Winner of the 3rd prize of £24.90 - number 113 - Jan G Winner of the 4th prize of £16.60 - number 66 - Linz Winner of the 5th prize of £8.30 - number 151 - Andrew P	
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Marianne Davies submitted her apology for absence.	
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Tina, as a member of the Dog Inn Board, submitted a declaration of interest but there were no contentious items on this month's agenda.	
4. MINUTES OF THE 1ST MAY 2024 MEETING FOR APPROVAL The minutes of the meeting were agreed as a correct record.	
5. MATTERS ARISING <u>Syke Mill Gardens</u> - The gardens around the mill are in need of pruning and a general tidy up. Committee members have volunteered to help with this work. A date is yet to be agreed. <u>White Lines at the bottom of Belthorn Road</u> - Marianne has contacted Blackburn with Darwen Council regarding the repainting of the white lines at the bottom of Belthorn Road. No response has yet been received regarding this matter. This matter needs chasing up again. <u>Charity Commission</u> - The details held on the Charity Commission website have been updated to reflect current members.	Committee members Marianne

6. CORRESPONDENCE	
No correspondence had been received.	
7. VILLAGE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP CHANGES	
Yvonne Brown has resigned as a committee member.	
8. TREASURER'S REPORT	
Judith's Treasurer's Report had been circulated electronically before the meeting, together with a screenshot of the latest bank statement.	
9. POGB UPDATE	
A meeting is to be held at Belthorn Primary School regarding the progress of the campaign.	
10. RECREATION GROUND	
A huge thank you to Sean for all of his hard work in cutting the grass on the recreation ground. Village councillors have spoken to and emailed Hyndburn Council regarding the grass cutting. The council have said that a contractor will come twice a month to cut the grass during the growing season. The situation will be monitored.	Sean
11. AOB	
<u>Goal post on recreation ground</u> - One of the goal posts on the recreation ground requires attention as it is leaning dangerously. Sean has reported it to the council who have said they will report this to the appropriate department to sort out.	Sean
<u>Hedgerows at the top of the village</u> - The hedgerows at the top of the village require cutting back again. Cath has agreed to approach the people who cut them last year for a quote to carry out the work again. The hedgerows cannot be cut until later in the year due to the possibility of nesting birds.	Cath
<u>Bench outside Memorial Garden</u> - The committee had been approached by residents who felt it was inappropriate for the picture of Garry Whitford to be screwed to the back of his memorial bench located just outside the Memorial garden. The committee spoke with Mr Taylor, who looks after the bench, regarding this matter on Wednesday evening. They voiced the views of the villagers regarding the picture and proposed it	

would perhaps be more appropriate for the picture to be located within the memorial garden itself on a stand. The meeting was amicable and Mr Taylor agreed that he would move the picture within the garden and make a stand for it to be displayed on. He said he would contact the committee, within the next fortnight, to arrange a time when this could be done.

[Since Wednesday evening's meeting, Mr Taylor has contacted Tina to say that since the land where the bench is belongs to one owner (the committee believed the ownership of the land to belong to multiple owners) and that since Mr Taylor has the permission of the one landowner for the picture to be there, he is going to leave the bench and picture as they are.]

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 6pm on Wednesday 3rd July 2024.