

BELTHORN VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 8th October
(postponed from 1st October) 2025

in The Dog Inn, Belthorn

Members Present: Cathryn McGurk Judith Hamilton Marianne Davies
Tina Walker Lesley Kay Paul Ellwood
Richard Hollingworth

	Action
1. 100 PLUS CLUB – OCTOBER 2025 DRAW The October draw was made by Judith. Winner of the 1st prize of £58.10, ticket number 99 – Bernadette S Winner of the 2nd prize of £33.20, ticket number 168 – Linda T Winner of the 3rd prize of £24.90, ticket number 49 – Heather C Winner of the 4th prize of £16.60, ticket number 33 – Sam P Winner of the 5th prize of £8.30, ticket number 98 – Judith H	
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – There were no apologies for absence.	
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Interest was declared by Tina Walker in her capacity as a local councillor but there was nothing contentious on this month's agenda.	
4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – 10th September 2025 The minutes of the meeting were agreed as a correct record.	
5. MATTERS ARISING <u>POGB</u> - No further developments to report on the outline planning application but fund raising is continuing with a photography competition being held for next year's calendar. <u>Village Pond</u> – Marianne reported that The Lancashire Wildlife Trust had received the licence from the Environment Agency to use herbicide treatment on the bulrushes as from 1st October. To protect the fish and wildlife in the water the Wildlife Trust would spray the herbicide at 20% each time. The bulrushes would naturally start to die off over winter. <u>Recreation ground Footpath</u> - Marianne's efforts to create a more substantial footpath between the recreation ground and Kendal Row is lengthy, frustrating but nevertheless continuing. Since the footpath is unregistered, therefore classed as unadopted land, permission to carry out the works is required from Lancashire County Council's Footpaths & Rights of Way officers.	

After twice forwarding all information requested and several chase up calls, a response had been received advising that the Footpaths officer wasn't happy with the re-cycled material suggested. He offered an alternative at a similar cost. She was still waiting to discuss materials suggested by Lancashire Wildlife Trust, an on-site meeting with the Footpaths officer - and a final decision before re-applying for funding. <u>Replacement Give Way sign on the B6232 Moors Road</u> In view of the current closure of Old Haslingden Road resulting in extra traffic using the Grane Road, and ahead of the major works to be started shortly to improve motorway junction 5. After discussion Marianne offered to contact the local authority to ask for the carriageway sign to be re-painted on the B6232 at the bottom of Belthorn Road to hopefully make it easier for village traffic to leave the village. LCC had been contacted and a decision awaited. <u>Syke Mill Garden</u> – Owing to poor weather condition the plan to cut back overgrown plants was postponed until the following Sunday (12th October) starting at 12 noon. <u>Top of the Village Notice Board</u> - The notice board had been replaced by a villager at a cost of £188.99. <u>Memorial Garden</u> – Tina reported that Councillor Zak Khan had advised that Council funding for the repairs to memorial gardens had run out therefore work to our village memorial would not be carried out in this financial year. The Committee agreed to ask Cllr Khan to seek assurance from the Council that funding would be available at the start of next financial year (April 2026) for any remedial work planned to include the necessary repairs to our Memorial Garden.	Marianne Marianne All Tina
6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED No correspondence had been received.	
7. TREASURER'S REPORT Judith's Treasurer's report had been finalised and circulated. Marianne suggested that the funding of £1,470 received for work around the pond be ring-fenced to show on monthly accounts that the money is solely for that project.	Judith
8. VILLAGE AUTUMN/WINTER SOCIAL EVENTS <u>Remembrance Day Service</u> – Roger had agreed to once again officiate at the ceremony on the 9th November and since Phil Cornell has other commitments, Cathryn suggested that a school teacher could officiate and offered to ask him if he was available. Unknown Soldier signs for the village lamp posts had arrived along with the large poppies. On the dates advised by the British Royal Legion they were to be displayed on suitable village lamp posts - to be removed on the dates they also advised. <u>Firework Display</u> – a provisional date for the event of Monday 3rd	Cathryn Lesley /All

November had been agreed with refreshments served by Committee members and prices to be charged considered. It was agreed that a maximum of £300 from the Committee would be donated towards fireworks with the remainder donated by the Dog Inn. <u>Christmas parties</u> The Children's party - will be held from 2.00 – 4.00 pm on Saturday 6th December. Collette has again kindly offered to arrange for tickets to be made and sold, numbers attending agreed and suitable presents bought. Over 60's Party - will be held on Sunday 14th December from 2.00 pm onwards – Marianne again agreed to take names of those planning to attend but further details to be deferred to the next Committee meeting along with School Christmas meals.	Judith / Collette Marianne
9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS There was no other business to discuss.	
10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - The next meeting will take at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 5th November 2025 in the Dog Inn.	