

BELTHORN VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 1st May 2024
in The Dog Inn, Belthorn

Members Present:

Marianne Davies
Yvonne Brown

Sean Starkie
Tina Walker

Judith Hamilton
Dean Ellwood

Richard Hollingworth

	Action
1. 100 PLUS CLUB – MAY 2024 DRAW The May draw was overseen by Orla Ellwood. Winner of the 1st prize of £58.10, ticket number 152 - Paul A Winner of the 2nd prize of £33.20, ticket number 147 - Dave & S Winner of the 3rd prize of £24.90, ticket number 30 - Paul M Winner of the 4th prize of £16.60, ticket number 139 - Liz B Winner of the 5th prize of £8.30, ticket number 168 - Linda T	
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cathryn McGurk submitted her apology for absence.	
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Yvonne and Tina, as members of the Dog Inn Board, submitted declarations of interest but there were no contentious items on this month's agenda.	
4. MINUTES OF THE 27th MARCH 2024 MEETING FOR APPROVAL The minutes of the meeting were agreed as a correct record.	
5. MATTERS ARISING <u>Village Traffic Meeting Arrangements</u> – Attempts are still being made to encourage either LCC's Head of Highways and/or suitable officer to attend a small village meeting to discuss the possibility of making the village "Access Only". After the local elections have taken place, attempts will again be made for this meeting to take place. <u>Walks to and from the Dog Inn</u> – Yvonne set out arrangement to date, following which discussion took place on the various types of local walks and the possibility of arranged week-end led walks or forming a Belthorn Walk Group. <u>Syke Mill Garden Tidy-Up</u> – Judith reported seeing the work of Community Payback Organisation and suggested we consider the possibility of contacting the group to ask for their help rather than try to arrange a village gardening day.	Marianne/ Tina Yvonne Marianne

6. VILLAGE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP CHANGES Following the resignation of Lesley Dunn and Graham Slater, the committee was pleased to welcome both Dean Ellwood and new village member Richard Hollingworth to the Village Committee. Marianne agreed to amend membership details on the Charity Commission website.	Marianne
7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – No correspondence had been received.	
8. TREASURER'S REPORT Judith's Treasurer's report had been circulated electronically together with a copy of the latest bank statement. All funding applied for had been received and allocated.	
9. GREEN BELT – Update on developments. Since no member of the POGB group were present, Dean offered to invite Callista Mullin to our next meeting to provide an update on progress and fund-raising efforts to pay the consultants' fees. The village committee had offered the POGB group the opportunity to sell refreshments in the pub after the children's May Day Parade to help raise funds for their project.	Dean
10. 2024 SUMMER SOCIAL EVENTS UPDATE The May Day parade will take place on Bank Holiday Monday 6th May. Although a May Queen had been nominated, we were still waiting for the school to nominate a May King. Free drinks and lucky bags will be given to all children involved. Dean offered to contact the school to discuss a volunteer May King. The marquee is to be erected ready for the football Euros and all other events planned. Suggestions were made for other possible events to be held in the marquee. Yvonne suggested those interested in arranging events attend the next Dog Inn social events group meeting to discuss.	Dean All
11. DANCE CLASSES / YOUTH CLUB All attempts to arrange either dance classes or youth club meetings for village teenagers and friends have only resulted in lack of interest. Therefore the subject will be considered at a later meeting.	All
12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS <u>Hashed white lines</u> at the bottom village chicane need to be painted over again with black paint to cover Highways mistaken marking. Marianne to contact Blackburn with Darwen Highways to alert them. <u>Recreation Ground Grass</u> – Although Hyndburn Leisure Department put the grass cutting contract out to tender at the end of last summer, owing to	Marianne

limited budgets they could only cut the football pitch infrequently. Sean has been using his lawn mower to cut the recreation ground grass to allow kids to play football. The mower now needs two new batteries which the village committee have agreed to fund at a total cost of £102 to ensure the football pitch grass is cut more frequently.	Sean / Judith
<u>Village Memorial Ground bench</u> – the village bench had been replaced by a renown individual with his own memorial bench covered in a plethora of his poppies, crosses with a large personalised photo in tribute to a Falklands sailor. He maintains that “Every Day is Remembrance Day” and has a wide reputation for ‘decorating’ graves with poppies, crosses etc in Blackburn cemeteries and church graveyards although there are strict rules forbidding such unwanted artefacts that need removing, causing ill-feeling and arguments. The Village Committee therefore decided to ask to see a copy of his authorisation for him, or the sailor’s family, to replace the village bench with his own personal bench. Tina offered to contact him to discuss.	Tina
13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 5th June 2024.	