

BELTHORN VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 27th March 2024
(directly after the AGM)

in The Dog Inn, Belthorn

Members Present:

Marianne Davies
Yvonne Brown

Cathryn McGurk
Graham Slater

Lesley Dunn

Judith Hamilton

	Action
1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Tina Walker and Sean Starkie.	
2. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE OFFICERS As set out in the Village Committee's Constitution, the first action of a new Committee is to agree the appointment of officers. It was therefore proposed, voted on and agreed as a whole that the officers be: Chair – Tina Walker Vice Chair - Cathryn McGurk Treasurer - Judith Hamilton Secretary - Marianne Davies Marianne indicated her intention of resigning from the role of Secretary having carried out the work for many years. Yvonne offered to appeal for new committee members in the next newsletter and to also ask if anyone would like to be added to the Committee's e-mail database to receive the latest minutes and other items of village information.	
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Yvonne, 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. 100 PLUS CLUB – APRIL 2024 DRAW The early draw for April was carried out by Treasurer, Judith. Winner of the 1 st prize of £58.10, 155 - Ceinwn C Winner of the 2 nd prize of £33.20, 134 - C MacE Winner of the 3 rd prize of £24.90, 148 - J Bain Winner of the 4 th prize of £16.60, 94 - Cath Mc Winner of the 5 th prize of £8.30, 20 - Laurence Y	
5. MINUTES OF THE 6th MARCH 2024 MEETING FOR APPROVAL The minutes of the meeting were agreed as a correct record.	

6. MATTERS ARISING

Green Belt Fight Update and Prospects Meeting – The 12th March meeting on both related subjects was very well attended with standing room only in the pub. The POGB group are continuing to fund raise to pay consultants.

Dance Classes/Youth Club – The school had shown no interest in following up efforts to host dance or other classes in the school. It was therefore agreed to concentrate efforts on holding youth club sessions for the younger age group, in the pub again in September.

Village Traffic Meeting Arrangements - Marianne reported on her attempts to get the necessary people to attend a meeting to discuss the village being designated “Access Only”.

After trying to establish an officer with the appropriate authority to attend the meeting she was advised by Councillor Zak Khan that the organisation with the authority to agree and implement the change was Lancashire County Council - with the Head of Highways, County Councillor Rupert Swarbrick the person who should attend our meeting or a suitable nominated officer.

Unfortunately County Councillor Swarbrick has been ignoring all the e-mail requests, over the last few weeks, sent by County Councillor Peter Britcliffe, Councillor Khan and Tina Walker inviting him to attend.

Agreed: Marianne / Tina to follow the meeting arrangements up.

Walks to and from the pub – Following discussion at the last meeting, Yvonne provided an update on suggested, walks, length and difficulty of walks before asking Clare to prepare them for printing and circulating.

Marianne /
Tina

Yvonne

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Marianne explained the need for cutting back / tidying up of the village's Syke Mill garden. She suggested a village gardening day be arranged and held ASAP.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 1st May 2024