

BELTHORN VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 3rd July 2024
in The Dog Inn, Belthorn

Members Present:

Marianne Davies
Yvonne Brown

Sean Starkie
Tina Walker

Judith Hamilton
Dean Ellwood

Cathryn McGurk

	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 106 - Andy H Winner of the 2nd prize of £33.20, ticket number 154 - Duncan Winner of the 3rd prize of £24.90, ticket number 10 - Sheila D Winner of the 4th prize of £16.60, ticket number 4 - Collette F Winner of the 5th prize of £8.30, ticket number 18 - Dean E	
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Richard Hollingworth submitted his 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 5th JUNE 2024 MEETING FOR APPROVAL The minutes of the meeting were agreed as a correct record.	
5. MATTERS ARISING <u>Syke Mill Garden Attention – Plants cut back</u> – Following discussion and agreement at last month's meeting, a village gardening day at the village garden by Syke Mill will be held on Sunday 14th July from 1.00 pm. Sean agreed to post on Facebook an invitation for all villagers to help out by bringing their own shears, secateurs etc if possible to cut back the overgrown shrubs, bushes etc. The mill to be asked to help by providing one of their bins on Monday to dispose of greenery. <u>White lines at the bottom of Belthorn Road</u> – After chasing Blackburn with Darwen Council, Marianne was informed by members that Lancashire County Council was now responsible for all the village highways. She agreed to contact LCC about the problem.	All available Sean Judith Marianne

<u>Recreation ground grass cutting</u> – discussion took place around the Council's contractor's limited attendance to mow the football pitch and village committee, and councillors efforts to check on progress. Sean reported that new or repaired goal posts would be erected this week. <u>Hedgerows at the top of the village</u> – Permission was granted for Cathryn to arrange for the hedgerows to be cut back by the person who did it last year. <u>POGB</u> - An update meeting was held in the village school attended by Blackburn with Darwen Councillor Julie Slater and Hyndburn's Sara Britcliffe MP. Fundraising by the group will continue to help the fight to stop development.	Cathryn
6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – No correspondence had been received.	
7. TREASURER'S REPORT - Judith's Treasurer's report had been circulated electronically. There has been no transactions since last month therefore the bank balance remains the same	
8. SCHOOL FOUNDATION STONE – The stone had now been returned to the village and situated in the school grounds. The person who originally found the stone was thanked.	
9. SOCIAL EVENTS – A scarecrow festival to be held in conjunction with the proposed Halloween trail was suggested. Unfortunately the pub's social team meet during the day when most members of the committee interested in attending were at work and unable to attend to help out.	
10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS <u>Belthorn Days Facebook page</u> – following recent activities on the main village Facebook page it was agreed that the two administrators be invited to attend the next Committee meeting to explain how their roles work and the rules and regulations regarding articles, comments etc.	Sean
11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 7th August 2024.	