

BELTHORN VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 4th September 2024
in The Dog Inn, Belthorn

Members Present:

Marianne Davies
Richard Hollingworth

Cathryn McGurk

Judith Hamilton

Sean Starkie

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1. 100 PLUS CLUB – SEPTEMBER 2024 DRAW The draw was made at the meeting. Winner of the 1st prize of £58.10, ticket number 149 – Carol F Winner of the 2nd prize of £33.20, ticket number 155 – Ceinwyn C Winner of the 3rd prize of £24.90, ticket number 90 – Tania E Winner of the 4th prize of £16.60, ticket number 161 – Barbara H Winner of the 5th prize of £8.30, ticket number 81 – Wendy E	
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Tina Walker and Dean Ellwood submitted their apologies for absence.	
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were no declarations of interest submitted	
4. MINUTES OF THE 7th AUGUST 2024 MEETING FOR APPROVAL The minutes of the meeting were agreed as a correct record.	
5. MATTERS ARISING <u>White lines at the bottom of Belthorn Road</u> – Marianne had finally been contacted by Blackburn with Darwen Council about their incorrect road markings being repaired. They agreed to carry out the work but without a timescale being mentioned. <u>POGB</u> – Fundraising by the group is continuing to help pay the environmental consultants working to help stop the proposed industrial development. A report had been prepared about the peat content of the moors which is one of the objections holding up planning permission being decided for the building of the industrial units. An update on progress will be provided to all concerned shortly. <u>Village Social Events Dates</u> Children's Halloween Party – Sunday 27th October between 2.00 – 4.00 pm – A scarecrow Festival had been suggested to be included with the October celebrations. Judith offered to attend the Dog Inn Board's Events meetings to help arrange.	

Firework Display – Monday 4th November. Cathryn reported that the school had again agreed to fund the refreshments that she would prepare and help serve on the night. Christmas parties – Children's, Saturday 7th December and Over 60s, Sunday 15th December <u>Memorial Garden Upkeep</u> – the committee had offered to fund a water carrier for use during dry weather but Bernadette was unable to find a one suitable.	
6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – No correspondence had been received.	
7. TREASURER'S REPORT – Judith's Treasurer's report had been circulated electronically. The £1500 funding contribution towards the Dog Inn summer events had been paid. <u>Public Liability Insurance</u> – Judith had received a quote from last year's company for Public Liability Insurance that was being considered and passed back to the committee for agreement. Our exact requirements had been agreed and paid for excluding any village garage contents which could be added at a later date if needed.	
8. VILLAGE POND Marianne reported on her efforts to obtain Prospects Foundation funding to clear the pond of weeds and bulrushes. Steve and Susan from the Manse had made good progress on helping remove and clear the pond of weeds, overgrowing tree branches and general rubbish. The work is on-going.	
9. RIDE-ON LAWN MOWER Sean request for funding to buy a sit-on mower for the recreation ground had been considered but external funding for it was required. He reported that he was yet to talk to Hyndburn Council about his proposal or to seek funding. After being given the Committee information needed and funding suggestion made he submitted an application to the Big Lottery for the cost of the mower with on-costs to cover maintenance etc.	
10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS Having seen village stocks as a tourist attraction in another village Marianne queried the whereabouts of Belthorn village stocks, with a view to having them displayed in the village. They were last seen at a village event some time before the pandemic. Unfortunately no-one at the meeting knew where they were stored.	
11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 2nd October in the Dog Inn.	