

BELTHORN VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 5th August 2026
in The Dog Inn, Belthorn

Members Present: Judith Hamilton Marianne Davies Tina Walker Lesley Kay
Paul Ellwood

	Action
1. 100 PLUS CLUB – AUGUST 2026 DRAW The draw was made by Lesley during the meeting. We now have 160 members in the club. Winner of the 1st prize of £64, ticket number 76 – Richard H Winner of the 2nd prize of £32, ticket number 91 – Kieran H Winner of the 3rd prize of £24, ticket number 61 – Debs H Winner of the 4th prize of £16, ticket number 14 – Dave R	
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cathryn McGurk sent apologies.	
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Interest was declared by Tina Walker in her capacity as local Hyndburn councillor but there was nothing contentious to be discussed on this month's agenda.	
4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – 1st July 2026 The minutes of the meeting were agreed as a correct record.	
5. MATTERS ARISING <u>POGB</u> - Nothing new to report other than that fundraising is continuing. For regular updates please check their website "Protect our Green Belt and Rural Communities". <u>Pond Bulrushes</u> – Unfortunately large plant access to the pond continues to be a problem therefore Marianne will contact Steve Nolan at the Mill to discuss the possibilities of accessing the pond from the mill car park to reach the silt and for pesticide spraying. AGREED – Marianne to contact Lancs Wildlife Trust to arrange the second spray session of pesticide to kill more of the bullrushes whilst the deep silt problem is on-going. <u>Pond Bench</u> – If access to the front of the pond is still required we'll defer having the bench installed otherwise Tina will arrange for it to be installed with bolts into the ground which can be removed if necessary.	Marianne Marianne Tina

<u>Recreation Ground Footpath</u> – Marianne is still struggling to find appropriate funding for the footpath but will continue trying.	Marianne
<u>Village Buddy System</u> – The committee was still awaiting leaflets to be delivered around the village notifying residents of the scheme.	Cathryn
<u>Remembrance Day Arrangements</u> Lesley was unable to access contact details to make arrangements with the Council, but will continue trying.	Lesley
6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED Judith had received notification that our Public Liability Insurance is due for renewal.	
7. TREASURER'S REPORT AND SOCIAL EVENTS EXPENDITURE The latest Treasurers Report was circulated electronically and the report was noted. Judith will investigate our Public Liability Insurance cover requirements and compare prices.	Judith
8. COMMITTEE SOCIAL EVENT - SATURDAY 15th AUGUST It was agreed that the £1000 funding allocated to Councillor Tina be used towards a Karaoke/Open Mike night with a free buffet provided by the Village Committee. Details will be advertised shortly: AGREED: Christine & Judith to make sandwiches, Tina to buy ingredients, Steve Horrocks /Paul to sort all equipment.	Tina
9. CHRISTMAS 2026 DATES FOR THE DIARY The Children's party will be held on Saturday 5th December from 2.00 - 4.00 pm and the Over 60's party will be held on Sunday 13th December from 2.00 pm onwards. <u>Halloween</u> - Tina suggested holding a family Halloween party be arranged either by the pub Events Committee or the Village Committee. <u>Firework Display Date</u> – Nic agreed to contact Paul Carroll for the date and let us know then we can make arrangements.	Tina all
10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd September 2026 in the Dog Inn.	