

BELTHORN VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 5th February 2025
in The Dog Inn, Belthorn

Members Present:

Marianne Davies
Dean Ellwood

Cathryn McGurk

Lesley Kay

Tina Walker

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1. 100 PLUS CLUB – FEBRUARY 2025 DRAW The February draw was made by Orla Ellwood and Cathryn McGurk. Winner of the 1st prize of £58.10, ticket number 165 – Ian Parkinson Winner of the 2nd prize of £33.20, ticket number 46 – Steve & Lisa Winner of the 3rd prize of £24.90, ticket number 24 – Eunice Hargreaves Winner of the 4th prize of £16.60, ticket number 156 – Andy Hardwick Winner of the 5th prize of £8.30, ticket number 65 – Tim Eccles	
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Sean Starkie, Richard Hollingworth and Judith Hamilton submitted apologies.	
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Tina, as a member of the Dog Inn Board and local councillor, declared interest but there was nothing contentious on this agenda.	
4. MINUTES OF THE 8th JANUARY 2025 FOR APPROVAL The minutes of the meeting were agreed as a correct record.	
5. MATTERS ARISING <u>POGB</u> – work started on Junction 5 of the M65 motorway on 13th January with the usual disruption of traffic. Switching off the roundabout traffic lights, thanks to a complaint by Cllr Tina Walker, benefited traffic from Belthorn but sometimes resulted in a build-up on slip road traffic during busy periods. This is mainly due to the sheer volume of traffic in the area which was expected to get much worse if the planning application to build the proposed industrial units is approved. The provisional planning application for site 1 was still on hold thanks mainly to Highways England who are unhappy with the volume of traffic on the moors road. Wildlife calendars are still on sale, to help fund the environmental consultants fighting the POGB case, and a few still available from the Dog Inn amongst other local retailers.	

<u>Village Pond</u> – Marianne has started her search to find an organisation to remove some of the bull-rushes that are about to take over more of the pond. <u>Decorating a farmer's milk float</u> – Since it was too late to arrange a decorated milk float to tour the village raising money for the food bank, it had been agreed with Colin and Beckie Fielding of Pulford's Farm that carrying out the plan should wait until February/March when everyone had recovered from Christmas.	Marianne All
6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – No correspondence had been received.	
7. TREASURER'S REPORT – Judith's Treasurer's report had been circulated electronically before her absence detailing the latest transactions.	
8. SPRING SOCIAL EVENTS Easter – The traditional Easter Egg Hunt will be held again in the Dog Inn on Easter Monday. Further details to follow.	
9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS The committee had been approached by Jean Nuttall to use village funds for cutting back branches from trees at the top of the village. It had been explained to her that it was not the responsibility of the Village Committee to fund or arrange this annual work.	
10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 5th March 2025 in the Dog Inn.	