

BELTHORN VILLAGE COMMITTEE

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

Members Present:

Cathryn McGurk Judith Hamilton Marianne Davies

Also present:

County Councillor Peter Britcliffe

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1. 100 PLUS CLUB – MARCH 2025 DRAW The March draw was made by County Councillor Peter Britcliffe Winner of the 1st prize of £58.10, ticket number 42 - David Merrick Winner of the 2nd prize of £33.20, ticket number 19 - A Mattison Winner of the 3rd prize of £24.90, ticket number 75 - Jane Noble Winner of the 4th prize of £16.60, ticket number 38 - L & Jason Dawson Winner of the 5th prize of £8.30, ticket number 136 - Kerris Cornell	
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Owing to holidays and work commitments, apologies were received from Lesley Kay, Dean Ellwood, Sean Starkie, Richard Hollingworth and Tina Walker.	
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were no declarations of interest.	
4. MINUTES OF THE 5th FEBRUARY 2025 FOR APPROVAL The minutes of the meeting were agreed as a correct record.	
5. MATTERS ARISING <u>POGB</u> 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. Fundraising to pay the environmental consultant continues. Traffic appeared to be flowing much better since the lights at the motorway roundabout were switched off at busy periods following the request by Councillor Walker. <u>Village Pond</u> – Marianne reported on trying find an organisation to remove some of the bull-rushes that are about to take over more of the pond. This was proving difficult. One contractor recommended, although initially interested doesn't have time to come over to the pond so it's back to the drawing board.	Marianne

<u>Farm Vehicle Trimmed up to tour the village</u> An ideal time for a farm vehicle to be trimmed up and tour the village collecting for the food bank was considered. It will be discussed and agreed at the next meeting.	
6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – No correspondence had been received.	
7. TREASURER'S REPORT – Judith's Treasurer's report had been circulated electronically but there was few changed from the previous month's report. An App for a phone to connect to a card payment machine is to be arranged for summer events.	
8. FUNDING Funding of £15K in 3 lots of £5K for environmental projects from the King Charles III will go on-line towards the end of the year. Marianne has asked for more information from Hyndburn Green Spaces Forum.	
9. SPRING SOCIAL EVENTS <u>Easter</u> – The traditional Easter Egg Hunt will be held again in the Dog Inn on Easter Monday. Further details to follow together with other events discussed at an earlier meeting of the Dog Inn events committee <u>May Day Parade</u> – final details to be agreed at the next meeting. <u>VE Day</u> events were considered for Bank Holiday week from Monday 5th May. Plans of the Dog Inn events committee were awaited and a representative from the village Committee was invited to cover Judith's absence on the day.	
10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS The Village Committee AGM was discussed and agreed a date of 2nd April 2025. Marianne to prepare, circulate to the Committee and display the paperwork required.	
11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting, the Annual General Meeting, will be held at 6.15 pm on Wednesday 2nd April 2025 in the Dog Inn.	