

BELTHORN VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 13th November 2024
in The Dog Inn, Belthorn

Members Present:

Marianne Davies Cathryn McGurk Judith Hamilton Sean Starkie
Tina Walker

Also Present: County Councillor Peter Britcliffe

	Action
1. 100 PLUS CLUB – NOVEMBER 2024 DRAW The draw was made on the first Wednesday of the month (6th November) as usual as the Committee meeting had to be re-arranged. Winner of the 1st prize of £58.10, ticket number 141 – Kevin Krausnaar Winner of the 2nd prize of £33.20, ticket number 140 – John & Hilary Winner of the 3rd prize of £24.90, ticket number 133 – Mrs D Wilkins Winner of the 4th prize of £16.60, ticket number 132 – L Billingham Winner of the 5th prize of £8.30, ticket number 31 – David Innes	
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Richard Hollingworth and Dean Ellwood submitted apologies.	
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Tina submitted a declaration of interest as a local Councillor and a member of the Dog Inn board.	
4. MINUTES OF THE 2nd OCTOBER 2024 MEETING FOR APPROVAL The minutes of the meeting were agreed as a correct record.	
5. MATTERS ARISING <u>POGB</u> – a progress report was provided by the group at a meeting in the Dog Inn on the 9th October stating that: • Highways England had regularly submitted Holding Notices on the company's outline planning application because they're not happy with the obvious increase on traffic the project would create. • Natural England had the Peat survey but had not yet submitted it with strongly voiced opposition. It needed to be chased up. • The POBG team had posted an on-line petition on Facebook for signatures and asked everyone to send e-mails, letters etc opposing the company's proposals. • Levelling-up funding promised by the Conservative government might	

be cancelled by the recently-elected Labour government. This could affect the necessary work around junction 5 the motorway being carried out resulting in the project being cancelled, since road improvements to the area are essential for the work, to build industrial units around the junction and the moors, to be approved. Fundraising would continue since the £700 in the bank might be needed to instruct the top lawyer again. <u>Village Pond</u> – Marianne had met the environmental consultant at the pond to relay its background, discuss our requirements and listen to his suggestions. She was awaiting his report on the condition of the pond and further suggestions for its management. <u>Ride-on Lawn Mower</u> – A decision on the funding application submitted was still awaited. Marianne suggested Sean contact the funding body for an indication as to when a decision would be made. <u>Holden Street/Belthorn Road traffic situation</u> – Following discussions between County Councillor Britcliffe and LCC officers, a letter was received setting out concerns regarding bin wagon access and legal parking regulations and circulated to residents. It was also posted on Belthorn Days website. <u>Promotional sign at Belthorn's bottom of village entrance</u> – Tina reported that her suggestion of an advertising sign at the Dog Inn Board meeting was dismissed as it was considered that a sign was not required.	Sean
6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – No correspondence had been received.	
7. TREASURER'S REPORT – Judith's Treasurer's report had been circulated electronically with Judith indicating that takings from the Firework display were yet to be banked. Marianne advised of acquiring funding of £185 for a new printer from the Lloyd Trust. She thanked the Trustees for their kind donation.	
8. REMEMBRANCE DAY – SUNDAY 10th NOVEMBER Once again the event was well attended. Roger gave a very emotional speech on behalf of the village. Wreaths were laid on behalf of Belthorn Village Committee and County Councillor Peter Britcliffe laid one on behalf Hyndburn's Conservative party. Roger was thanked afterwards for his excellent talk.	
9. SOCIAL EVENTS UPDATE Firework Display – on Monday 4th November was so well attended that the refreshments funded by the school and provided by the village committee was sold out in record time. The school was thanked for kindly funding refreshments again this year. Discussion was held around buying another debit card payment machine since many people don't carry cash with them. This resulted in fewer donations at the event. Judith agreed to check on what's available.	Judith

Christmas parties: Tickets for the Children's party were selling fast. Father Christmas will attend together with a children's entertainer, refreshments and Christmas presents chosen for each child. Collette was thanked for arranging tickets and presents again this year. The Over 60s party will be held Sunday 15th December from 2.00 pm. It will consist of a usual welcoming glass of sherry or port, a delicious buffet and a raffle for which attendees are asked to donate raffle prizes as usual with other prizes also provided. Unfortunately the village committee had been unable to secure funding for the parties and is reluctantly selling raffle tickets at £1 each this year. If you wish to attend please contact our Committee secretary, Marianne Davies on 01254 262125 or e-mail address ma.davies31@gmail.com. Would you also mention this event to any Over 60s who you think might not know about the party and may be interested in attending.	Marianne
10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS It was suggested that a milk float, trimmed-up for a Christmas tour of the village collecting donations to the Food Bank, be arranged again this year if a suitable milk float could be sourced by the committee.	All
11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 4th December in the Dog Inn.	