

BELTHORN VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 8th January 2025
in The Dog Inn, Belthorn

Members Present:

Marianne Davies

Cathryn McGurk

Judith Hamilton

Lesley Kay

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1. 100 PLUS CLUB – NEW YEAR’S EVE DECEMBER 2024 DRAW The New Year’s Eve draw was made by Judith Hamilton on the night and the winner of £ 161.00 was Chris & Claire Holden. The January 2025 draw was made by Judith and Cathryn Winner of the 1st prize of £57.75, ticket number 99 - Bernadette Sagar Winner of the 2nd prize of £33.00, ticket number 10 - Sheila Burrell Winner of the 3rd prize of £24.75, ticket number 11 - Lisa Horsefield Winner of the 4th prize of £16.50, ticket number 117 - Nick & Louise Winner of the 5th prize of £8.25, ticket number 49 - Heather Carling	
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Tina Walker, Sean Starkie, Richard Hollingworth and Dean Ellwood submitted apologies.	
3. WELCOME OF NEW MEMBER – LESLEY KAY Lesley has kindly agreed to join our Committee and was warmly welcomed.	
4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were no declarations of interest.	
5. MINUTES OF THE 4 DECEMBER 2024 FOR APPROVAL The minutes of the meeting were agreed as a correct record.	
6. MATTERS ARISING <u>POGB</u> – Although work on Junction 5 of the M65 motorway was due to start on 6th January and continue for several weeks, the provisional planning application for site 1 was still on hold thanks mainly to Highways England. Wildlife calendars are still on sale, to help fund environmental consultants, and available from the Dog Inn amongst other local retailers. <u>Village Pond</u> – Marianne’s next task is to try to find an organisation to remove some of the bull-rushes threatening to take over the pond. <u>Ride-on Lawn Mower</u> – The application, submitted by Sean, to fund the	Marianne

purchase of a mower had been refused. He reported in his absence that he had not re-submitted the funding application. <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 Pulfords Farm that carrying out the plan should wait until February/March when everyone had recovered from Christmas.	All
7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – No correspondence had been received.	
8. TREASURER'S REPORT – Judith's Treasurer's report had been circulated electronically detailing the latest transactions. Cathryn offered to help set up an App on Judith's phone to collect debit card payments, before the next outside events, rather than pay for another payment machine	Judith / Cathryn
9. CHRISTMAS EVENTS FEEDBACK Children's party on Saturday 6th December was a great success with the entertainer booked again for next year's party. Collette and helpers were thanked for their efforts. The Over 60s party held on Sunday 15th December was well attended with an excellent buffet, again provided by village school cook, Cathryn who was thanked for all her work and the school for helping fund the refreshments. The Dog Inn Board were thanked for providing free glasses of port and sherry and everyone who donated raffle prizes. Over 60's Christmas meals delivered throughout the village. The number of meals ordered and delivered to the Over 60s in the village had vastly increased this year. This was due to more villagers ordering meals and sadly some villagers ordering additional meals for non-villagers. The cost of providing the meals had unfortunately increased dramatically. It had therefore been decided that, as from next year, villagers <u>over 70 years of age</u> only would be eligible to receive a Christmas roast dinner with a small bottle of wine or a bottle of J20 - plus a deadline would be given for the receipt of orders.	
10. PROVISIONAL SPRING EVENTS Owing to a reduced number of members unable to attend the meeting it was agreed that discussion on events would wait until another meeting.	
11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS There was no other business to discuss.	
12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 5th February 2025 in the Dog Inn.	