BELTHORN VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 4 August 2020

in The Dog Inn, Belthorn

Members Present: Gary Riding, Marianne Davies, Tina Walker and Judith Hamilton

Also Present: Craig Steele

	Action

1. 100 PLUS CLUB - 8th Monthly Draw of the year taken on the first Tuesday of the month as usual - 4th August 2020 and drawn by barmaid, Lucy.
 	
Owing to Covid 19 the monthly draw was held during a socially distanced committee meeting.
 	
    Winner of the 1st prize of £58.80 - ticket number 30, Doreen
 	
    Winner of the 2nd prize of £33.60 - ticket number 115, Mike and Dee
 	
    Winner of the 3rd prize of £25.20 - ticket number 146, Brian
 	
    Winner of the 4th prize of £16.80 - ticket number 86, Dominique	

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Collette sent an apology for absence.	
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were no declarations of interest.	
4. MINUTES OF THE 7th JULY 2020 MEETING FOR APPROVAL The minutes of the last meeting were approved as a correct record.	
5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES Marianne reported that after contacting Blackburn with Darwen Council the kerbside weeds on the bottom road leading into the village had been treated.	
6. CORRESPONDENCE Tina had received an e-mail, which she'd circulated, advising that owing to Covid 19, community funding for events would not be available until a later date but that a form would be forwarded to us in due course.	
7. TREASURER'S REPORT Judith circulated figures posted on the Charity Commission website for the financial year ending in 31 March 2020 and her year-end financial report for committee information. She had received a quote for public liability insurance of over £600 and agreed to investigate cheaper options.	

8. NEW NOTICE BOARD – TOP OF THE VILLAGE Marianne provided a brief update on progress on the new replacement notice board at the top of the village. A delay in receiving perspex and poor weather conditions had delayed production but was hopeful it could be completed and erected soon.	
9. VILLAGE TRAFFIC AND SECURITY CAMERAS Following lots of e-mail correspondence between village committee and the Dog Inn board, discussion took place around possible solutions to the on-going fly-tipping and security camera issue. Julie's suggestion of a wild-life camouflage camera was discounted since it would need to be checked weekly and since it wouldn't be visible, couldn't be a deterrent to fly-tippers. **Agreed:** **As a last-ditch attempt for Hyndburn Borough Council to supply and fit a security camera, Marianne would appeal to Councillor Marlene Haworth for help.** **Failing any help from Hyndburn Council, Tina's proposal for the committee to fund a dummy camera, at a cost of approximately £100 to be sited at the top of the village in an appropriate spot be adopted.**	Marianne Tina
10. SOCIAL EVENTS – SCARECROW FESTIVAL Following suggestions from villagers on Belthorn Days page of Facebook, Jennie asked for the idea of a Scarecrow Festival be discussed at the committee's next meeting. **Agreed:** **A village Scarecrow Festival be held on Bank Holiday Sunday, 30th August, judging to take place between 2 – 4.00 pm.** **Tina to ask Jennie to try to contact those villagers interested for their help and involvement if possible.** **Tina to appeal for fee meals at local restaurants to be given as prizes.** **Claire to be asked ASAP to prepare posters/flyers to advertise the event.** **Suggested judges, Dog Inn's Yvonne Brown, Tina Walker from the village Committee and possibly local MP Sara Britcliffe or County Councillor Peter Britcliffe. Presentation to take place outside the Dog Inn.**	Tina Tina
11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS Syke Mill Garden - Marianne raised the problem of overgrown ivy and the need for general tidying up of Syke Mill Garden and the need for volunteers to help. **Agreed – Judith and Marianne to meet there this week-end and appeal to Syke Mill for us to leave our green cuttings in their yard to be placed in their skip as usual.**	Marianne/ Judith
10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting, including the monthly 100 Plus Club draw, will be held on Tuesday 1st September at 7.00 pm in the Dog Inn.	