

BELTHORN VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 6th March 2024
at 6.00 pm in the Dog Inn, Belthorn

Members Present:

Marianne Davies Yvonne Brown Judith Hamilton Sean Starkie
Leslie Dunn and Graham Slater

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1. 100 PLUS CLUB – MARCH 2024 DRAW The March draw was overseen by Billy Eddleston. Winner of the 1st prize of £58.10, ticket number 94 – Cathryn Mc Winner of the 2nd prize of £33.20, ticket number 57 – Ian & Ava Winner of the 3rd prize of £24.90, ticket number 155 – Ceinwyn C Winner of the 4th prize of £16.60, ticket number 112 – Jean F Winner of the 5th prize of £8.30, ticket number 84 – Terry H	
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Tina Walker and Cathryn McGurk submitted apologies for absence.	
3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST Yvonne as a member of the Dog Inn Board submitted a declaration of interest but there were no contentious items on this month's agenda.	
4. MINUTES OF THE 7th FEBRUARY MEETING FOR APPROVAL The minutes were agreed as a correct record.	
5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES <u>Grant Funding</u> - Community Chest funding had been granted from Lancashire County Council towards the building of disabled toilets in the pub. Also received, £500 from County Councillor Peter Britcliffe's pot of community money towards the hire of a marquee to house the village summer social events. <u>Damaged Flag Pole</u> – Marianne indicated that Hyndburn Council have been notified and will repair it ASAP.	
6. CORRESPONDENCE – No correspondence had been received.	

7. TREASURER'S REPORT The Treasurer's report had been circulated for information and questions invited. Judith answered questions about grant funding received and advised that there were now 166 players in the 100+ Club.	
8. COMMITTEE AGM – Date agreed for the 2024 AGM together with the brought forward April meeting and 100+ Draw – Wednesday 27th March. Start time for AGM – 6.15 pm.	
9. VILLAGE TRAFFIC ISSUES MEETING ARRANGEMENTS UPDATE Having received agreement and availability from County Councillor Peter Britcliffe, Marianne reported on her efforts to contact the appropriate representative from Lancashire Constabulary to attend the meeting to request the village be made "Access Only".	
10. GREEN BELT FIGHT – UPDATE Leslie provided an update stating that: • The POGB group had referred the decision on the Council's Local Plan to Secretary of State Michael Gove with the hope that the decision to release local moorland from the Green Belt will be overturned. • The POGB group had commissioned a traffic survey showing more realistic figures supporting the on-going traffic problems experienced by Guide and Belthorn school and residents. The Highways Agency had requested Blackburn with Darwen Council to submit the results of their traffic survey covering more than one day. • The Outline planning application submitted by Issa Brothers company, Monte, will be deferred until decisions on the traffic survey and from Michael Gove's department are received. Hyndburn's environment group, The Prospects Foundation, are holding a meeting at the Dog Inn on the 12th March with a pre-meeting from the POGB group from 6.30 pm.	
11. 2024 SOCIAL EVENTS UPDATE A schedule of events for Spring/summer had been printed, circulated by e-mail and flyers produced. • Six Nations Super Saturday – Saturday 16th March. Drink offers available. • Football—England friendlies will start on 23rd March. Special drink and food offers will be available in the pub. • Saturday 30th March, Bekki's Bingo – to raise money for the Protect Our Greenbelt group. 7.30 pm start. Reserve a table on 077270150511.	

• The Bonnet decorating and crafting will take place on Saturday 30th March and Easter Egg Hunt in the Dog Inn will be now be held on Easter Monday 1st April from 2.00 pm. £2 entry fee. • May Day parade will take place on Bank Holiday Monday 6th May. • The football EUROS 2024 will take place in June and a marquee on site to view football and other events from 14th June—14th July. • Halloween children's party – on Sunday 17th October, <u>Future Dates for your diary:</u> • Village Firework display, provisionally Monday 4th November. • Christmas parties – Children's – Saturday 7th December and Over 60s on Sunday 15th December.	
12. DANCE CLASSES Cathryn had offered to discuss, with the school's Deputy Head, the offer, some months ago, from Dance Teacher Amy, to take evening dance classes for teenagers / adults. Cathryn wasn't present at this meeting to provide an update.	Cathryn
13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS <u>Walks from the Pub</u> – Discussion took place around the suggestion of a variety of walks to take place from and back to the Dog Inn. Some walks could arrive back at the pub for snacks / bacon baps etc. Leaflets detailing the various walks to be arranged. <u>Dog Mess</u> – The issue of irresponsible dog owners has arisen again. Complaints have been received about the disgusting state of the village recreation ground which is becoming unusable for children to play owing to the amount of dog muck around. Popular walk around the “triangle” at the top of the village is also full of dog mess again. Apparently some owners of several dogs let them off their leads and seem unable to watch what they're all doing, and other owners just don't seem to care how much their lack of action is affecting other walkers. All dog owners should check what their dogs are doing as well noting that other owners are doing the right think and picking up after pets.	Yvonne
14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING—The next meeting in the form of an AGM will be held at 6.15 pm on Wednesday 27th March 2024 in the Dog Inn. All posters will be prepared and displayed around Belthorn. All villagers will be invited to attend. A separate committee meeting, mainly to discuss committee membership, will take place before the AGM at 6.00pm	Marianne All