

# Minutes of AGM 2018

**Date:** 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018 – 7.30 pm Farmers Arms

**Present:** Odete Bell, Helen Fairhurst; Gary Gibson, Pam Hailwood; Bill Halkett, Jo Ward; Malcolm White;

**Apologies:** Dave Sweatman; Cllr May Blake.

**Hilldale Parish Council:** Ian Bell; Gary Ward

**Community:** Joan Halkett; Megan Hinchcliffe

**WLBC:**

**Date of next AGM:** **TBA**

## General

Item	Content
1.	<b>Apologies</b> – see above.
2.	<b>Actions from previous minutes:</b> (i) Minutes Oct 2017 AGM were accepted.
3.	<b>Chairman’s Report:</b> Bill Halkett presented the Chairman’s Report - see attached
4.	<b>Financial Report:</b> Pam Hailwood presented the Financial statement – see attached Balance: £2,579.83 as at 31 August 2018
5.	<b>Resignation of committee</b> In accordance with the HCA’s rules, the existing Hilldale Community Association committee resigned.
6.	<b>Election of the Honorary members:</b> The following were elected for 2018/2019 Bill Halkett – Chairman Stuart Ashcroft – Vice Chairman Pam Hailwood – Treasurer Jo Ward – Secretary
7.	<b>Election of the General Committee members:</b> Additional Members Odete Bell Glenda Dooley Helen Fairhurst Gary Gibson Dave Sweatman Malcolm White It was noted that, all residents of Hilldale are members of the Community Association
8.	<b>Open forum</b> 1. Events: a. Flea Market breakfasts and lunches: Thanks to the efforts of the volunteers, we raised £260. b. Hilldale Fair: we raised £1,250. The new layout worked very well but, as always, there are lessons to be learned and the Committee have noted those that have been made. 2. Future of the HCA: it was generally agreed that everyone has to make an effort to try to bring new blood and thinking to the HCA. Maybe we need a new image – what would it be? 3. It was suggested that the Red Admiral band should be asked to provide the music at the 2018 Fair. This was agreed.

## Chairman's Report

Good evening and thank you for coming to the HCA's Annual General Meeting.

Overall the HCA has had good year.

The Fair went very well and we are embarking on a major project to replace or repair the damaged tables, benches and play equipment on the Playing Field.

### HILLDALE FAIR

The Hilldale Fair was as always – rain or shine - a great day. People came from near and far and enjoyed everything we had to offer - the Fun Dog Show, cream teas, BBQ and Raffle.

Our Rose Queen was Nell Dickinson and she was crowned by Councillor May Blake who also opened the Fair.

The Fun Dog Show is always popular and goes from strength to strength. Dogs and their owners come from near and far. Many thanks to the Sarah and the Dog show team.

The Fair is a major fund raising activity and this year we made £1295 – another great outcome and a credit to everyone.

My particular thanks to everyone who volunteered to shop, set up, sort out raffle prizes, work in the kitchen, run a stall and assist with all of the other necessary tasks. It is so much easier when there are plenty of helpers. My thanks also to the local businesses which continue to be very generous in their support of our fair by donating raffle prizes, milk and hay bales.

I would like to thank the Parish Council for donating the Hall and Field for the Fair.

### OUR OTHER EVENTS

The Committee was very disappointed to cancel the English Wine evening and Saggy Bottom Girls because of lack of support: we can't continue to put on events at a loss. We decided to discontinue these types of events for a year or two in the hope that there might be requests for them to resume. So far that hasn't happened. However we did hold the Village BBQ and that was fun and reasonably well attended.

The Bulb planting afternoon with the children from Richard Durning's School was also good fun and we planted over 400 bulbs of different types.

And at the Coffee Morning on 27<sup>th</sup> of this month we are having a fun carved pumpkin competition for the children. There will be prizes.

Please come to our events. All the funds we raise from them go towards projects for the Village.

And if you'd prefer something different, tell us what that might be and we'll see what we can do.

### GRANTS & PROJECTS

Grants play a very important part in our funding. We've done very well this year and as you'll see in the weeks to come, the picnic tables and benches in the Playing Field will be replaced. We were fortunate to secure funding of £7,855 from Whitemoss towards the estimated total costs of £8,855 for this project. It also includes money to repair the play equipment. In addition we had grants from:

- NFU Mutual - £250 towards to cost of buying and installing a new park bench – the "Granny bench" which is close to the climbing frame. This had been requested by several residents.
- Warburtons Bakery - £250 towards the cost of the Granny bench
- A Local Member Grant - £300 towards the cost of the Granny bench

### USING OUR FUNDS

As you will see from the Treasurer's Report, we've spent our funds carefully. As examples, we have paid:

- £555 for the Granny bench and installation.
- £120 for bulbs for the playing field
- £340 for better banners etc for the Fair

#### WEBSITE & NEWSLETTER

The HCA website is for the Village. So, if you have an event you'd like to publicise, let us have the details and we'll put it up.

When you have time, do look at the Local lore page where you'll find very interesting historical and anecdotal information about the area. Those are courtesy of Malcolm White and Derek Dalton.

The Newsletter is published 4 times a year and its for the Community so, as with the website, if there's something you'd like to make the community aware of use the email address and let the editor know.

#### THE HCA ITSELF

We need help. The same small core group does all of the work – the planning, preparation, purchasing, cajoling etc – I'm sure you get the idea. We have to have new blood and ideas and energy to keep the HCA going. You are here tonight because you care. But please also encourage your friends and neighbours. Come to a meeting yourself and ask them to come as well. The next meeting will be on 5<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> December at the Farmers Arms.

Frankly, unless we can expand the number of people who regularly take part in the HCA, our ability to sustain a level of activity is in doubt. That may seem melodramatic but none of us is getting any younger and as time goes on, the patterns of our lives change and we aren't always going to be available.

At present we have a healthy bank account but some of it is required to fulfil our part of the Playing Field furniture project. that money is intended to support the community so we will be looking for projects in the next year – we need ideas. However, to put the bank account in context, we need at least £1000 to underwrite the costs of the Fair.

#### THANK YOU'S

The HCA couldn't function without the help of many people.

I'll start with the Committee. Without their hard work over the year none of this would have happened.

I would particularly like to thank Jo as Secretary and Pam as Treasurer.

To Jo and Gary for making the Coffee Mornings happen. It's their hard work which gets it all done.

To Councillor May Blake for her support.

To Parish Councillors Bell and Ward for attending the HCA meetings etc and promoting cohesion between the Parish Council and HCA. We look forward to another productive year working with the Parish Council.

And certainly to the Spar shop in Mawdesley for donating raffle prizes.

Finally

Sarah who does so much to make the Dog Show a success, married Mark on 10<sup>th</sup> August and we wish them a long and happy life together.

Thank you again for coming to the AGM tonight.



Treasurer's Report

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<b>ACCOUNT SHEET</b>
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		DEBITS	CREDITS
<b>01/09/2017</b>	<b>Balance carried forward</b>		<b>3526.00</b>
01/09/2017	DONATION(G)		400.00
06/09/2017	CQ 000321 NEWS LETTERS	68.00	
12/09/2017	VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS	190.00	
20/09/2017	BAC WINGROVE (TICKETS)		20.00
27/09/2017	BAC WINGROVE (TICKETS)		10.00
28/09/2017	INTEREST		0.44
18/10/2017	CQ 000323 BBQ FOOD	59.14	
18/10/2017	AGM - CHEESE & WINE	60.07	
02/11/2017	CQ 000325 REFUND WINGROVE	30.00	
02/11/2017	NEWSLETTERS	68.00	
17/11/2017	DONATION - GASKELL		25.00
28/11/2017	CQ 000328 L DAVIS -SHRUBS	15.00	
06/12/2017	WLBC GRANT		225.00
11/12/2017	NFU GRANT		250.00
18/12/2017	BARREL PLANTERS	60.00	
21/12/2017	BULBS FOR PLAYING FIELDS	59.92	
28/12/2017	INTEREST		0.45
29/01/2018	BAC -STALL BOOKING -ICE CREAM		22.00
31/01/2018	CQ 000331 NEWSLETTERS	68.00	
31/01/2018	CQ 000332 ADVERTISING BANNERS	191.94	
12/02/2018	BAC SINGLETON		20.00
20/02/2018	STALL BOOKINGS		128.00
20/02/2018	STALL BOOKINGS		12.00
06/03/2018	LANCS CC AP GRANT		241.46
07/03/2018	LANCS CC AP GRANT		300.00
12/03/2018	STALL BOOKINGS		24.00
12/03/2018	DONATION		30.00
21/03/2018	CHARITIES TRUST GRANT		300.00
21/03/2018	HALL BOOKINGS	125.00	
28/03/2018	INTEREST		0.47
11/04/2018	CQ 000334 NEWSLETTERS	68.00	
17/04/2018	NEW BENCH	405.00	
24/04/2018	BAC -STALL BOOKING WOODS		12.00
30/04/2018	BAC - STALL BOOKING BRAGGER		12.00
01/05/2018	BAC - STALL BOOKING CORRIGAN		12.00



08/10/2018	HILLDALE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION	13:00	08/10/2018
04/05/2018	CQ 000336 INSURANCE	200.77	
08/05/2018	BAC - GRANT		250.00
08/05/2018	CQ 000339 FLOAT FOR FAIR	600.00	
10/05/2018	CQ 000338 FAIR EXP. - VARIOUS RECEIPTS	373.31	
11/05/2018	STALL BOOKING		12.00
15/05/2018	FLOAT RETURNED		600.00
15/05/2018	STALL PAYMENTS		34.00
15/05/2018	GALA DAY		2319.44
15/05/2018	DONATION		20.00
15/05/2018	CQ 000337 -BLACKSMITH POSTER BRACKETS	150.00	
18/05/2018	UNPAID CQ STALL -DOG DAYS	22.00	
21/05/2018	DOG SHOW		204.50
30/05/2018	CQ 000345 - NEW MICROPHONE	30.00	
30/05/2018	CQ 000346 - BBQ FOOD	268.77	
31/05/2018	CQ 000340 - MORRIS DANCERS	100.00	
06/06/2018	CQ 000341 - DONKEYS	152.50	
06/06/2018	CQ 000343 - RED ROSE BAND	375.00	
21/06/2018	BANK CHARGE RE UNPAID CQ - DOG DAYS	4.00	
26/06/2018	CQ 000344 - DOG SHOW EXP	29.11	
28/06/2018	INTEREST		0.60
04/07/2018	CQ 000347 - NEWSLETTERS	68.00	
24/07/2018	ERIC WRIGHT GRANT		450.00
06/08/2018	CQ 000348 L DAVIES - BENCH INSTALL	150.00	
08/08/2018	CQ 000342 HALL BOOK RE 1ST AID	95.00	
27/08/2018	000351 GLASGOW WOOD RECYCLING	479.35	
28/08/2018	DONATION		10.00
29/08/2018	CQ 000349 SUSTAINABLE FURNITURE	2805.00	
		6891.53	9471.36
	Less debits		6891.53
	<b>BALANCE AT</b>	<b>c/f £</b>	<b>2579.83</b>