

Minutes of AGM 2018

Date: 17th October 2019 – 7.30 pm Farmers Arms

Present: Odete Bell; Gary Gibson, Pam Hailwood; Bill Halkett, Jo Ward; Kim White; Brenda Stokes; Basil Stoke; Stuart Ashcroft,

Apologies: Dave Sweatman; Cllr May Blake; Helen Fairhurst, Alan McCabe, Cathy Greenall

Hilldale Parish Council: Ian Bell; Gary Ward

Community: Joe Tinsley, Emma Murphy

WLBC:

Date of next AGM: **TBA**

General

Item	Content
1.	Apologies – see above. Chairman gave thanks for the help and Support the HCA has received from our dearly departed friend Malcom White.
2.	Actions from previous minutes: (i) Minutes Oct 2018 AGM were accepted.
3.	Chairman's Report: Bill Halkett presented the Chairman's Report - see attached Website – no commercial advertising on website Reminder to send an invoice to Hills for their advertisement in the newsletter.
4.	Financial Report: Pam Hailwood presented the Financial statement – see attached Bank balance: £5420.67 as at 31 st August 2019 Grants play an important part of HCA life. £270 from Older peoples champion towards running the coffee morning. £7,855 from Whitemoss towards the benches. £1348.53 net raised at the Hilldale Fair
5.	Resignation of committee In accordance with the HCA's rules, the existing Hilldale Community Association committee resigned.
6.	Election of the Honorary members: The following were elected for 2019/2020 Chairman:- Gary Ward (seconded by Odette Bell & Pam Hailwood) Vice chairman:- Stuart Ashcroft (Bill Halkett & Brenda Stokes) Treasurer:- Pam Hailwood (Odete Bell & Bill Halkett) Secretary:- Bill Halkett (Brenda Stokes & Jo Ward)
7.	Election of the General Committee members: Additional Members Odete Bell Jo Ward Helen Fairhurst Gary Gibson Dave Sweatman It was noted that, all residents of Hilldale are members of the Community Association
8.	Open forum 1. Gary Ward thanked the Chairman and the HCA for their hard work over the past year and hoped we can continue to work closely together over the coming year. 2. The Chairman responded and thanked the HPC for its important role the village and its constructive support for HCA over the past year. 3. Bill was presented with a card and present to thank for his exceptional dedication to the



village over the past 6 years.

4. It was agreed to put a plaque on one of the benches in memory of Malcolm. Kim White agreed this was okay and will liaise with the Chairman.
5. Gin & Jazz March 2020 – Ian Miller and Dominic Spencer – BH to re-arrange the date
6. Date for the 2020 Hilldale Fair is 9th March 2020.
7. It was suggested that the HCA hosts a “Camping on the field” event for families sometime in May-June 2020.
8. Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Chairman's Report

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

Before I say anything else I have to ask you all to remember Malcolm who died on 23rd September and whose funeral was on the 10th October. Malcolm was a super guy. He was a steadfast and reliable member of the HCA - nothing was too much trouble whether it was washing dishes or putting up banners in the rain or getting coconuts, he just did it. He was our MC at the Fair for as many years as I can remember. This year, although he wasn't well he insisted on doing the job. I will miss him for his commitment, humour and simple determination. Please raise your glasses for toast to his memory.

Apart from our sad loss, we've had a had good year.

The Fair went very well and we completed the replacement and repair of 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 Sylvie 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 £1348 – 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, organise the stalls 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

Sad to say that, apart from the Fair, we've not run any evening events this year. As I reported last year, because of lack of support, the Committee decided to have a moratorium on events. Equally sadly, there's been no outcry as a result. However, we will hold a Jazz 'n' Gin evening on 25th January and I hope you will all come along and bring your friends as well. Tickets will be £10 and we hope will include a taster sponsored by Hilldale's own Springmount Gin Spirits company.

We provided breakfasts and lunches for the Parbold Flea Market on 29th I and my thanks to everyone who volunteered to help with it. We made £257 net.

And at the Coffee Morning on 26th 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 but they are increasingly difficult to obtain. We've been fortunate to have been awarded £270 by the WLBC Older People's Champion towards the costs of running the Coffee mornings for the next 12 months.

USING OUR FUNDS

We completed the bench and table replacement project thanks to funding from Whitemoss. That was a £7,800 project.

In the next few months we will commit up to £2,400 towards the on-going maintenance of the play equipment.

WEBSITE & NEWSLETTER

The HCA website is for the Village. So, if you have a non-commercial event you'd like to publicise, let us have the details and we'll put it up. We'll miss Malcolm's contributions to the local history and lore section.

The Newsletter is published 4 times a year and it's 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 6th I at the Farmers Arms.

As I advised last year, I will not continue as Chair – 6 years is enough and we need fresh thinking and new ideas to keep the HCA alive. Frankly, unless we can increase the number of people who regularly take part in the HCA, our ability to sustain a level of activity is in doubt, possibly even the Fair. 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. As a precaution I've checked with the Charity commission what has to be done in the event that we cannot continue. We'd need a Special Meeting to approve the winding up of the HCA and to agree which other charity(s) to donate our surplus funds to. I hope it doesn't come to that but tonight we have to elect a Chair, a Secretary and a Treasurer; without them we do not have the minimum team to satisfy the HCA's Constitution.

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

Thank you again for coming to the AGM tonight.



Treasurer's Report

08/10/2018

HILDALE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

13:00 08/10/2011

ACCOUNT SHEET

		DEBITS	CREDITS
01/09/2017	Balance carried forward		3526.00
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
	BALANCE AT		c/f £ 2579.83