

Minutes of AGM 2020-2021

Date: 13th October 2020 – 7.30pm

Present: Stuart Ashcroft, Odete Bell, Hilary Fenton, Susan Guinness. Pam Hailwood, Bill Halkett, Joan Halkett, Harry Jackson, Basil Stokes, Jo Ward; Gary Ward

Apologies: Stuart Dundas, Alan McCabe, Cathy Greenall, Eric Silk

Hilldale Parish Council: Ian Bell

WLBC:

Date of next AGM: TBA

General

Item	Content
1.	Apologies – see above.
2.	Actions from previous minutes: The Chairman noted that £150 honorarium was due to The Treasurer. The Treasurer asked that the sum be contributed to the HCA accounts. Minutes Oct 2020 AGM were accepted: Proposed by Gary Ward; Seconded by Stuart Ashcroft
3.	Chairman's Report: Gary Ward presented a verbal report as the HCA had effectively been closed for the period. He noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Jazz 'n' Gin event has been rescheduled for 29th January b. All being well there will be Fun Dog Show and a Hilldale Fair in 2022. They are planned for 14th May and 3- 6 June respectively. c. The HCA needs more volunteers to keep events happening d. The HCA had contributed towards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. repairs to the Playground - £1000 ii. replacement kitchen equipment. iii. replacement defibrillator pads for Richard Durnings School. The Chairman noted that the defibrillator at RD School was still not registered with the NW Ambulance Service which it should be a public unit. BH to discuss with RD School.
4.	Financial Report: Gary Ward presented the Financial Statement – see attached – and noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Bank balance: £3,068.73 as at 31st August 2021 b. that £3,000 about as low as is prudent given the occasional need for funds for emergencies. c. grants play an important part of HCA life and that grants had been provided by the Eric Wright Trust, Lancashire County Council and West Lancs Borough Council.
5.	Resignation of committee In accordance with the HCA's Constitution, the existing Hilldale Community Association committee resigned.
6.	Election of the Honorary members: The following were elected for 2021/2022 Chairman:- Gary Ward (Proposed by Bill Halkett ; Seconded by Jo Ward) Vice chairman:- Stuart Ashcroft (Proposed by Gary Ward; Seconded by Bill Halkett) Treasurer:- Susan Guinness (Proposed by Gary Ward; Seconded by Odete Bell) Secretary:- Bill Halkett (Proposed by Gary Ward; Seconded by Jo Ward) The Chairman thanked Pam Hailwood for being Treasurer for several years and presented her with a bottle of wine.
7.	Election of the General Committee members:

	<p>It was noted that all residents of Hilldale are automatically members of the Community Association and are eligible to attend all meetings and be considered as members of the Committee.</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Trustees:: Bill Halkett reported that through resignations etc, there are currently only 2 Trustees and that it would be prudent to have more. It was agreed that the Honorary office holders should be added to the Trustees. Action: BH.</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Open forum</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Odete Bell advised that the Parbold Flea Markets are due to re-start in Jan 22 and suggested that we approach Parbold Community Association for a Breakfast slot as it is a good earner 2. Sheila Cooper asked if there is a Hilldale forum for advising residents about activities and other issues. Jo Ward advised that she has created a new Facebook page – Hilldale Village Group which is open for entries and had been used to circulate information about the ‘Black Bag people’ canvassing the village. Sheila said that she is a member of “NextDoor” which has members in Parbold, Mawdesley and Newburgh. 3. Bill Halkett said that, as we have a new Treasurer, the Authorised Signatories will have to be changed and that he has a form which he will forward to Susan. He has also enquired about on-line banking and apparently it is now possible for organisations like the HCA. There is an on-line form. Sheila Cooper asked if the HCA could use Paypal. Gary Ward responded that, as a charity, we are required to have a formal bank account. 4. Bill asked about setting up a working group to re-write of the Constitution which no longer fully reflects the way in which the HCA is organised and operates. To be discussed at an HCA meeting. 5. Odete said that she was concerned about the resurrection of Black Bag people activities in the Village. There was a general discussion about these people and, in particular, their aggressiveness. 6. Gary suggested an agenda item for Parish Council updates and noted the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The PC will acquire a Speed Indicating Device – SpiD – for use in Hilldale. Ian Bell has surveyed the Village and identified suitable metal lamp posts. The PC has asked for a formal assessment from the Police. b. The PC requires an additional Councillor – please pass the word around. c. Ian Bell, on behalf of the PC, thanked the HCA for its financial contributions towards repairs and replacement kitchen equipment. 7. Gary also advised that Farmers Arms will re-start Quiz evenings in November. 8. Harry Jackson asked about the bench in memory of Malcolm White. Gary said that it will be a plaque which will be installed on the bench nearest the Farmers Arms. The wording will be discussed with Kim White and then the plaque installed as soon as practicable. 9. Sheila asked if the ground next to the Jubilee bench could be planted up. Gary advised that the ground belongs to the owners of Stonehaven who would have to be approached. 10. Meeting closed at 8:20pm.

HILLDALE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS for 2020 to 2021

Date	Item	Debit	Credit	Balance
01.09.20	Balance C/F			4407.27
29.09.20	Interest to 15 Sept		0.56	4407.83
02.12.20	CQ000405 – PL Insurance – add Trustees	24.76		4383.07
18.12.20	CQ000406 – W Halkett – Christmas lights	233.86		4149.21
30.12/20	Interest to 16 Dec		0.55	4149.76
02.02.21	CQ000407 – Hilldale PC – Repairs to playground	1000.00		3149.76
17.03.21	CQ000408 – Richard Durnings School – defib pads	188.40		2961.36
30.03.21	Interest to 16 Mar		0.45	2961.81
13.05.21	Grant from Eric Wright Trust, initial payment		225.00	3186.81
25.05.21	CQ000409 – W Halkett – website hosting, Krystal	14.99		
	CQ000410 – Greenwood Morland Ins – PL ins premium	253.75		2918.67
29.06.21	Interest to 15 June		0.37	2929.04
07.07.21	CQ000411 – W Halkett – Microwave & toaster	402.97		
	CQ000412 – W Halkett – First Aid kit	22.34		2493.73
13.07.21	Grant from Eric Wright Trust		25.00	2518.73
16.07.21	Grant from Lancs CC		250.00	2768.73
11.08.21	Grant from West Lancs BC		300.00	3068.73
	CLOSING BALANCE AS AT 31.08.21			3068.73