

# Minutes of AGM 2016

**Date:** 13<sup>th</sup> October– 7.30pm Hilldale Village Hall

**Present:** Stuart Ashcroft, Odete Bell; Glenda Dooley, Helen Fairhurst; Bill Halkett, Jo Mould; Elizabeth McMahon; Jo Ward; Malcolm White;

**Apologies:** Dave Sweatman; Jo Jones; Basil Stokes

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

**Community:** Pam Hailwood; Joan Halkett; Derrick Dooley; Gary Gibson

**WLBC:** May Blake

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

## General

Item	Content
1.	Apologies – see above.
2.	Actions from previous minutes: (i) Minutes Oct 2015 AGM were accepted.
3.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Chairman's Report 2016</u></b></p> <p>Good evening and thank you for coming to the HCA's Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>Overall the HCA has had pretty good year.</p> <p><b><u>HILDALE FAIR</u></b></p> <p>The Hilldale Fair was another great day. People came, the sun shone - mostly and there were things to do and watch, the Fun Dog Show, cream teas, BBQ and Raffle.</p> <p>Edie Dickinson was our Rose Queen and she was crowned by Councillor David Westley who also opened the Fair.</p> <p>Our Fun Dog Show is always popular and goes from strength to strength drawing in dogs and dog owners from near and far. Many thanks to the Dog show team.</p> <p>The Fair is a major fund raising activity and this year we raised over £200 – not quite as much as last year but still very welcome.</p> <p>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. And to the local businesses which continue to be very generous in their support of our fair by donating raffle prizes, milk and hay bales.</p> <p>I would like to thank the Parish Council for donating the Hall and Field for the Fair.</p> <p><b><u>PARTY AFTER THE FAIR</u></b></p> <p>Our free Party was held at the Farmers Arms. The Soul Searchers provided the live music and everyone who went had a great time. The turn out was disappointing and we have to decide whether the event is good use of the HCA's funds.</p> <p><b><u>OUR OTHER EVENTS</u></b></p> <p><b><u>PARBOLD FLEA MARKET</u></b></p> <p>We were asked to run the kitchen – breakfasts and lunches. What a team! And we made about £300. Even better, we have been invited to do it again in April</p> <p><b><u>THE SEPTEMBER BBQ AND MUSIC EVENING.</u></b></p> <p>These were both free to residents. The BBQ was well attended but the evening session was disappointing. The G-Spot Tornados played a great set in the evening but the audience was</p>



very low and, as with the Party after the Fair, we have to decide whether this is a good use of the HCA's funds.

### **COFFEE MORNINGS**

A Hilldale Coffee Morning is the place for a chat and catch-up whilst enjoying tea, coffee, home-made cake or one of Gary's delicious bacon or sausage butties. Come along.

### **MUSIC EVENINGS**

We've done very well for other music and entertainment this year. We had:

- The Beaujolais Nouveau evening – a memorable evening, for those who remember it.
- Christmas with Mark and Sid
- Stephen and Pernille Quigg.

As always, if you have any ideas for events, please let us know.

### **A QUICK LOOK AHEAD**

- Interesting wines with music 26<sup>th</sup> November – I just happen to have tickets here. Wine from unusual places and nibbles are included.
- 17<sup>th</sup> December – a fund raising event for the defibrillator with the Last Resort.
- Hilldale's Burns Supper – 28<sup>th</sup> January – haggis [or vegetarian] neeps and tatties and wee dram.
- Stephen & Pernille Quigg will be here on 1<sup>st</sup> April and tickets are already being reserved!
- And, of course, the 2017 Fair.

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

### **GRANTS**

Grants play a very important part in our funding. We've done reasonably well.

- £300 from Lancs County Council. Councillor David Westley made an award from of his Local Members' budget.

Also, West Lancs District Council and Lancashire Older Peoples' Champions

- A total of £425 awarded by Councillor Terry Aldridge

### **USING OUR FUNDS**

In the past year we have paid:

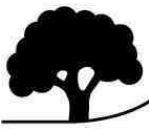
- £500 towards a Community noticeboard
- £240 to buy walnut and sweet chestnut trees
- £950 from the Skelton Bounty on melamine crockery for the Hall

We have committed to;

- £1,000 towards a new childrens' swing;
- £500 towards the outside cabinet for the defibrillator.
- £200 to replace the freezer in the Hall kitchen and to correct the mains wiring to the freezer and fridge.

### **WEBSITE**

	<p>The HCA website is up and running and it's updated quite regularly. It's for the Village. So, if you have an event you'd like to publicise, let us know.</p> <p><b>COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD</b></p> <p>It's for everyone. Need to advertise something, let us have the notice and we'll put it up.</p> <p><b>THE HCA ITSELF</b></p> <p><u>We need help.</u> This year we came very close to not having a committee at all – at least one which complies with the Constitution. The core group which does all of the work is very small. We need to have a new blood to keep the HCA going. You are all here tonight because you care – and not just for the free wine and cheese. But please also encourage your friends and neighbours. Ask them to come to a meeting.</p> <p>We also need to re-write the Constitution so that it reflects the way we are now. Any help will be very much appreciated.</p> <p><b>THANK YOU's</b></p> <p>The HCA couldn't function without the help of many people.</p> <p>I'll start with the Committee. Without their hard work over the year none of this would have happened.</p> <p>I would particularly like to thank Jo Ward as Secretary and Elizabeth as Treasurer.</p> <p>To everyone who helped to make the Fair a success: I'd like to mention Gary and Jake for the BBQ; Malcolm for MC'ing; Sarah, Wendy, Dave, Gillian, Emma, Lynn and Steve for the dog show; Ed for putting up the outside bunting – and taking it down again.</p> <p>To the Farmers Arms for donating the Function Room for the Fair Party and BBQ evening.</p> <p>To Jo and Gary for making the Coffee Mornings happen. It's their hard work which gets it all done.</p> <p>To Councillors May Blake and David Wesley for their support, attending our Events and for awarding us the grants which help to underpin the HCA.</p> <p>To Councillors, Bell, Fairhurst and Ward for attending the HCA meetings etc and promoting cohesion between the Parish Council and HCA.</p> <p>To Basil for his many years' of support. And although he's retiring from the committee, I'm assured that he and Brenda will be in the front line at the 2017 Fair.</p> <p><b>Finally</b></p> <p>Last year, I thanked Tina and Gary for their efforts at the Flea market breakfast fund raiser. As many of you know Tina died at Christmas. We miss her fun, spontaneity and generous nature.</p> <p>Thank you again for coming to the AGM tonight.</p>
4.	<p><b>Financial Report</b> Elizabeth McMahan presented the Financial statement. (copy circulated to all attendees). Balance: £6261.55</p>
5.	<p><b>Resignation of committee</b> In accordance with the HCA's rules, the existing Hilldale Community Association committee resigned. The following were elected: Elected 2016/2017 Bill Halkett – Chairman Stuart Ashcroft – Vice Chairman Pam Hailwood – Treasurer Jo Ward – Secretary</p>



	<p>Additional Members to make up 9 trustees required Odete Bell Jo Mould Helen Fairhurst Dave Sweatman Malcolm White</p> <p>It was noted that, all residents of Hilldale are members of the Community Association</p>
6.	<p><b>Events –</b> November – <b>Interesting wine and Saggy bottom girls.</b> Malcolm White to ask if Spar will be involved as a 1<sup>st</sup> year anniversary event. £10 per ticket. Fund Raiser : <b>The Last Resort Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December at The Farmers.</b> To raise funds for a Defibrillator at the village hall. It was agreed that we should try to encourage other local acts to participate. There will be a specific event meeting on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October</p>
7.	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Councillor Blake advised the meeting that she is now Shadow Cabinet Member for Older People's affairs and will continue to take an interest in our activities.</li><li>2. Glenda Dooley advised the meeting that WLDC is again providing young fruit trees to residents.</li><li>3. Helen Fairhurst asked the HCA to consider compiling information packs for new residents. This promoted some discussion and it was agreed that this should be done and the packs provided to local estate agents.</li><li>4. Closure of Parbold library: there was some discussion. It was unclear who owns the building. Cllr Blake advised that there might still be a possibility to run it as a volunteer operation.</li><li>5. Glenda Dooley suggested we should run a scarecrow competition next Autumn. It was agreed that the HCA should try to do this in 2017.</li></ol>