



Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2011

Date: 19th October 2011

Attendees: **Committee Members**

Jo Mould
Jo Ward
Basil Stokes
Claudine McFaul
Jo Jones
Odete Bell
Stuart Ashcroft
Bill Halkett
Malcolm White

Council Members:

Councillor Brian McGucken
Councillor Ian Bell
Councillor Gary Ward
Councillor Helen Fairhurst

Apologies: David Westerly
Barbara Brown
May Blake

Documents Distributed at Meeting: AGM Agenda; Statement of Accounts 2011;
Minutes of 2010 AGM.

1. Minutes from previous AGM were formally accepted.

Proposed: Alan McCabe.
Second: Claudine McFaul.

2. Chairman's Report 2011: Stuart Ashcroft

There have been a number of successes this year for the Hilldale Community Association, mainly due to the ongoing hard work of the current committee members; a number of successful collaborations with the Hilldale Parish Council and the overwhelming support we receive from the community.

The Village Fair was held on Saturday May 21st and was once again a resounding success. We were fortunate that the rain held off and although turnout was down on last year, we still had a very large crowd. Thank you to everyone who supported the day and to those of you who volunteered to help with cake making, donating raffle prizes or helping running a stall. Also, special thanks to our 2011 May Queen, Francesca Massey. Next year promises to be bigger and better, as it is the Queens Jubilee and we are looking to work with the Parish Council to produce a weekend of events to mark this special celebration.

There has been considerable investment in the hall, thanks to the Parish Council, and this has meant we have been able to attract more events to the village. Hilldale Community has jointly funded staging and lighting with the Parish Council for the village hall. We have also funded an IT suite which now boasts a new touch screen computer, printer, scanner, computer desk and chair.

In the forthcoming months we will be investing in a new dishwasher for the village hall kitchen and broadband installation in the village hall, which long term will be in partnership with the Hilldale Parish Council.

A volunteer group in conjunction with the Hilldale Community Association is continuing Barbara and her team's good work, and we hope you will come along on the last Saturday of the month to enjoy a coffee, cake or bacon roll. If you would like to be involved in the Coffee Morning or are able to donate a homemade cake or can spare an hour to help please let us know. We hope you value this monthly event and if you have any ideas you would like us to consider do not hesitate to come along on the last Saturday of each month and let us. We will be purchasing new cups, mugs, plates etc shortly for the coffee morning from a grant we received for this purpose.

Finally, I would like to thank: the committee members for their hard work over the previous 12 months: Particularly Brenda Stokes, who is leaving the committee this year. Thank you Brenda for all your hard work and commitment, for your help with the cake stall and cream tea's along with delivery of the newsletters. Jo Mould has presented Brenda with a thankyou gift of a plant and wine. Also, thanks go to Councillor May Blake, who has always been a great supporter of the HCA and attended all our village gatherings: The Parish Council for working closely with us to help improve village life; Alan McCabe for kindly doing our accounts each year: County Councillor David Westley, who has been actively supporting the village on our crusade to reduce the speed limit to 30mph. My apologies if I have missed anyone from this list, we do appreciate all the help and support we receive.

Stuart Ashcroft

Chairman

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3. Treasurers Financial Report:

Balance 31st August 2010: £8043.34

Balance 31st August 2011: £4433.59

Once again, many thank's to Alan McCabe for preparing our accounts. HCA made a donation to the love Hope Strength Foundation, a music-based registered charity which provides services and projects for cancer sufferers as a thank you to Alan for doing the accounts.

Basil Stokes, HCA Treasurer went through the financial Report

Acceptance of the Financial Report: Proposed: Jo Ward/ Second: Jo Mould.

4. Resignation and voting in of Hilldale Community Association Committee 2009/10

All members of the committee resigned. The following candidates were elected:

Chairman:	Stuart Ashcroft
Proposed:	Basil Stokes
Second:	Malcolm White
Vice Chairman:	Claudine McFaul
Proposed:	Jo Ward
Second	Jo Mould
Secretary:	David Sweatman
Proposed	Odete Bell
Second	Bill Halkett
Treasurer	Basil Stokes
Proposed	Jo Jones
Second	Jo Ward

Ordinary Members voted and accepted;

Malcolm White

Jo Jones

Odette Bell
Jo Mould
Bill Halkett
Jo Ward

Parish Council Observer:
Rotating: Brian McGucken/Helen Fairhurst/Ian Bell/Gary Ward/Carl Culshaw.
Proposed: Gary Ward
Second: Basil Stokes

6. Any other business:

Jubilee – 2nd June 2012

It was decided that a Jubilee Committee would be formed and a meeting arrange for members of the committee and a newsletter sent out to solicit ideas on how to celebrate the Jubilee. Alan McCabe, Bill Halkett and Stuart Ashcroft registered their interest in being members of the new committee. Nigel Misson from Bispham Council said they would be happy to get involved and that he would liaise with Richard Durnings in his role as Community Governor. Malcolm White agreed to speak to Rigbye Arms and Farmers Arms to get their views on how they would be celebrating next year. Some idea's mentioned: a 50's theme, Children's workshop; Ceiladh band. Put together a programme of events including other organisations in the area and make sure there are no clashes.

The speed limit along Chorley road was raised and the Parish Council confirmed that the speed was now 30mph and new signage and road markings would be forthcoming.

Barbara Brown's idea's were discussed with regards to looking after the vulnerable members of our village. A Christmas lunch on a Sunday in December was discussed, it was agreed it would be a good idea to go ahead with this and promote it at the October coffee morning. Bill Halkett talked about launching a 100 club in the village which could be used to raise funds for specific events such as the Village Christmas lunch. Odete Bell informed the group that the Parbold flea market was going to be on the second Sunday of December so we were best to avoid this date. Another idea was to organise a laminate card with contact names that could be distributed around the village and if during times of illness or bad weather, then a member of the village could use the contact list to arrange transport or shopping or a lift to an appointment etc.

It was decided that the Hilldale Coffee Morning would come under the Hilldale Community Association and money would be banked into the account and receipts passed to Basil on a monthly basis. The next few months will see an investment in the coffee morning, new cups, mugs, tablecloths and a dishwasher from the grant monies which were received specifically for these improvements.

The quarry was discussed and apparently it has now been completely emptied and will be refilled at some point.

Date of next meeting to be arranged – Dave Sweatman

Date of Jubilee meeting to be arranged – Jo Ward