



## Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2013

**Date:** 26<sup>th</sup> September 2013

**Attendees:** Committee Members

Stuart Ashcroft  
Basil Stokes  
Dave Sweatman  
Jo Ward  
Bill Halkett  
Jo Mould  
Malcolm White

Council Members:

Councillor Ian Bell.  
Councillor Helen Fairhurst.  
Councillor Brian McGucken.  
Councillor May Blake.

Other Attendees:

Colin McMahon

Apologies:

Claudine McFaul  
Jo Jones  
Councillor G. Ward  
Joan Halkett

Documents Distributed at Meeting:

1. AGM Agenda
2. Statement of Accounts 2013
3. HCA Community Wishtree Suggestions
4. Minutes of 2012 AGM

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### 1. Minutes from previous AGM were formally accepted.

Proposed Bill Halkett Seconded: Jo Ward

#### Chairman's Report 2013: Stuart Ashcroft

The A.G.M. is a good time to reflect on 2013 and look forward to 2014. The events organized by the H.C.A would not have taken place or been successful without the dedication and commitment of the current Committee Members. The contribution made by each Committee Member is invaluable in ensuring the smooth running of the H.C.A and I am grateful for everyone's support throughout an eventful year.

#### Hilldale Fair

The Village Fair was held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May and was a success but only because of the support of the local Community who turned out despite the rain. There was a very good number who came to the fair to enjoy the atmosphere and events this year which included a Bouncy Castle, Morris Dancing, Tombola, Fairground Rides, and Cream Teas, the popular Dog Show, Marching Bands, Barbecue and many more events besides, which go from strength to strength. It was a bit disappointing that there were not more stallholders but many decided not to come because of the weather even though they had already paid for a stall.

Thank you to those who supported the day and everyone who volunteered to help with the setting up, cake making, raffle prizes, helping in the kitchen, or running a stall, we are once again to Barbara Brown for making the cakes for the cream teas. Special thanks go to Maddy McFaul for being our 2013 May Queen.

Local Businesses continue to be very generous in support of our fair. This includes donations of raffle prizes, milk, and bales of hay. We were pleased to be able to donate £177 to Queens Court Hospice from the proceeds of our cake stall.

As I have already mentioned the weather was very wet and caused some problems when vehicles came to leave the field. Unfortunately this resulted in some damage to the field mainly at the top end.

H.C.A accepted full responsibility for the damage caused and an apology to the Parish Council together with meeting the cost of repairs was considered the right thing to do. We will work with the P.C to minimise such problems in the future. We hope that we can make the 2014 Fair even better, which hopefully will include more events for the older children.

### **Village Evening.**

What better way to relax after a busy day than to spend the evening being entertained by the 'Incredible Planet' otherwise known as Darren Poyzer and Kevin Farrell. Darren and Kevin are both Singer Song Writers and provided some great entertainment with their singing ,humour and acoustic guitar playing.

### **Village Hall**

I would like to say thank you to the P.C. for donating the use of the Hall and Field for the Fair each year which is gratefully appreciated. For a reasonable fee the Hall and PA system is available for Hire. The stage and lighting jointly funded by the H.C.A and the P.C. continues to be used and is a valuable asset Imogen and Isabel Mould kindly made a wish tree so that people could put forward suggestions as to how Hilldale could improve the Community. This seems to have been well received and suggestions included Bike Racks, French Windows, for the Hall improvements to the Childrens Play area, Framed Photographs for the Hall, Extra Litter Bins and many more. I am pleased to say that some of the suggestion are being or will be taken forward by the H.C.A .The list has also been passed on to the PC. so that they may consider appropriate items in their budget.

### **Coffee Morning**

The Hilldale Coffee Morning is held on the last Saturday of each month 10.30 to 12.00noon. It is the place to be if you want to chat and catch up whilst enjoying tea coffee, home-made cake or a bacon roll. There has not always been the kind of numbers which we would like to see but nevertheless this remains an invaluable social event. So if you can come along or donate a home-made cake that would be great. Also if you have any ideas that you would like us to consider please let us know. We are grateful to Councillor May Blake and County Councillor David Westley for grants towards the Coffee Mornings. This is important for keeping this vital Community Event going. The Coffee Mornings take place each month thanks to the organisation and support of Gary and Jo Ward; this dedication and hard work is much appreciated

### **Grants**

As I have already said grants play an important part in our funding .In addition to those already mentioned we have also applied for grants to cover; Soft Surface for Children's Play Area, if successful the H.C.A will pay approximately £1,800 out of its funds towards the cost. Marching Bands and Morris Dancers for 2014 Fair.

### **2014**

It is our intention to update our Constitution in the near future so that it reflects the current aims and objectives of the H.C.A Alan and Cathy McCabe have kindly organised some musical events on behalf of the H.C.A and dates for your diary are:

<u>25<sup>th</sup> January 2014</u>	Lancashire Evening with Mark Dowding and Syd
<u>15<sup>th</sup> March 2014</u>	Celtic Evening with Stephen and Pernille Quigg
<u>17<sup>th</sup> May 2014-</u>	Village Fair Evening Concert with Darren Poyzer and Kevin Farrell

Finally I would like again to thank the Committee Members for their hard work over the last twelve months. I would particularly like to thank Dave for his work as Secretary and Basil for his work as Treasurer. Thank you Basil for everything you have done over the past years as Treasurer. Thanks also go to May Blake for supporting Hilldale Community Association and attending our Village Events, Alan McCabe for auditing our accounts each year and County Councillor David Westley for his support. Apologies if I have missed anyone. And finally as I stand down as Chairman I would like to thank everyone for their help and support over the years.

**Thank you very much for attending our A.G.M tonight**

**Stuart Ashcroft  
Chairman  
Hilldale Community Association Oct 2012**

## **2. Treasurers Financial Report: - Basil Stokes HCA Treasurer**

Balance 31<sup>st</sup> August 2012: £5249.39

Balance 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013: £3627.66 including grants

The Chairman thanked Alan McCabe for preparing the accounts.

Also thanks were expressed to the Secretary for preparing last year's Minutes.

The Treasurer, Basil Stokes was also thanked for preparing the Financial Report which was accepted.

Proposed: Jo Ward: Seconded: May Blake

## **3. Resignation and voting in of Hilldale Community Association Committee 2012/13**

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

Chairman:	Bill Halkett
Vice Chair:	Stuart Ashcroft
Secretary:	David Sweatman
Treasurer	Jo Ward

**Ordinary Members voted and accepted:**

Malcolm White

Jo Jones

Odete Bell

Jo Mould

Claudine McFaul

Basil Stokes

**2012/2013 Parish Council Observer:**

Rotating: Brian McGucken/Helen Fairhurst/Ian Bell/Gary Ward.

Proposed: Jo Mould

Second: Basil Stokes

## **4. Any other Business:**

The H.C.A Community wish list was discussed;---

### **H.C.A Related**

Improvements to Children's Play Area Soft Surface etc

Displays of Local Children's Artwork in Village Hall

Displays of Hilldale Photos Old and New

Musical Events

Bingo Night Once a Month (Gambling Prevention Issues)

Wine And Wisdom Quiz Nights

BBQ Lunch Instead of Coffee Morning Once or Twice A Year

### **H.P.C Related**

Bike Racks,

Additional Benches,

Additional Litter Bins,

Additional Dog Poop Bins, Dog Tie Posts,

French Windows

Decking Patio for Village Hall.

Outside Storage Facility –Football Nets,Gazebos etc

Brick Built BBQ outside Hall as per Mawdesley Green

The suggestions will be considered further by the H.C.A and the H.P.C.

Bill Halkett confirmed that a grant to cover the soft surface cost (children's play area )

had been applied for from the Lancashire Environmental Fund ;The outcome of the application is not

known at present. Brian McGucken said that the Council for Voluntary service produce a news letter and grant funding is available from this organization. May Blake will enquire regarding other grant funds which

may be available. The drain at the bottom of the car park and other drainage issues were discussed and theses are on the P.C. agenda. Ian Bell stated that lottery funding had been applied for. Brian McGucken

said that the P.C. had the wish list in hand and that this will go to the January meeting. Bill Halkett stated

that while we are building up funds we need to liaise with the P.C to establish the projects that we can

pursue. Bill mentioned the speed surveys and Helen Fairhurst stated that at the moment other roads have

greater priority. Brian Mc Gucken made a point that if we proceed with certain projects we need to be mindful of their continued maintenance. The Possibility of collecting mobile numbers from H.C.A and P.C. members was discussed, this is for the purpose of informing each other of events

Date of next meeting to be arranged      Dave   Sweatman