

Bellingdon & Ashridge Community Association (BAACA)

Registered Charity No 1087494

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

9th July 2025 at 8pm held in Bellingdon & Ashridge Village Hall

Attendees:

Trustees:

Alf Field (Chairman), Hugh Griffiths, Paul Muggeridge-Breene (Treasurer), Gary Woodley
Apologies from Helen Harding & Kirsty Fiddes

Community Members: Don Baker (Honorary Treasurer) Bellingdon Short Mat Bowls Club,
Peter Watson, Keith Muggeridge-Breene, Barbara Baker, Sally Field, Christina Field, Ben
Brooks, Chris Wood, Jane Edmunds (St John's Church), Deborah Caen (Playground
Development)

Apologies from Grace Hemson (Bookings Secretary)

Meeting opened at 8.00pm – Chaired by Alf Field

1) **Previous AGM minutes:** July 2024

Paul went through the previous year's minutes and they were accepted and
approved

2) **Matters arising:** There were none

3) **Chairman's message:** Alf went through a report on the year.

This covered another successful fete (2024) and how funds raised were to support
the assets of the association

The car park will be the next improvement which was in hand

Children's Christmas party was cancelled due to lack of support

Fundraising for a playground was now underway

Thanks went to Jo Askew for the Newsletter

Thanks to Jo Richardson (who has now stepped down) and the new bookings
secretary Grace Hemson

Thanks to all other Trustees for their support

A significant expression of thanks to Don Baker who has finally stepped down as
treasurer. Don's contribution to the charity should not be underestimated, both as
Treasurer - overseeing a significant improvement in financial control and an uplift in
reserves - but also in development projects (e.g. construction of the annex) and
maintenance of the site.

4) **Financial statements:** The Financial Statements for the year to 31st March 2025

signed by the Chairman & Honorary Treasurer were presented

The Independent Examiner, Chris Hood, had presented his Report on the Statements.
Chris was thanked for his support in this role.

A summary of figures was presented and Don went through the key aspects

Net Surplus was £34,274 with £20,000 coming from a grant for the Car Park. Of the remaining £14,274 a significant part of the income came from the fete and other festivals.

The Trustees had specified an allocation of reserves to specific future Projects of £70,000 leaving £17,262 in the General Reserve. It was understood that the Association was in a strong financial position.

The Financial Statements were approved by the meeting

5) **Village organisations:**

Jane provided a report on the St John's Church activities

In addition to the regular services there was the Christmas service at Huge Farm

Social Events included Knit & Natter, Meeting Point, History & Culture

Numbers remained steady in spite of changes in the community

Thanks to Jill Dwight who shares the organist role

Thanks to Tim & Fionnagh Yates

Don reported on the Short Mat Bowls club

Numbers were steady at 16

Club meets on Monday at 7.30pm and Wednesday at 10.00 in the hall

The club plays in 2 leagues in winter and came second behind Amersham in both leagues

Currently the club is leading the summer league but have played more matches

New members would be welcome and anybody interested can just call in without commitment at the club times

6) **Election of trustees:** All Trustees were retiring under the Association's constitution and offered themselves for re-election.

In addition, two members offered to serve as Trustees

Deborah Caen & Chris Wood

Paul proposed all eight candidates and this was seconded by Gary and approved by the meeting

7) **Any other business:** After the formal meeting there was some discussion about the availability of the recreation ground for the community for casual football, whilst recognising the arrangements made for Chesham United.

It was left for the Trustees to resolve how to provide a facility for the community whilst meeting contractual obligations.

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