

**East Cheshire Quaker Trustees
met at Stockport Meeting House
Monday June 23rd 2025**

Friends present: Hilary Brooks (Clerk), Frances Hill (Treasurer), Susan Clark, Hilary Newhall, Anne Sumner

Apologies: Lenah Buckle, Sue Pounder, Jane Barrett

25.06.01: Trustees Annual Report and Accounts:

Items arising -

We agree to look into the restricted funds, with a view to amalgamating those that are appropriate into our general/unrestricted funds.

As part of the report we should include the efforts on the part of our local meetings to become more sustainable. We ask trustees to report back on any progress their meetings have made in 2024.

We agree to include the insured value of our meetings' contents as well as the building values.

Clerk to Trustees will liaise with Peter Eccles, Clerk of Cheadle Hulme meeting, to write to Ramilees School behind their meeting house regarding the school sign which is on our land. We will remind them that the land is ours, but that we are content that their sign may remain there without charge.

She will also contact the properties in Birkenhead, who are required to pay us a small annual Chief Rent, and inform them we will no longer require these monies. We agree the amount is so small it is not worth the effort to claim it.

Clerk will write to Ian Smallwood to thank him for auditing the accounts.

25.06.02: Whitley Burial Ground:

We thank Joe Godden for his work in renewing the gate at Whitley Burial Ground, and ask Frandley Meeting to undertake care of the tree and part of the wall which both need attention. This work will be paid for by Area Meeting.

25.06.03: Safeguarding:

We thank Sue Pounder for her report which is attached to the minutes.

We will forward the following two paragraphs to the CYPC for their information:

“The risk assessment for Yealand was reviewed and updated, and ‘safer recruitment’ processes were used to appoint the new adult volunteers. It has become apparent that this needs to be started at the earliest possible stage, certainly before the appointment is confirmed by Area Meeting.

Offering a residential trip for up to 18 young people is definitely one of the riskiest things we do in ECAM, regarding safeguarding! I hope Trustees will support me in

recommending that the Safeguarding Coordinator and/or Deputy should be involved at every stage of the planning process, and also be invited to join the debrief afterwards.”

25.06.04: Wilmslow Guild:

Responding to Gavin Mendham’s report, which is attached to the minutes, we agree we would like a meeting with our and their trustees with a view to looking at their current policies and their plans for the future.

We thank Gavin for his report.

25.06.05: Employment:

We ask Stockport Meeting to update us with their current staff training, eg Health and Safety, and Lone Worker Safety, and DBS checks.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 4th September 7pm at Wilmslow

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hilary Brooks". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name and last name clearly distinguishable.

Hilary Brooks

Clerk to Trustees