

Minutes of the 5th October 2021 meeting of UHCA in Croft House following the AGM.

Maragaret advised everyone at the meeting that Eddie Stead had passed away on Sunday 3 October 2021 age 93. Eddie was responsible for preparing all the drawings for the major Croft House extension that took place on 1980.

1. Minutes of the last meeting on September 7th 2021.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes.

The new memorial bench for the Hinchcliffe family has been purchased for £549 with a further £37 for fixings and preservative. A nameplate will be purchased at a later date. Hopefully the bench will be installed in the Rose Gardens this week.

The Hinchcliffe family will reimburse the cost of the bench in memory of their parents. **Action:** Roger to investigate the supply of a nameplate.

3. Correspondence

We have been sent a letter dated 24 September 2021 from Kirklees Environmental Health/Food Safety. This gives details about 'Changes to Food Allergens for Prepacked for Direct Sale Foods (PPDS)'. This directive will be investigated but I do not think it will apply to the normal UHCA activities.

After a discussion it was decided that we need to investigate further as to how it may affect us, as there are a higher precentage of the population with food allergies these days.

4. Playable Spaces

Report on progress of Recreation Ground Consultation by Rebekah Parkin, Catherine Little and Diane Brown from Kirklees Council. (The consultation period ended on the 17 Sept 2021). No report received.

Action Chris to chase up for the next meeting.

5. Financial Report

Kath presented her report

Income	Expenditure
	200 Club Sept £85
	New Wooden Bench £549
	Bowls beakers etc. kitchen £74.50
	Oil, Screws etc.for new bench £37.45
Total Nil	Total £745.95

Roger thanked Kath for her report.

6. Health & Safety.

- Alongside all the other fire safety actions that were carried out during our summer maintenance programme, a metal cabinet has been installed in the entrance lobby cleaning cupboard. When not in use all aerosols and inflammable liquids must be stored in this cabinet. Please identify the container with a lable so that others will know who the item belongs to.
Note that hand sanitiser is a flammable liquid.
- We have an outstanding action to organise a 'fire drill' with Pre-School.

Action: Roger and Matthew to liaise to find a suitable date for a fire drill.



7. Maintenance

- On the 2 October we received the following quotations for the three entrance lobby windows from Wood & Laycock. Hardwood with a double glazed single pane of glass (same as the existing windows) £1369 inc Vat, or Hardwood with six double glazed panes of glass (Georgian style) £1994 inc Vat.
- We also received a quotation for black upvc windows similar to the existing design of £600.
- We are however in a conservation area and the front windows may be particularly sensitive for the Planning Dept. The heavier profile of upvc when compared to wood, may therefore be an issue.
Action: It was decided to request an opinion from a Kirklees Conservation Officer
- The project to re-introduce natural light and ventilation into the kitchen is subject to quotations being obtained. All ideas and thoughts are welcome. This is a long term project that can only take place in a summer shutdown
Action: Explore further and plan for next Summer holiday
- We propose to obtain quotations for the additional car park lighting. Simple LED or Gaslamp style lighting? Simple LED's would cost about £1000.
Jeremy explained that the heritage lights in Mirfield etc are LED based and there is good firm in Marsh in Huddersfield (also William Sugg & Co Ltd). Roger to explore and get more costings.

8. Plans for Fundraising Events

The Fete will hopefully take place on Saturday the 23rd or 30th July 2022.

A Theatre event is to be explored and we are to consider a meal together in Croft House

9. Croft House activities

All the regular Croft House activities are back in operation again.

10. Community Events

- The Autumn Fair was under review but due to the lack of time to prepare, we have decided not to go ahead as Preschool may be holding one on Sunday November 28th.
- A Covid friendly 'Christmas Party' for invited guests, is proposed for 3.00pm on Friday 10th December. We will keep it simple with waiter service in a controlled setting. Chris is considering whether the guitar group could provide entertainment
- 'Carols Around the Tree' will hopefully take place on Saturday 18th December. This may take place without Christmas tree lights if the recent announcement by Kirklees Council is taken literally. Roger to investigate but the Clifton & Lightcliffe band may not be available.
Action: Chris to contact Martin Bolt about Christmas lights.

11. Hopton in Bloom

Alison is to start a campaign in New Year to attract new gardens and leaflets will be delivered around the village. We will set a date, June 25 or July 2nd avoiding other Garden Trails.

We were so grateful for all the hard work put in by three volunteers from Ancala on Wednesday August 18th. They have also volunteered to buy and paint the POD and we decided it that it should stay green and we may need some Hammerite paint around the rusty base.

K6 telephone Box looked fantastic with harvest display in. The next one will be Halloween by Kath and Alison and then Remembrance for which Sandra will make one big poppy and will decorate differently this year.

Then the Christmas display, which will feature a white sparkly tree with lights.

WI will be decorating the phone box in May 2022.

12. News from the Pre-School

All is going well

13. News from Club.

Harvest festival auction raised £505 for the designated charities

14. News from St John's Church.

Coronavirus update: On the positive side it is now felt that we can dispense with the shutting of some pews at both St. Mary's and St. John's. It was also accepted that with the proper precautions in place we could now resume sick visiting and home communion albeit using just the bread as we are doing in church. The group felt that the recommendations about wearing face masks whilst moving around in church and especially whilst singing should remain to protect the most vulnerable. We would also still ask everyone to maintain social distancing wherever possible.

Sunday 10th October is the Sunday nearest to the 12th October which this year marks the 150th anniversary of St. Mary's dedication. As we don't feel we can celebrate this properly this year we are going to mark it with a calendar of different events each with the theme of 150 spread over the year and hopefully then end the year with a fitting celebration in 2022. We hope that as many people as possible will be involved in the events over the year.

York Marathon

On Sunday 17th October Hugh will be running the York Marathon. This year he will be raising funds for the work of the church both in the Leeds Diocese and in the link Diocese of Rorya in Tanzania who we have been asked to support during a difficult time. Sponsorship can be made via the just giving page (details below) or in any way you are able.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/hugh-baker-1>

Thank you in advance for your support. Hugh.

Sunday October 31st, St John's will celebrate their Dedication Festival with a service at 11.15 a.m with Guest Preacher Maggie McLean Canon Missioner at York Minster, and followed by lunch in Croft House. Our new notice board has arrived at last and we have plans to replace the gates at the Lychgate.

15. AOB

- Please note that the wheelchair is now stored in the storeroom.
- Margaret has several concrete slabs 18 inch square and we will be happy to use them for a path behind Croft House.
- Jeremy is pleased that the post office van turns out every on Wednesday and he wondered if we knew that the Police Liaison Officer, Heather Chester, was in the village on Saturday. Most of the complaints are about the speeding traffic down Hopton Hall Lane. Heather confirmed she will try attend UHCA meetings again when she is able to .
- Toni suggested we make publicity card (A5) with contact details of organisations in Hopton and leave in Croft House.

The 200 Club Draw for October 2021

1st prize £50, 177

2nd Prize £25 18

3rd Prize £10. 52

Date of next Meeting will be the on Tuesday 2nd November at 7.30 at Croft House