

Minutes UHCA September 6th 2016 7.30pm Croft House

2. Minutes of the last meeting on July 5th 2016 Proposed by Jeremy and Darren seconded

3. **Matters arising from the minutes.** The 7.5tonne limit sign has finally been installed on Back Station Road. John says that there are now 2 signs but large lorries are still coming through the village. Karen North informed him that in 6 to 9 months there will be double yellow lines (see correspondence below).

4. Correspondence

Further to Hopton New Road - email from Karen North to John Sykes.

Good morning Mr Sykes

Thank you for your further comments.

I do understand that drivers are entitled to park on a public road but drivers seem to forget that HGVs need much more room to manoeuvre to turn in and out. Any driver parked too close to an access or even on the opposite side of the road an access obstructing access for any vehicle and especially HGVs, can potentially receive a fixed penalty charge notice for obstruction from the Police.

I am also aware that drivers are parking almost the full length of Hopton New Road on both sides of the road. However these vehicles are not actually obstructing access up and down the road as there is a running lane down the centre and so these vehicles cannot be removed by the Police. I accept that when they park on both sides of road on the bridge where the road is narrower, they do obstruct access and the Police have on occasion previously removed a vehicle from this location. However problems arise when drivers park the full length as some drivers may not choose to give way resulting in some drivers having to reverse a distance which I cannot condone. So to resolve the problem we are proposing to introduce passing points rather than remove all the parking from one side of the road along with double yellow lines from the mini-roundabout over the bridge. This is because parking generally helps reduce speeds as other drivers slowdown in anticipation they may have to stop to give way to oncoming traffic.

5. **Website.** Update on website www.upperhoptonvillage.co.uk. General Updates. A photo gallery has been added for the Club and the 2016 Fete.

6. **Financial Report.** Kath presented her report.

Income:		Expenditure.	
Total Income	£4672	Total expenditure	£6293

7. Report from Croft House Management Committee

- Katie will move on Friday 22nd July to her new house. Rent payers and Croft House users need to know not to put money through her old letterbox. Katie will continue to act as Treasurer to the year-end on the 31st September and then someone must take over the role.
 - A quotation for a new boiler and 5 radiators was obtained and this was accepted. Chris proposed and Joan seconded a motion to pay £2475 to meet the cost of a new boiler and extra radiators. This was carried with no votes against.
 - The insurance with AON had been paid
 - A new floor covering in the hall and foyer will be needed soon, probably before the next Committee meeting and it was proposed by Michael and seconded by Chris that we will give an immediate donation to UHCA to cover the bulk of the expected costs and they will be able to meet the cost when it is laid.
- The members of UHCA thanked Katie Harris for acting as Booking Officer and Treasurer since January 2012 and were very much appreciative of all she did.

8. News and reports from the Club.

- The Tea and Tiara event was very well attended and raised £720; £300 was donated to Dementia UK.
- On the 29th October there will be a Halloween party for Stewart.
- The date for the Horse Racing Evening for RNLI is Saturday 12th November
- Quiz on alternate Friday Evenings.

- Harvest Festival Auction, Sunday 25th September starts at 7.00pm. The charities for the harvest festival will be Kirkwood Hospice, Forget-me-not and St John's church. Please come along to give your support to some great charities.
- Refurbishment of the Club will start before the end of September.

9. News from the Cricket Club. The season is now closed and further work to improve the drainage will be carried out during the closed season.

- There will be a Coffee Afternoon on September 25th for Macmillan Cancer Support.

10. Maintenance Team.

In August we carried out a much needed refurbishment program of Croft House.

- A new central heating boiler was installed along with six new radiators.
- A new hardwood window was manufactured and installed at the front right of Croft House.
- All the outside woodwork, gutters and fall-pipes were painted.
- New flooring was laid in the main hall, entrance lobby, and fire exit lobby. When the extension is completed the new flooring will be extended into that area before the end of September.
- Unforeseen additional roof repairs and payment to Kirklees Pest Control for the removal of unwanted wasps' nests were also carried out.
- As we are moving the trestle tables into the new store to improve the throughway in the fire exit lobby, we have refurbished this area (roof repairs in the lobby also need to be carried out).
- The total cost of the refurbishment work is £11,003. As outlined above part of the costs were funded by the Croft House Management Committee and the remainder by our fund raising events.

The extension project has accelerated during August with a lot of effort from Richard and Michael. After the plaster has dried we will be painting the ceiling and walls followed by the final fix electrics and the vinyl flooring. Hopefully this will be completed by the end of September. The outstanding tasks for the extension will be the entry steps, the installation of shelving, cupboards and sink. The final cost of the project will be approximately £11,630. Had this project been carried out by an outside contractor the costs would have been almost four times what we have spent, a massive thanks therefore to the volunteers that have helped with this project.

We would also like to purchase a tall refrigerator for the new extension which will be used for events such as the Garden Trail or the Fete.

We need to carry on with our fund raising projects as we would also like to replace the cooker in the kitchen and possibly the dishwasher, installation of low energy LED lighting, followed by the major task of resurfacing the car park.

A new microwave has also been installed in the kitchen (donated by James Walker / Oakwood Kitchen's).

An additional notice-board has been installed in the entrance lobby which is for use by organisations other than UHCA and HIB.

Joan expressed thanks on behalf of all the members to Roger for all his involvement in the projects.

11. Plans and reports for fund raising events.

Coffee morning for Church Funds on November 12th 10am till 2 pm the Evening with Eric and the Casino Night will be booked for the New year and the Andrea suggested a Burns Night which was met with approval. .

12. Plans for Community Projects.

- On Monday 19th September there will be an art demonstration using pastels by Catherine Inglis at 7.00pm in Croft House. There will be a small charge on the night of £3, refreshments and cakes will be provided. Everyone is welcome to come along.

- Report on Village Fete and Heritage Event 2016:

The Fete had more events this year and was better attended partly thanks to some beautiful weather. We printed 500 programmes which were all sold by 2.30pm. Last year we printed 400 programmes which also sold out in a similar time. Note that the programme count includes adults only as children under 16 were free. We had more events with the inclusion of the Fortune Teller, Shofukan Martial Arts, Katie Philpott Dance School, Beadilicious, Open The Box, Coffee & Cake tent, children's games, Colne Valley Museum and the Croft House Cookies.

The Heritage Exhibition was moved to Upper Hopton Club to create more space for the exhibition and the catering in Croft House. This worked very well and will probably be repeated next year.

A BIG thanks to all the sponsors and volunteers and to Hugh Baker who did a masterful job as the MC. A big thanks also to the National mining museum for the loan of artefacts and Richard Haigh for the loan of mining maps, artefacts and loan of his field for parking.

The net profit for the Fete was £2481 compared to £2104 in 2015. When compared to 2015 we also had some significant additional costs in 2016, such as: Punch & Judy £120, PA System £175, Falconry £40, 150 Chairs and coffee maker £335. Some of the costs in both 2015 and 2016 might be considered one off costs that will not be repeated in following years, i.e. marquees, banners, equipment, etc. The amount of revenue for 2016 from sponsorship was very similar to 2015. It should be stressed that the main purpose of the Fete however is to breakeven and provide Hopton with an enjoyable summer event, with any net profit that we make, being put towards upkeep of our village hall.

- A Fete Review meeting was held on the 18th August with some good points raised which will help to develop the Fete year on year. Thank you to all those that took part in the meeting and for the suggestions sent by those that could not attend.

At the Fete review meeting Rosemary Pearson handed over a cheque for £500 from the Croft House Cookies (WI) to help with the Croft House refurbishment and extension project (the WI have also donated £500 to air ambulance, £250 to the Beavers, £250 Brownies).

The 2017 Fete will be held on Saturday 29th July.

- The Christmas Party will be held on Friday December 9th

13. Hopton in Bloom.

Yorkshire in Bloom Judging Results will be on September 13th

Update:- We were delighted to be awarded two Golds-one for Spring and one for summer. Well done to our hard working team and lots of community support

- Report on Garden Trail July 9th. This had been a successful day in spite of the atrocious weather in the morning. Numbers were down on last year but those who came along really enjoyed the event as they felt they had more time to spend in each garden. Thanks to Alison for organising it.

Next year's Garden Trail will be on Saturday July 8th.

- HIB Calendar; Following the choice of entries in the photographic competition, John Farren has completed the design of the 2017 HIB Calendar and a proof copy has been supplied by the printers for review. Undertaking the compilation and design of the calendar ourselves has saved several hundred pounds. Thanks to John for completing a superb looking calendar.

14. News from Pre-School. The committee are looking for a new Chair and Treasurer come October, and if anyone present might know of someone who may be interested in this role??

Thanks for all the help and support you give to Pre-School, we do very much appreciate it and look forward to working with you in the new school year

Approximately 14 children have left Pre-School in the summer recess. The number of children on the register at the start of the new school term is 15.

15. News and reports from St John's Church and Team Parish.

- HEALTHY WALKING. The next walks will be from St John's on 17th starting at 10 am as usual (9.30 if you are new to the group). Well behaved dogs welcome too. Contact David Alderson on 01924 517449 for more details.

- TINY TOTS at St Paul's Church, next to the Co-op). A chance for children to play with others and carers to relax and meet and chat with other carers. Wednesday mornings 9.30 am till 11.00am. All welcome. £2 entry also covers juice and biscuits; other refreshments available to purchase. Further details from Janet Baker on 01924 505790

- ORGAN RECITAL – This will be at St Mary's next Saturday, Sep 10th at 3pm.

- HERITAGE WEEKEND - On Thursday 8 September the St Mary's belfry will be open to the public to discover the hidden history of the bell tower. This part of the National Heritage Open Days will be from 7pm to 8.30pm. People are welcome to visit the belfry, watch demonstrations of bell ringing, ask questions and even think about joining the bell ringing band. Six of the ten bells have recently been recast and four re-tuned with the support of Heritage lottery funding.

Saturday 10th starts at 10am and finishes at 4pm

Sunday 11th starts at 11am and finishes at 4pm

The archaeological finds from the last two digs on the site will be displayed in St Mary's Church. John Hudson the local and renowned expert potter on medieval pottery will be present throughout the weekend. He has made replica pots/bowls/cups to show what some of the pieces of pottery would have been like when new.

A history talk titled ' The Somme - The Campaign not the Battle' with reference to local regiments will take place in the side chapel of the church at the allocated times on Saturday and Sunday.

A Bronte talk relating to the Bronte family and their connection with the Church and area will take place in the side chapel of the church at allocated times on Saturday and Sunday.

On Saturday there will be a guided heritage trail walk from the St Mary's site using Frances Stott's recently published trail leaflet.

Tower tops tours throughout the weekend.

Cafe throughout Sat and Sunday

- CHANGING LIVES IN NEPAL – This event will be held in St John's Church, Upper Hopton on Wednesday 14th September at 7.15pm. It will be a talk by Rotarian Gill Poole who works with projects in remote villages in Nepal. Everyone is welcome. If you would like any more information then please contact Sue Young by email on sueyoung@talktalk.net

- CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP - There will a Children's Workshop for children over 4 on September 18th from 2 till 4pm in Croft House Upper Hopton. Contact Kath Crossley on 01924 515496 for more details.

- HARVEST SERVICES - - These will be held on Sunday 25th September at St Mary's at 9.45am and St John's at 11.15am. There will also be Harvest Songs of Praise at St John's at 6 pm followed by a Harvest Auction at the Club at Upper Hopton at 7 for 7.30pm. Please bring any donations either to St John's on Saturday morning or to the Club on Sunday lunchtime. Many thanks

- MANHATTAN SOUND BIG BAND CONCERT with NIKKI ALLEN - This will be held in St Paul's Church on Saturday 22nd October at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 and are available by ringing 01924 495963 07840 395096.

16. Road Safety Team Road

In spite of improvements on B6118, there continues to be accidents on stretches of the road at different locations where the surface has not been replaced.

17. AOB.

The 200 Club Draw for July.	1 st prize £50; 20
	2 nd Prize £25. 190
	3 rd Prize £10. 176
The 200 Club Draw for August.	1 st prize £50; 42
	2 nd Prize £25. 98
	3 rd Prize £10. 174

Date of next meeting will be on Tuesday October 4th 2016 and will be the AGM at 7.30 in Croft House

