

2. Minutes of the last meeting December 4th 2018,

Proposed by Alison and seconded by Malcolm and approved by all present

3. Matters arising from the minutes.

- Jazz Festival June 8th, or 15th.

Tracey from the Cricket Club rang James yesterday as they were having a Committee meeting last evening.

Gail is talking to Committee at the Club this evening.

Roger has been recommended Snake Davis who has played in several gigs.

James knows a band that do ballroom and teach dancing.

Suggest that Jan from the Travellers, Tracey, Gail, James and Roger get together to organise.

Update from James after the meeting:

We might have to go with the 8th June after all.

Deadbeat Brass are available 8th and not the 15th (new Orleans style riot brass)

Mirfield Musica Jazz band have a gig already on the 15th but are available the 8th.

Stuart Bray is available for an acoustic set at the cricket club if they want to do it.

Yellow Goose Dance - a live 10 piece band, original songs, simple dance steps with real-time teaching, and a brilliant night out dancing (this is the ticketed one I spoke about. Don't know what their fee is and not sure which dates available).

The lady at the **Travellers** also said her son has a jazz band that could play depending on the date.

So probably need another 2, possibly a blues band would work well for some variety.

I've checked on the Welcome to Yorkshire website and there aren't currently any big events on at the same time. Also only thing I can find in Mirfield is Kirkwood Hospice Sarah's Wish on the 15th.

- Defibrillator – The Details for the NHS Yorkshire Ambulance Service Registration are being compiled and will be sent to the NHS services as soon as possible.

4. Correspondence.

To Kevin Walton Kevin.Walton@kirklees.gov.uk, Councillor.EnquiriesPlace@kirklees.gov.uk
CC cbreare@aol.com

Hi, I have become so vexed with this matter that I actually called the developer the other day, seven vans and a few small vehicles were all parked in a row, and all of them were on the footpath, a pedestrian could only get through if they sidled sideways, God help anyone with a pushchair, it's not only pedestrian traffic that they are affecting, the highway situation is no better, it is too many vehicles to get past before you meet someone speeding up Hopton Lane. Honestly I'm surprised that we haven't had a major accident on this section.

The developer has also put a huge wooden section up on the footpath, this wooden hoarding is completely beyond the boundary of the development, and is encroaching on an already narrow footpath.

*What surprises me more is that despite my complaints to several officers, the developer has stated that he has not received one word of complaint, from anyone at Kirklees. **Regards Cllr Vivien Lees.***

Several people expressed concern at the safety issues when walking or driving on Hopton Lane. We await a reply from Kirklees

5. Financial Report.

Kath reported

Income		Expenditure	
Donations Christmas Party	£157	200 Club Nov and Dec	£485
		Prizes and Drinks Christmas Party	£215
		Christmas Lights and Smoke Alarm	£49
		Food £82 and Meat £129 for Party	£211
		Hire Hot Cupboard Murder Mystery/ Party	£120
Total	£157	Total	£1080

Roger
thanked Kath for
her report

6. Croft House Maintenance.

- The Fire Extinguishers were serviced by Flamstop in December.
- We are continuing to investigate the installation of new LED lighting inside Croft House. The proposal is to remove the cartwheel and the lighting in the old section, replacing it with new LED track lighting. Quotes and suppliers are still being assessed. The downlights in the new section of the hall will be eventually replaced with LED direct replacements.
Alectrifix to be consulted.
Cartwheel will go on the wall.
- Damage has been found on the wiring to the right-hand outside front floodlight. All the damage is external to the building and there is no damage in the loft space inside the building. The damage appears to have been caused by vermin.
- Set Garage Ground Rent for 2019
The last increase was in 2011 to £156 per annum. The rent is purely a ground rent and the garages are owned by the people who use them.
Roger proposed that we increase the rent to £186 per annum for 2019, Chris seconded the proposal and all voted in favour. Action: Chris to invoice the tenants with new amounts.
- Health and Safety – A check of the gas equipment is due in the early part of 2019 (gas boiler). Testing of the emergency exit lighting needs to be carried out.

7. Plans and reports for fund raising events.

- Library Theatre - My Brilliant Divorce - 8 February 2019 – A cold buffet is included in the ticket price of £10. Drinks will be served at the bar from 7.00pm and the performance will start at 7.30pm. The cold buffet will be served at the interval when drinks will also be available.
Tickets are available from Roger or Chris
- Jumble Sale on March 9th at 9.30 a.m. Jumble can be dropped off Friday 8th
- Spring Craft Fair Saturday April 13th 10-3 pm. Light lunches will be available.

The Salvation Army are hosting a Burns Night which is free at 6.30pm on January 25th. Please book a ticket.

8. Plans and Reports for Community Projects.

- Christmas Community Dinner 14 December 2018. Roger expressed thanks to all the volunteers that made it happen. He also thanked the guitar group for providing such lively entertainment.
- Carols Around the Tree - 22 December 2018 – As popular as ever and a beautiful rendition of 'Silent Night' by Lucy (aged 7) made it a very special evening.
- The 2019 Village Fete and Heritage Event will be on the Saturday 27th July.
- Croft House Book group has several new members; January meetings 14th & 25th, February meetings 11th & 25th. 3.30pm to 5.00pm.
- We have sold 95 "WW1 and Upper Hopton" books and there are 5 remaining at £10 each. All proceeds will go Yorkshire Air Ambulance and the Royal British Legion. The Mirfield library has now purchased a copy. Chris congratulated Roger on producing such a fantastic book which is a fitting tribute to the soldiers who lost their lives in WW1

9. **Hopton in Bloom.** We are entering both Yorkshire in Bloom (Spring) and Green Flag awards again this year. TCV have cut down and uprooted a lot of self-seeded Rhododendrons in the Rec and Kirklees are coming to remove these. The area between Croft House and the churchyard gates is being cleared and developed as a natural woodland area and planted with snowdrops, ferns, anemones, daffodils, hellebores, primroses and cowslips. The plastic planters in front of Croft House have been removed and a new purpose built wooden one is to be made to preplace them.

10. News and reports from the Club.

No news

11. Croft House Cookies

Tuesday Jan 22nd – Ukelele Jukebox. February 26th – Women who changed the World!

12. News from the Cricket Club

The AGM is in January

Fixtures need to be set and their participation in the Jazz festival will depend on whether there is a match that day.

13. News from Preschool.

Anne and Chris were invited to the Christmas party and it was lovely to see lots of children and their parents who were enthusiastically supporting Preschool.

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

The Tower has been totally cleaned and netting placed on the louvers to keep the crows out.

The clock has been repaired and Robert and Viv are coming on Wednesday to correct the chime.

The Christmas services were all well attended and enjoyed by all who came.

The WGC plaque to indicate that there are War Graves in the churchyard is now in position by the Lytch gate and has created further interest in the war graves following Roger Leedham's publication of his excellent book on the Hopton soldiers killed in WW1 and has created further interest in the war graves.

The St John's Business Team are seeking Faculties for 3 projects,

a) to restore the painting in the sanctuary

b) to build a cupboard to house the Children's toys and books

c) to make the first pew frontal moveable so that we have wheelchair access to the meeting room.

Fundraising ideas are a Scarecrow festival, MAY 18 with a theme of Children's literature, a Mad-hatters tea party and a pop choir concert.

15. AOB

16. The 200 Club Draw for December

1st prize £50. 46

2nd Prize £25. 144

3rd Prize £10. 78

Subs are now due for the 200 Club for 2019 @ £15 per annum per number

17. Date of next meeting will be on Tuesday February 5th at 7.30 pm in Croft House