

Minutes Upper Hopton Community Association

March 1st 2016 at 7 pm in Croft House

2 Minutes of the last meeting on February 2nd 2016 Proposed by Alison seconded by Margaret and all in favour.

3 Matters arising from the minutes.

4 Correspondence From Martyn Bolt, Please can you report that we held the first meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan group last Thursday at the Old Colonial. The Plan is a legal document, which like the Village Design statement before it, gives some security to Mirfield. Whilst it cannot overturn Labour's Local Plan, it can, with the ultimate approval of the referendum in Mirfield needed, agree policies for our future. We have had a public information event & later event for the local plan and if anyone wants to be part of the working (and I stress working as we will have lots to do) group then please get in touch

Re Car accidents on B6118 Bellstring Lane; I am hoping to hold a meeting at which I trust we can review the known causes from incidents, review the work highways have done and look at any further actions & interventions needed.

As I feel this may (should) be a very well attended meeting I am seeking to hold it in St John's Church, UpperHopton, and looking at after Easter to ensure no clashes with church events or school holidays

As soon as this is confirmed I will of course let you know, Regards Martyn

5 Website. Update on website www.upperhoptonvillage.co.uk. A page has been added for Pre-School giving some basic information about Pre-School and their opening times. A complete list of houses and family names for Upper Hopton in 1911 has been added to the Heritage Page. Minutes for HIB and UHCA are added every month. A weekly newsletter for the church is also added every week.

A "Form" has been added for general enquires on the "Contact us" page which complements the existing enquiry form for the Croft House Hire. When the Cricket Club next convenes, Paul Stones will supply details for the Cricket Club page.

Updated content to the Heritage Trial has delayed the addition of the Google Earth version and will be added later to the website.

6 Financial Report.

Kath has spent £34 on Copy and Paper, £278 on glasses and tablecloths

Income £5 donation; £40 donations towards the glasses. Roger thanked Kath for her report.

7 Road Safety Team Number of accidents on B6118 at Bellstring Lane and Holly House Farm. Another accident on Saturday Feb 27th at 11pm at Holly House Farm.

8 News and reports from the Club. The Race Night on Sat 27th Feb, went well and raised £800 + for redecorating. The AGM is this evening at 8.30pm.

Quiz Night 4th March at 9 pm and then every 2 weeks. There is a draft plan for an event to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday.

9 News from the Cricket Club. Season starts in April

10 Maintenance Team.

Extension Project - The roof has been installed and hard-core in place ready for the concrete floor to be laid. A detailed plan of the electrical supplies has been prepared with Ash. A dedicated power supply from the main distribution board will be provided for the electrical facilities in the extension. A small distribution unit in the new store will allow isolation and separate control of this area.

Croft House Sign refurbishment - the final iteration of the design is now complete and we have paid a deposit for the new sign from "Fastsigns". Final approval by the sponsors must now take place. UHCA and CHMC will fund the outstanding cost of the sign. Roger to finalise and complete the purchase before the end of March.

Seats in Rose Garden: action Chris to contact Naomi.

PA system - following discussions with Alf Parker and a long internet search a PA system has been selected which will cost £250 and include wireless handheld and hands free microphones suitable for demonstrations. **A Sponsor is required please!**

PAT (Portable appliance testing) test carried out by Chris and thanks are due to him for doing a great job. He has compiled a list for each appliance but the Fridge freezer is still to do. Note that any appliances used in Croft House personal or otherwise must be tested.

11 Plans and reports for other fund raising events. Jumble Sale, Saturday March 5th **9.30am** till noon. Please save your unwanted items and bring to Croft House on Friday evening 5pm till 7pm for the sale on Saturday morning.

Gourmet evening with Eric Paxman - Tuesday March 29th 2016 7.00pm start. Sorry but the event is sold out and we have a waiting list. All payments and main course choices must be made by 11th March.

Spring Fair Saturday April 23 rd. 10 till 3 pm Alison will soon be contacting stall holders. All else is in hand.

Casino evening - Saturday 14th May 2016 £15 per head. A glass of bubbly, canapes, light supper and playing chips are included in the ticket price. A drinks bar will be available. Tickets are now available

12 Plans for Community Projects.

WW1 – Roger has been corresponding with a gentleman who was involved with the Duke of Wellingtons regiment archive in Halifax and we are meeting in April to discuss his findings about Upper Hopton soldiers. (10 of the Upper Hopton soldiers were in the Duke of Wellington's regiment).

During his visit Roger will also show him the St John's memorial and give him a tour around the graveyard. As more material has come forward from this source and others, we will be having either a WW1 presentation or exhibition before November 2018.

13 Village Fete and Heritage Event 2016.

Fete: Most of the performers and events are "now in place" with the exception of the tug-of-war, RAF band and miniature railway. We need a volunteer to run some children's games in the arena and James Taylor is to help find a suitable candidate for the announcer role. Gawthorpe school cannot bring their maypole team because the Fete is in the school holiday period but they would be interested if we had an event during school term time. e.g. Mayday

Heritage: "Upper Hopton at Work" - Investigations and interviews of Upper Hopton residents are ongoing. If you have any information such as old photos or memories please contact Roger Leedham.

We are also updating and adding new material to the Heritage Document which is on the website and available in hardcopy.

An old mining map of Hopton shows a great deal of detail of the building in Upper Hopton in the late 19th century, and it will on show at the Heritage Exhibition for everyone to see. Extracts of the map will be used within the Heritage Trail document.

Next meeting Thursday 3rd March 3.30pm Croft House for the Fete meeting.

14 Hopton in Bloom.

New Gateway for the small entrance to the Recreation Ground (the one opposite the Club). Funding for gateway has been given.

Email sent to Naomi Goddard (Kirklees Parks Dept) requesting status of the funding.

Spring judging will be Between April 4th and 22nd and the judges will be Beatrice Myers and Philip Young, both of whom have visited us before

15 **News from Preschool.** HIB Are working with Preschool.

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

Lent course is being held each Thursday at 7.30 at St John's.

The Women's World Day of Prayer prepared by the women of Cuba, to be held at the Salvation Army Hall at 2pm on Friday 4th March.

Taylor of Loughborough say that St Mary's bells are definitely coming back on Friday 4th of March.

We plan to open the church on March th Sat 10- 4pm and on Sun March 6 th from 2-4pm.

Come along to view the complete set of 10 bells which are now all in tune before they are hoisted back into the tower. Refreshments will be available.

Sunday 6th March Mothering Sunday at 11.15a.m. Everyone is welcome to come along to celebrate their mothers and daffodils will be distributed

Sunday 6th March Evensong at St John's at 4.30 pm

Saturday 19th March Organ Recital at St Mary's at 3pm

Sunday 20th March Palm Sunday all services as normal.

Saturday 26th March 10 a.m. Children s Workshop at St Mary's

Saturday 26th March Cake Stall outside Tesco's

Sunday 27th March Easter Sunday. Everyone is welcome to come along to celebrate Easter.

Monday April 11th "Kings Men" Cambridge Choral Scholars present a variety of Music at St Mary's Tickets £12 from Chris

Saturday April 16th Quiz in Croft House. Bar. Pie and Pea supper £6 entry

Photographic Competition

17 **AOB.** Croft House will be closed all day for normal activities whilst polling takes place on the following dates:

Thursday 5th May, Thursday 23rd June (Pre-School and Chris MacDonald have been informed).

John Sykes is clearing up Waste Lane. John has asked Kirklees to re Tarmac and is to contact Phil.

Jeremy informed that horse chestnut tree is coming down. Oak tree is hanging on at moment, there is concern that the large bough

overhanging the road may fall down. Telegraph pole which was only temporary when Covey Clough was built is also to be removed will also

The 200 Club Draw for February

1st prize £50; 24

2nd Prize £25. 27

3rd Prize £10. 100

3rd Prize £10 170

Margaret is collecting subs and will be happy to accept them at the meeting.

Date of next meeting will be on Tuesday April 5th 2016 at 7.30 in Croft House