

Roger welcomed Rosemary Pearson (President Kirkheaton WI), and new residents Tania and Darren

2 Minutes of the last meeting December 1st 2015 were proposed by Joan and seconded by Anne.

3 Matters arising from the minutes.

Kirkheaton WI Our members would like to change our name to Croft House Cookies W.I.

Rosemary explained that the WI members wanted to make it more inclusive. It has taken the members 12 months to progress to determining the name change. They considered that the name Croft House Cookies, will reflect WI members' interest in baking and hopefully portray a more modern image. There was a lot of nostalgia last year as it was the WI centenary and now they looking forward with this name change and it was not a frivolous decision. Other W.I. in West Yorkshire have gone along this route EXAMPLE:- Bramhope Rolling Scones, Buns and Roses, Cookridge Crumpets, Cupcakes and Cocktails to name but a few. The Proposed name change will have to go to Nation Federation for approval.

All were in agreement to support the WI in their application for their name change.

Roger thanked Rosemary for attending in person.

- UHCA to request further information from the collected traffic data re the type of vehicle movements.

Action to contact Council on vehicle movements Action Roger to follow up.

- Roger has responded to Naomi Goddard (Kirklees Parks Dept) re Archway on Recreation Field and she is coming to a meeting on Wednesday 13th and will also talk about other issues; repairing the Benches in the Rose Garden and Community Payback

- Andrea has responded to the Kirkheaton WI regarding their increased use of Croft House and included the use for every second Tuesday in every month on the Website calendar.

- The visit to Eric's Restaurant took place re the Gourmet evening in March.

- Meeting held between David H and Roger to discuss a new sign for Croft House has been held.

David will help with materials

4 Correspondence.

MIRFIELD'S NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN,

As Kirklees have now decided to defer the close of the consultation period for the Local plan it may be that members feel it prudent to start looking at the Neighbourhood plan preparation, considering the steps to take and any/all other matters?

As was made very plain by the consultant who outlined the neighbourhood plan at the end of the process is a public hearing & referendum so one aspect which may be considered is the public engagement?

The town council, as we know, are the legally responsible body to produce the Plan but have agreed that as happened with the Village Design Statement they impetus must be driven by residents. There is no admin budget for the Clerk to undertake work, for example, at present. The document which the Town council refer to on this is,

<http://locality.org.uk/resources/neighbourhood-planning-roadmap-guide/>

Introduced at the same time as the Neighbourhood plan is another piece of legislation aimed at delivering developments of community benefit, which would also require a full public hearing & referendum to facilitate, which you may wish to be aware of, <http://mycommunity.org.uk/resources/understanding-the-community-right-to-build/>

May I suggest an early meeting to discuss the project and how it may be progressed

Following the initial meeting I set up a closed facebook group which if desired would give those involved a forum to discuss, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/397110233818561/> again this is entirely in the hands of you as things develop how you wish to communicate and deliver the Plan. Cllr Martyn Bolt.

From Cllr Kath Taylor

WYCA and Yorkshire Tiger are currently reviewing bus services in the South Huddersfield area. Services 80-84, 231, 232, 241, 262 link Huddersfield / Dewsbury with a large number of towns / villages including Birdsedge, Clayton West, Denby Dale, Flockton, Grange Moor, Highburton, Kirkburton, Lepton, Lower Cumberworth, Mirfield, Netherton, Upper Cumberworth, Scissett, Shelley, Shepley, Skelmanthorpe, West Bretton etc.

Consultation will take place between Monday 11 January and Monday 15 February 2016 and we would like to know what people think about these services. The consultation will be advertised on Yorkshire Tiger buses, at bus shelters, in the press, via social media etc.

We are holding a number of drop-in sessions across the area. Full details can be found on

<http://www.wymetro.com/busreview/80-84/> where you can also access an online survey.

Most likely date Wednesday Jan 13th afternoon at the library,

5 Website. Update on website www.upperhoptonvillage.co.uk.

The website is being developed further and news / events added such as Carols around the tree and the advent calendar in the phone box. The online calendar has been updated to include all our upcoming activities which are shown on the Home page and the full Croft House calendar on the Croft House page showing all the activities and bookings through 2016.

John has further developed the St John's page and on-line calendar.

We have not had any feedback yet from Pre-School or the Cricket Club regarding the content of their pages.
John F has spent a lot of time on Church website which now has a comprehensive diary. Croft House WI might like a page

6 Financial Report. Income is from 1/2 web payment from HiB, a Donation, collection at Carols round the tree.

Expenses deposit to E Paxman, for Christmas Party Food and drink, for the Christmas tree.

Roger thanked Kath for her report and reminded us that there are impending invoices waiting to be paid for the extension

7 News and reports from the Club. Club open 6.45pm on Dec 19th after Carols round the tree. Thanks to Father Christmas at the Club which worked really well

8 News from the Cricket Club. By email

I have put relevant points below from recent cricket meeting:

Norman Brown wishes to stand down as a trustee. This is due to his age. He still supports the club through the 250 club raffle.

Electricity bill high so outside light and sensors need looking at to find a more cost effective way. Water heater in kitchen often left on. Treasurer to look at electricity tariff.

Annual dinner went well with small profit. Thanks to committee for donating plenty of raffle prizes. 2016 dinner booked at Dewsbury & District Golf Club for 11th Nov.

Thanks to Chris who kindly donated a water butt and a selection of shrubs.

Draining seems to be coping despite heavy rain. Field no wetter than we would expect.

Container lock went missing. New lock purchased.

Reg Wilson ex player and umpire died in December.

Village website www.upperhoptonvillage.co.uk have offered details re. CC to be provided for inclusion i.e teams we have, league played in, contact details for anyone interested.

90th birthday recently held in clubhouse for friend of R. Wild.

Quiz night booked for January 23rd. Families welcome. Robert Wild

9 Maintenance Team.

Extension Project - steady progress has been made in readiness for the roof contractor to start work in February.

Croft House Sign refurbishment - Following a meeting with David H and the circulation of a design option, Roger is to discuss options and costs with suppliers.

An additional socket has been added for the wi-fi in the main hall and the outside light adjacent to the garages has been fixed by Ash.

Seats in Rose Garden; Repair and refurbishment of the benches in the Rose Garden has been discussed with the payback team leader and approval will be needed from Naomi Goddard.

10 Plans and reports for other fund raising events.

Taster evening with Eric, Casino evening, jumble sale. March 5th.

Gourmet evening with Eric - **Tuesday March 29th 2016 7.00pm start. £30 per head.** Detailed discussions have been held to define the food to be served and the format.

There will be a one hour presentation by Eric, during which, canapés and drinks will be served, this will be followed by a main course of beef or fish main course and a desert of pear and almond tart and coffee or tea and petit fours.

Eric will bring two chefs and four front of house staff. UHCA will provide all the drinks which will be served by Eric's staff. All cutlery and crockery will be supplied by Eric. Profits will be equally split between the British Heart Foundation and the Croft House building project.

UHCA propose to purchase new table cloths and wine glasses for the event, which will be hired out to weddings etc. We need to organize a PA system and video.

Jumble Sale. Saturday March 5th 9 am till noon. Please save your unwanted items and bring to Croft House on Friday evening 5pm till 7pm for the sale on Saturday morning.

Spring Fair Saturday April 27th. Alison will soon be contacting stall holders. All else is in hand.

Casino evening - Saturday 14th May 2016 £15 per head. - Casino Royale is the theme with evening dress. We have now several volunteer croupiers and hopefully two roulette wheels which will be supplemented by Black Jack and fun games.

Canapés, and sparkling wine will be served at the start of the evening followed by a buffet later. Profits will be equally split between Macmillan Cancer Support and the Croft House building project.

11 Plans and feedback for Community Projects

Christmas tree; Thanks to Ash and all who came to put it up and decorate with lights Carols round the Tree; the marquee was a challenge in the strong winds. Thanks to Clifton and Lightcliffe band and to Kath for baking the 180 mince pies. Thanks to Father Christmas at the Club which worked really well

Christmas Party. Thanks to Alison and the catering team for organizing and the guitar group for their great entertainment

12 Village Fete and Heritage Event 2016. Roger proposes to have meetings Thursday 3.30pm at Croft House Everyone is welcome to come along and put forward their ideas for the Fete and Exhibition. Alternate separate meetings for the Fete and Heritage Exhibition will be held. The theme of the Heritage Exhibition for 2016 will be "the workings lives of Upper Hopton residents".

13 Hopton in Bloom.

The Advent themed telephone box was a great attraction and received a lot of publicity with features in the Reporter and Examiner and on our website and Facebook .

Calendar 2016. These are almost sold out and few the remaining will be on sale throughout January

New gate in position in Rec. Sets are taking shape.

Archway concept. Meeting with Naomi Goddard to appeal Kirklees decision and tidying the Recreation ground.

Jeremy has suggested that we might produce some Christmas cards to sell alongside the Calendars next year. John F is prepared to do the artwork. Suggestion is that, old and new photos of winter scenes are supplied along with the Calendar photos for next year. Roger and John will carry out a costing exercise for consideration.

Thanks from all at St John's for doing the Christmas decorations. There were lots of comments on how nice the church looked this year.

Thanks to Club for hosting and to the organizers of our Christmas Fuddle which was a lovely convivial evening enjoyed by all who attended.

14 News from Preschool. The term has just started.

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

On December 8th the Preschool came along with their parents and members of Hopton in Bloom and of the UHCA to a short Crib service and stayed for juice and biscuits.

We enjoyed really good attendance at all our services this year.

Elvis will be at St Mary's Community Centre on Friday 22nd January tickets £10 to include supper. This is always a great evening Thanks to John F the church diary has been updated on the website.

The pantomime will be held at the St Mary's Community Centre. This year's Pantomime will be Dick Whittington. Performance will be held on February 3rd, 4th and 5th at 7.15pm and Saturday 6th at 1.00pm and 5.30pm

Adult tickets are £6 and Children and Concessions are £4. For the first performance on Wednesday all tickets are £4.

Tickets are available from Julia on 499112, Pat Wilding on 498290 or Vikki Bradbury on 07528 256701.

16 AOB.

John S asked if Lidl's moves to a new store, will there will be a lot of waste? This may lead to it being transported through the village. We need a contact to prevent lorries going through village.

The Prize Draw **December** 200 Club 1st prize £50; 195
2nd Prize £25. 135
3rd Prize £10. 43

Subs of £12 per number are now due for 2016. Please encourage your friends and neighbours to have a number.

Date of next meeting will be on Tuesday February 2nd 2016 at 7.30 in Croft House.