

Minutes 3rd May 2016 7.30pm at Croft House

Roger welcomed Tim and Helen to the meeting

2 Minutes of the last meeting on April 5th 2016 were proposed by Kath and seconded Joan

3 Matters arising from the minutes.

The Civic Service went very well with a good attendance and refreshments in Croft House afterwards.

In reply to an inquiry by Jeremy, the motor has burnt out of the St John's church clock and a new motor has been ordered. The repair will cost in the region of £200 which will happen in the near future.

4 Correspondence.

From Rosemary Pearson - WI - 28-4-16

On another note I thought you may be interested to know that Croft House Cookies W.I. were given an award by The West Yorkshire Federation of W.I.s at their Spring Conference this week for recruiting the most new members this year. We were thrilled and I am sure this is due in part to the great facilities Croft House has to offer. Long may it continue.

From Mo Thwaites - British Heart Foundation - 17-4-16

I write on behalf of all the committee to say thank you very much for the marvellous cheque you sent following the meal and cookery demonstration. It was a lovely evening and both Fiona and myself enjoyed it. The money is mostly spent on Research into adult and child heart disease. Specialist nurses are provided to support patients and their carers. Information leaflets and equipment are also provided. We are only a small committee but with generous donations and fund raising events we send over £20,000 each year to the regional office. Many Thanks once again and best wishes to everyone.

5 Website. Update on website www.upperhoptonvillage.co.uk. general updates and addition of newsletters, events and update of the on-line calendar.

6 Financial Report.

Expenditure: £470: £10 paper; Heart foundation donation £404; cups, bowls, trays £56.

Income: £400 from sponsors for Croft House sign and £900 from Spring Fair.

7 Road Safety Team, Road Improvements on B6118 at Bellstring Lane and Holly House Farm.

Many emails have been circulated to all members of UHCA as they have arrived. Simon deserves a huge vote of thanks for working with Martyn Bolt and for his persistence in replying to Kirklees officers often including photographs to illustrate his points.

The road surface has been reinforced with an anti-skid surface and a Breach of Condition Notice (BCN) has been issued against both Temple quarry and Laneside quarry operations The BCN requires within 28 days of service.

i) The access road shall be kept clean and free of mud and other debris,

ii) No commercial vehicles shall enter the public highway from the site unless their wheels and chassis have been cleaned to prevent material being deposited on the highway.

There is still concern at the state of the pavements and this is ongoing.

Summary of work to be undertaken on Bellstring Lane:

High friction surfacing, double white lining with reflective studs, dragons teeth and 3 SLOW markings are to be laid on either end of the problem bend. A reduce speed sign will be added on the westerly approach to the bend and a new a chevron sign added. It also states that the existing chevrons will be cleaned but does not mention replacing the chevrons that are still laid on the floor!

Summary of work on Liley Lane:

Existing worn reflective studs are to be replaced and High Friction Surfacing to be added.

Following the correspondence with Kirklees Council the 7.5 tonne limit sign on Back Station Road has not yet been installed. At the end of March Kirklees advised that the sign will be installed within 8 weeks (2 weeks to go). John will send a reminder to Kirklees.

8 News and reports from the Club. Saturday May 8th The Band Flashback starts at 7.30. Quiz night on Friday 20th May 9 pm.

9 News from the Cricket Club, from Robbie

Contractor who fitted drainage recommended taking it further by installing 'herring bone drainage' to work together with what is already there. We will look into possible funding sources.

2 new sight screen sheets have been put up.

Yorkshire CC confirmed they would like to take us up on the offer of hosting a Yorkshire v Lancashire under 15's game on Sunday 26th June. 50 overs per side, 11 o' clock start. Volunteers from the club needed from half past nine onwards. Suggested we might ask Hopton in Bloom to get involved. Likely to be the most prestigious event held at club for years and an opportunity to showcase the village.

Pub games night to be held Friday 24th June at club.

Hog roast to be held August 6th.

Practice nets to be repaired when ground is fit.

Groundsmen to consider where most suitable place would be for permanent 3G practice strip to be laid. Possibility of outside grant is to be investigated. UHCA secretary has written to support this grant application.

10 Maintenance Team.

Extension Project - Additional insulation is being installed between the roof beams and the underfloor ventilation pipe installed.

Roger has had a quotation last week from Dan Knutton for cleaning the entire roof and gutters at Croft House plus applying a moss killing agent. He has quoted a price of £270 for two men including mould / moss cleaning agent. Weather permitting work on the roof will start this week.

Management Committee have donated £2000 towards cost of a new boiler and radiators when required possibly in the summer break.

A new floor covering is to be fitted after the extension is completed.

11 Plans and reports for other fund raising events.

Spring Fair Saturday April 27th. A total of £916 was raised from what was a well-attended and very social event. There were lots of new people there. Thanks to everyone who helped in the kitchen, donated cakes and all who helped with tombola and food preparation.

Roger thanked Alison for organising it

Casino Royale Evening - Saturday 14th May 2016 £15 per head. The money raised will be equally shared between Macmillan Cancer Support and the Croft House building project. Prosecco and Canapes will be served at the start of the evening and a supper later. Playing chips are also included with the ticket. Tickets are selling well and are available from Roger or any committee member. Donations of Raffle prizes welcome.

12 Plans for Community Projects.

Village Fete and Heritage Event Saturday 30th July 2016. The Fete will be based on the Recreation Ground and the Heritage Exhibition in Upper Hopton Club with refreshments and light lunches in Croft House.

Sponsors are desperately required and we need volunteers to help man the stalls on the day.

A request has been sent to West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue to attend.

All the events that we had last year will be making a return with the addition of Katie Philpott Dance Troup, Martial Arts, a rock band, Donkey rides, Katie Philpott dance school, Golcar weaving group and hopefully a Fortune Teller and Fire Engine.

The Heritage Exhibition is "Hopton at Work" featuring mining, weaving, farming, maltsters, etc. Artefacts and photos of people and places in Hopton are required please.

13 Hopton in Bloom. Yorkshire in Bloom Judging Wednesday April 13th at 10.30.

The village looked at its Spring best for Judges Beatrice Myers and Philip Young who enjoyed their visit and tour of the village and meeting the Preschool children. Thanks to all who provided such a delicious lunch for them in St John's Church. Summer Judging will be on Wednesday July 6th.

The Garden Trail will be on Saturday 9th July, cakes will be required please.

14 News from Preschool.

Mayor and Mayoress of Kirklees coming on May 19th at 9.15. Numbers of children are building up.

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

MOTHER'S UNION COFFEE MORNING - This is on Wednesday 4th May, 10.00 to 11.30am. Please come along and support us. Tickets are £2.00

ASCENSION DAY – There will be a Communion service held on Ascension Day which is on Thursday 5th May at 7.30pm at St Mary's

DEFENDERS 60'S NIGHT- On Friday 13th May we are having a 1960's evening with the band Defenders. This will be held in St Mary's Community Centre starting at 7.30pm. Tickets are available from Ruth 01924492129

QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY – On Sunday 12th June after a Family Service at St Mary's at 10.30 am, we are holding a Fun Day to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. Everyone is welcome. This will include traditional party food at a cost of £3 per head; tickets will need to be purchased in advance. There will be various stalls and musical entertainment throughout the event. There will be a grand finale in Church at 4.00pm with patriotic songs. Please do come along and enjoy yourselves.

On this day there will not be a service at St John's. There will be an 8.30 service and a joint service at 10.30 at St Mary's with input from Crowlees School.

HOPE PROJECT HEALTH WALKS – All on Saturdays 9.30 for 10 a.m. start. Future walks are as follows; May 7th and 21st, June 4th and 18th from St Paul's, and July 2nd and 16th, August 6th and 20th from St John's. Contact David Alderson on 01924 517449 for details.

16 AOB.

NHS walking group using car park Thursday July 7th between 10 and 12 noon.

With the approval of Kirklees Council Roger has put up 3 new dog fouling signs emphasizing that the Recreation field is a children's play area.

The 200 Club Draw for April:

1st prize £50;

2nd Prize £25. 173

3rd Prize £10. 75

Date of next meeting will be on Tuesday June 7th 2016 at 7.30 in Croft House