

MINUTES UHCA

February 2nd 2016 at 7.30pm in Croft House

2. Minutes of the last meeting on January 5th 2016 proposed by Alison seconded by Kath,

3. Matters arising from the minutes. Name change Kirkheaton WI to Croft House Cookies has been approved.

New Lidl store and lorries through village: John has had two discussions with the store manager and the Area Manager at Lidl regarding the proposed new Lidl store and lorries associated with the site clearance and new build. John will maintain a dialogue with the Lidl management. There is a lack of 7.5 ton limit sign for Back Station Road and a possible route through Lower & Upper Hopton. John advised that the sign was removed when the recent road changes were made and not replaced.

Need to ask Kirklees to put the sign. – Action to Contact Kirklees Highways Dept. Karen North.

4. Correspondence. Naomi Goddard - See details in section 14 regarding the Recreation ground Archway and Children's playground. Details of the ownership of the Recreation ground were provided by Naomi.

Martin Shaw has kindly offered to give us more publicity in the Examiner for our future events.

5. Website. Update on website www.upperhoptonvillage.co.uk. The new display in the telephone box has been added to the HIB page and on facebook. The Croft House booking system email link seems to be working well. Heritage Trail info moved to the Home page and a Google Earth version of the Heritage Trail will be added soon. Please send us feedback so that we can improve the usability of the site. No feedback yet from the Cricket Club and Pre-School about their pages.

6. Financial Report.

Kath reported that our expenditure has been on Marquee, Signs, Flyers, lights, bowls, Dolby Plumbing for boiler repair, system upgrade and repair; and deposit for Punch and Judy

Income nil

7. Road Safety Team. Number of accidents on B6118 at Bellstring Lane and Holly House Farm

Following circulation of Examiner article with video of the road <http://www.examiner.co.uk/news/west-yorkshire-news/video-route-kirkheaton-blackspot-residents-10798636>

Reply from Jeremy The first line of your reporter's account belies the problem. The road is physically, a "country lane" but it has to accommodate extremely heavy traffic up to "Motorway" proportions as wagons regularly use the short cut (encouraged by SatNav) from the M1 @ junction 38 to the M62 @ junc 25. The nearby quarry also contributes a significant quantity of heavy wagons.

I should also like to correct the notion that recent injuries were not serious; in one of the December crashes a young girl suffered "life changing injuries"

I am unsure if it is still true, but at one time the location was situated on the border between Huddersfield and Wakefield traffic Police areas so collation of statistics may be a problem.

Roger has simple solution Chevrons should be put back. Gail suggested speed cameras.

Martyn Bolt is pressing for a public inquiry. Could we push for a lower speed limit?

8. News and reports from the Upper Hopton Club. Hand Bag Auction was a fun event and funds were raised to help with Club refurbishment.

The 2016 AGM will be held on Tuesday 1st March at 8.30pm.

Quiz Night will be held fortnightly on a Friday. A Ladies Ascot Style Race Night is also planned on February 27th.

9 News from the Cricket Club. Closed season.

10 Maintenance Team. Extension Project; the outer walls are complete and following a re-quote, the installation of the roof to be started on week commencing 8th Feb.

Croft House Sign refurbishment - We have now got four sponsors for the new sign which will largely cover the cost of £599. The sponsors are Automotive Electrical, David Dolby Plumbing, Haigh's Farm Shop and Wilcock & Co. estate agents. It is proposed that the outstanding amount for the sign of £199 is paid jointly by UHCA and CHRMC.

Improvements to the heating system were carried out in January with the following installed: a much larger radiator in the entrance lobby, new thermostatic valves, a system filter and new pipework for the storeroom heating. Unfortunately the boiler failed after the system improvements and a new boiler part was required. As the boiler is now 10 years old and has been temperamental, we are gathering quotes for a new boiler. We have been donated a new radiator for the storeroom.

We will shortly be obtaining new quotes for the re-flooring all of Croft House. Perhaps we need to paint the walls following the breakthrough of the new extension door and prior to laying the new flooring?

Refurbishment of the seats in the Rose Garden will be carried out in 2016 by the Community payback team.

Food Hygiene Report has been completed in the form of a questionnaire. We need someone to attend Food Hygiene Course and Kath Cockerill, Andrea Leedham and Joan Hemingway have volunteered to undertake the course at Kirklees College

We need to purchase a PA system, which could adapt to inside and in the Recreation ground, approx cost £250. Roger will approach Treble Clef (Brighouse) and David Alderson for more information about the systems.

Would anyone like to sponsor the purchase of the PA?

11. Plans and reports for other fund raising events.

Jumble Sale, Saturday March 5th 9.30am till noon. We need A4 and A3 posters.

Please save your unwanted items and bring to Croft House on Friday evening March 4th 5pm till 7pm for the sale on Saturday morning.

Roger will cook Bacon butties.

Gourmet evening with Eric - Tuesday March 29th 2016 7.00pm start. £30 per head. Tickets are selling very well for this unique opportunity, please contact Roger or Andrea for tickets.

Spring Fair Saturday April 23 rd Alison will soon be contacting stall holders. All else is in hand. Extended catering in the main hall is being considered.

Casino Royale evening - Saturday 14th May 2016 7 pm £15 per head. Thanks to Alan Mackay for letting us use his roulette table.

12. Plans for Community Projects.

Afternoon tea for Queen's birthday on Saturday June 11th was suggested. Ideas were old and young party. Kids dress up as King's and queens. Village Fete and Heritage Event 2016. July 30th Meeting minutes attached.

Fete - The following performers have been booked Punch & Judy, PA system and sound engineer, Brass Band, Birds of Prey, Upper Hopton guitar group and hopefully the Wakefield Clog & Morris and White Rose Morris Men. An enquiry has been sent to Mirfield Air Cadets band. The WI will be having a stall and have volunteered to help with the Fete in general.

The coconut shy, wet sponges, goldfish bowl game, photoboards and football skills will be repeated again

Still to be resolved are: Cricket, Bouncy castle, Pets corner, Face Painting, Tug-of-war, Dance troupe (Katie Philpott or Sutton), miniature railway, martial arts options.

Heritage - "Upper Hopton at work". Mining, weaving, Maltsters, Farming, Railways, Quarries, waterways will feature. The exhibition will be housed this year at the club. Thanks to the club for helping with this. Richard Haigh has agreed to let us use his field for parking and will provide information and artefacts for the Heritage Exhibition.

A downloadable copy of the Heritage trail has been added to the front page of the website. James Willoughby is creating a Google Earth version which pinpoints the positions of the places of interest and can be followed using a smartphone or tablet.

Next Heritage meeting Thursday 11th February 3.30pm at Croft House.

Next Fete meeting Thursday 18th February 3.30pm at Croft House.

14. Hopton in Bloom. A meeting was held with Naomi Goddard (Kirklees - Parks Dept.) on the 13th Jan to further discuss the archway concept. Whilst an arch has been ruled out by Kirklees, they may be willing to fund a gate in the style of the railings around the disabled parking area. Upgrading of the children's playground area in the near future is not very likely. The team continues to meet each Wednesday although the ground is soaking wet, we are continuing with our projects.

We have entered in the village section for Yorkshire in Bloom 2016

15. News from Preschool

They are doing better and could do with more children.

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

This year's Pantomime will be Dick Whittington and will be held at the St Mary's Community Centre. 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.

Lent begins with a service for Ash Wednesday at St Mary's at 7.30pm and a Lent course will be held each Thursday at 7.30 at St John's.

Children's Parish Playtime at Croft House on Sunday February 14th at 2-4 pm for children up to 7 years with pancakes.

17. AOB.

John Sykes reported that the ambulance could not get through as cars were double parked on Station Road.

The 200 Club Draw for January

1st prize £50; 178

2nd Prize £25. 47

3rd Prize £10. 16

Margaret is collecting subs and will be happy to accept them as soon as possible.

Date of next meeting will be on Tuesday March 1st 2016 at 7pm in Croft

Please note earlier time to allow members to attend the AGM at the Club at 8.30 p,