

Minutes UHCA July 5th 2016 7.30pm Croft House

2 Minutes of the last meeting on June 7th 2016 Proposed by Margaret Gill and Seconded Alison.

3 Matters arising from the minutes.

Glenys has been asked to save the mobility aid for Croft House use.

There has been no update on the 7.5 tonne limit on Back Station Road from Kirklees Council.

4 Correspondence.

Letter from Martyn Bolt Friday July 1st:- *Some years ago a plan initially proposed by Kirklees to link the 2 motorways, with a potential route through Hopton, was ditched after 5 years by the Government of the day.*

Now plans are being drafted behind closed doors, for a North Kirklees Orbital Road, between the motorways, also seeking to 'unlock potential for housing & industry' ie build on the fields around it.

I have asked at a meeting today for details of the route, but Cllr McBride did not give any.

In 1993 when this last fiasco was dropped the traffic demands were such that the road needed to be of a motorway standard, I cannot see traffic numbers have declined in the last 20 years?

The only difference being that last time Kirklees set up a task force to oppose the development, (as their initial request for funding was based on a non-motorway road, to allow development and junctions,) they appointed one Peter McBride to lead it, how times change?

I would urge all residents to be watchful, as this goes to the Local Enterprise partnership, an unelected body for funding approval on 19 July

Those UHCA members who live 'over the border' in the Dalton ward may once again wish to ask their Councillor (McBride) for info before it is rubber stamped?

Regards Martyn

Richard suggests that the planning authority must get it right at the start. Bob Bennett said that last time plans were opposed by Ann Taylor and a Spen Valley MP. This plan needs to be a dual carriageway with links to new houses and have junctions so that local residents are benefited and to bring more industry to area. It was also suggested that the local rail line should to be electrified.

From Ann and Vince to Roger and Chris - 18th June

Following our telephone conversation about provision for village notice boards to be located on our wall at the entrance to Hopton Hall Lane, we would like to know if the following covers the groups wishing to put up notices for events:

- Upper Hopton Community Association
- Hopton in Bloom
- Upper Hopton Church
- Upper Hopton Club

[The Cricket Club has never put up any events notices so far as we recall]

We are willing to have a set of boards of agreed format so that groups are enabled to promote their events in an appropriate way, which reflects the overall quality of other signage in the village,

rather than the current ad-hoc placing. Having measured the available wall space below our hedge and wall top flowers [daffodils / campanulas] we are happy to provide a working drawing which

would allow for the wall to be drilled / plugged to accommodate boards. Perhaps you would like discuss the possibilities and fixtures which have to be 'worked around' on this site [(road works apart)

We have supported the village / HIB and Open gardens over many years and are at pains to enhance this entrance to Upper Hopton and look forward to hearing sharing ideas.

From Ann and Vince 26th June - *Thank you for the information attached. We think that the final detailed solution is excellent for all concerned. Looking at the quotes we would like to make a contribution towards the cost of implementation of the, which would aid the second option to be realised.*

Ref Maintenance Team

5 Website. Update on website www.upperhoptonvillage.co.uk. General updates have taken place.

6 Financial Report.

Income: Donations for Fete £775. Total Income £775	Expenditure. Total expenditure £1554
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7 Road Safety Team

In spite of all the road Improvements on B6118, there was another accident Tuesday morning June 14th / in dry conditions on the stretch opposite entrance to Mount Pleasant farm with a vehicle overturned in the field. The new warning signs for accident blackspot appear to be on other side of road. It was suggested that there should be a Junction Ahead sign for Hopton Hall Lane.

8 News and reports from the Club.

Richard reported that there is a Quiz night on Fridays on alternate weeks. There were lots of visitors at the Garden Trail to admire the garden and lots of flowers and the mural at back of Club. The Barbecue was very successful. Tea and Tiara event on Saturday August 13th from 3pm till 5pm. Improvements are planned to the bar and the Club.

9 News from the Cricket Club, Season in full swing.

10 Maintenance Team.

Extension Project: the insulation for the floor has been put down and the Building Inspector has given his approval. The concrete floor will be laid Wednesday 6th July. We are then ready to install the electrical wiring and the outside door. This point in the build triggers another visit from the building inspector for final approval. After the inspectors visit we can cut through into the main hall, fit a door and install plaster board on the ceiling and one of the walls. Thanks to Michael Hemingway, Neil Turton and his brother Gary for levelling the concrete.

New notice boards and mounting system adjacent to the Manse (Hopton Hall Lane / Hopton Lane junction). We had a meeting with all the interested parties (owners of the Manse, St John's, UHCA, HIB and Club) and it was agreed that only the following parties will have a display board: Club, UHCA and HIB and that each organisation can only display one board at a time (St John's advised that they did not require a notice board).

The website address will be permanently fixed to the supports for the sign and each board will have a label for the relevant organisation. Only the official boards can be used in this area. The owners of the Manse wanted to maintain a respectable outlook for the village with the new display area and that it should be of similar quality to the sign that has been installed adjacent to Hopton Brow.

A quote has been received for painting the window frames, doors and soffits etc for Croft House further quotes are to be obtained.

David Dolby has been asked to provide a new toilet seat to replace the broken one in the Ladies.

11 Plans and reports for other fund raising events.

We propose a Gourmet evening and Casino evening early next year but would like to have another event in the autumn. Any ideas?

12 Plans for Community Projects.

Village Fete and Heritage Event 2016. Programmes are now available for sale at £2.50 before the day and £3 on the day. We need volunteers to man the Stocks & Wet Sponges stall and to give short term back-up on the stalls, we also need volunteers to sell programs door to door.

We have some good information for the Heritage Exhibition but there is still a lot more work to be done.

Need someone to do Tombola.

13 Hopton in Bloom.

Yorkshire in Bloom Judging will be on Wednesday July 6th at 9.30 a.m. Please come along to meet the judges on the day.

Garden Trail July 9th at 10am till 4pm. Please come along to help in any way you can.

Offers of Cakes for refreshments will be most welcome

Orchard 3 trees have apples

14 News from Preschool. Pre-School is winding down for the summer holidays and many of the children will be moving on to full time school. Two new members of staff.

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

FRIENDS OF UPPER HOPTON PARISH CHURCH – The AGM for the Friends of Upper Hopton Parish Church will be held this Wednesday 6th July in St John's Church.

UPPER HOPTON GARDEN TRAIL - St John's Church will also be open for the day and decorated for a wedding.

BEER AND MUSIC FESTIVAL - Mirfield Round Table are holding a 'Beer and Music Festival' in St Paul's Church from 5pm on Friday 8th, Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th July.

ORGAN RECITAL - The next Organ Recital is next Saturday 9th July at 3.00pm in St Mary's Church.

CHILDREN'S PLAYTIME – Next Sunday July 10th there will be a 'Teddy Bear's Picnic' at St Mary's for children up to 7 years old at 12.30pm. We will start with a picnic (please bring your own) followed by fun and games. Contact Kath Crossley on 01924 515496 for more details.

SONGS OF PRAISE – This will be at St John's Church next Sunday, July 10th at 4.30pm and will replace the Evensong on July 3rd. Come along and enjoy a festival of hymns and stay for light refreshments afterwards.

HOPE PROJECT HEALTH WALKS – The next walk will be on July 16th starting from St John's Church at 9.30 for 10 a.m start. There will not be any walks during August due to holidays. Contact David Alderson on 01924 517449 for more details.

ARTS AND CRAFTS WEEKEND - This will be held at St Paul's on 16th and 17th July and is part of the Mirfield Arts weekend. There are some leaflets available in Church if you are interested.

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

HERITAGE WEEKEND - The date for the next Heritage Weekend at St Mary's is 10th and 11th September. There will not be a dig this year but there will be displays, tower tours, guided tours around the graveyard and heritage walks and heritage walks.

CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP - There will a Children's Workshop for children over 4 on September 18th from 2 till 4pm in Croft House Upper Hopton. Contact Kath Crossley on 01924 515496 for more details.

HARVEST SERVICES - These will be held on Sunday 25th September at St Mary's at 9.45am and St John's at 11.15am. There will also be a Harvest Auction in the Club at Upper Hopton at 7.30pm.

WEDDING FAIR – After last year's successful Wedding Fair we are holding another one this year, on Sunday 2nd October in St Mary's, from 11am till 4pm

16 AOB. Thank you from Gail for sponsoring her midnight walk for Kirkwood Hospice,

Roger gave a short presentation featuring the Upper Hopton soldiers who died at the battle of the Somme.

The 200 Club Draw for June.

1st prize £50; 149

2nd Prize £25. 168.

3rd Prize £10.171.

Date of next meeting will be on Tuesday September 6th 2016 at 7.30 in Croft House