



Present: Gail and Richard Auty, Chris Breare, John Broscombe, Ruth Clarke, Mary Cropper, Tim Grace, Alison and Tony Hayman, Anne Heeley, Andrea Leedham, Roger Leedham (Chair), Darren and Tania Onions, Marny Roberts, John Sykes, Helen Walker, Clare Walters, Malcolm Webster

1 Apologies for absence, Toni Baldwin, Kath Cockerill, John Farren, Margaret Gill, Joan Hemingway, Michaela Parker, Jeremy Ridge, James Willoughby,

2 Minutes of the last meeting. January 3rd 2017 Proposed by Andrea seconded by Claire. All in favour

3 Matters arising from the minutes.

4 Correspondence:- Letter from Michael Hampshire, Secretary of the Croft House Management Committee

Dear Roger I write to you in your capacity as Chair of the UHCA and attach a letter from Solicitors, Oates Hanson, acting for Mr and Mrs Ridge. This letter has been passed down from the Diocese of Leeds (Custodian Trustees) through the Mirfield Team Parish PCC for consideration by the Management Committee of Croft House Charity, the Managing Trustees. At its recent meeting on Jan 26th the Management Committee (which consists of four members of UHCA and of four members of John's Business Team representing the Mirfield Team Parish PCC) resolved to seek the views of your committee and that of St John's Business Team before taking a formal view themselves. The collective view will be sent via the PCC of Mirfield Team Parish, who may wish to add their view, on to the Diocese so that they may respond to the request for access. I should be obliged if you could let me have the views of your committee as soon as practicable.

The Management Committee of Croft House Rooms Charity, the Managing Trustees, have sought the formal view of the UHCA in light of the request for access to Croft House from the rear of Hopton Hall prior to making their own assessment.

Background Information Given Prior to Discussion

In 1949 Croft House was bequeathed, by Charles Sutcliffe, to the inhabitants of Upper Hopton with the St John's PCC being the Managing Trustees, to be used in the manner it was used in his lifetime. This situation continued until the early 1980's when Croft House was becoming dilapidated and the PCC could no longer afford to maintain and refurbish it.

In 1980 the vicar at the time, Rev Ian Harrison assisted members of the village to form the Upper Hopton Community Association which is constituted as follows:-

*To establish or to secure the establishment of a Community Centre (hereinafter called "the Centre") **and to maintain and manage,** or to co-operate with any local statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a Centre for activities promoted by the Association and its constituent bodies in furtherance of the above objects.*

Since that date the UHCA together, with the Croft House Management Committee, have extended the hall at least twice; refurbished it to modern standards including installing new kitchen and toilets; resurfaced the dirt road entrance in front of Croft House: and more recently with Hopton In Bloom enhanced the surrounding land into award winning gardens and carried out extensive work to the diseased and dangerous trees in the grounds.

Neither the PCC of St John's nor the Mirfield Team Parish PCC has contributed to the cost of any of these projects, although members of the congregation at St. John's have given personal donations.

Croft House continues to be extensively used as Charles Sutcliffe wished with Pre-School meeting daily and many other community groups using the premises from 9 am until 9 pm every week day and most weekends.

RESOLUTION

The meeting felt strongly that Croft House and the surrounding grounds should be preserved for the sole use of the inhabitants of the village in line with the express wishes of Charles Sutcliffe in his will.

After considerable discussion the UHCA took a vote which resulted in one abstention with all others resolving that it did not wish that a permanent right of way be granted through the one way road running immediately in front of Croft House to a proposed dwelling at the rear of Hopton Hall.

This resolution is to be sent formally to Prof. Michael Hampshire as Secretary of the Croft House Management Committee together with the resolution from St John's Business Team and then the Management Committee will prepare a recommendation to the Mirfield Team Parish PCC.

5 Website. Update on website www.upperhoptonvillage.co.uk. General updates and additions have been carried out.

Malcolm spotted an error with the online calendar which has now been corrected by the software provider. John F is currently investigating an organisation called the Technology Trust and what it can do for us. The Technology Trust's mission is to help good causes use technology to achieve even more - for less money. Technology Trust help charities, access the donated software, email marketing and other digital services that are right for you, giving you the support you need to fulfil your potential. On the 1st February we registered with the organisation. The outcome of the investigation will hopefully help us reduce our ongoing costs with the website and online calendar.

6 Financial Report.

Kath reported in her absence.

Bank	Expenditure		Income	
Balance £5300	Recreation Hire for the fete	£52	200 Club subs	£548
	Deposit for Punch and Judy	£115	1/3 tree-work from HiB	£234
	Table cloths.	£51		
	Keys	£6		
	Mirfield Tree Works.	£700		
	Half insurance with HiB	£155		
	Total £1079		Total £782.	

7 Maintenance Team.

Extension Project: Thanks to donations, a larder refrigerator has been installed in the new storeroom and a sink is in the process of being installed. The only remaining action is to install the safety railings at the rear entrance which is planned for late February.

All the actions recommended for the trees around Croft House by the tree consultant have now been completed. The tree surgeon finished his work on the 23rd January and the cost (£700) has been equally shared between UHCA, HIB and CHMC. Thanks again to Richard Auty for helping us reduce our costs by removing several trees.

8 Plans and reports for fund raising events.

A Charity Evening with Eric Paxman to include a cookery demonstration and meal Wednesday February 22nd 2017 at 7 p.m. The nominated charity is Kirkwood Hospice and we have had a great response. A volunteer barman is required and raffle prizes please! As well a raffle, the winning entrance ticket will receive a bottle of champagne.

The Jumble Sale will be at 9.30am Saturday 11th March 2017.

Casino Royale Saturday 18th March 2017. There will be roulette, blackjack and other fun games. With the purchase of the ticket you will be given playing chips and a supper on the evening. The top three players with the maximum number of playing chips on the evening will win prizes. Tickets are £15.

Murder Mystery Evening Saturday September 23rd at 7 pm

9 Plans and Reports for Community Projects.

Spring Fair will be 10.00am Saturday 22nd April 2017

The 2017 Village Fete and Heritage Event will be on the Saturday 29th July. Most of last year's performers have been booked. We are considering providing tickets for 2017 and free programs only when requested. (similar system to the Mirfield Show).

A Book Group has been proposed by Jane Tolson, Liz Hewson and Andrea Leedham for Mondays 3.30pm to 5.00pm starting on Monday 13th March on a fortnightly basis at Croft House. The Book group will swap and discuss books,

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tea coffee and biscuits will be made available. It is a chance for you to bring along your favourite or unwanted books and come for a chat. The format is flexible.

10 Report from the Croft House Management Committee. The Accounts to 31 August 2016 were presented to the Committee and approved.

Andrea reported that the Dance Class had ceased to use the Rooms on a Friday Evening. The fees for community users have remained the same as last year but for private bookings minor increases have been made. All the rates are on the Croft House page of the website.

11 Hopton in Bloom. Have entered YIB for the Spring 2017. The team will be meeting at 11 am on February 15th in St John's church meeting room.

12 Croft House Cookies No report

13 News and reports from the Club.

Thursday February 9th Posh Swap.

Saturday 11th February 2017. The band Mid-Life Crisis will perform 60s and 70s music. 7.30

Friday 17th March singer George Irish/folk/ country.

The AGM. Will be held on Tuesday February 28 at 8pm at the Club. All Club members welcome.

14 News from the Cricket Club

The field is being prepared for the season which start in April April.

15 News from Preschool.

Ruth reported that the committee is working on flyers and a banner. The feeling of the meeting was that the proposed banner was too long (2.5m) for the position proposed. We agreed to find another location which would be visible from the road e.g the lower posts adjacent to the Rose Gardens (previously used by Pre-School). It was suggested that an aluminium sign might be more practical. It was also suggested that selling advertising space to sponsors would help with costs. Roger advised that the new Croft House sign was made from a composite aluminium and supplied by Fastsigns.

Pre-School have designed flyers which are ready to print and will have an advert in the Mirfield Word magazine. Pre-School is proposing that they should become involved in local events such as the summer Fete. The Firefighters are coming on Friday to collect jumble.

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

Tiny Tots at St Paul's Church. Wednesday mornings 9.30am till 11.00am, all welcome. £2 entry also covers juice and biscuits; other refreshments available to purchase. Further details from Janet Baker on [01924 505790](tel:01924505790).

Valentine Service February 12th at 11.15 a.m Family friendly Service of 45 minutes with Valentine themed refreshments.

Sunday, February 12th 2.00pm-4.00pm

A Children's Workshop at St Mary's Community Centre Church Lane Mirfield

WF14 9HX Games, Stories, Crafts

Bishop of Huddersfield will visit both St Mary's and St John's on February 26th and will preach at both morning services.

Black Dyke Band at St Mary's 16th March Tickets £10 are selling fast.

17 AOB.

January 200 Club Draw 1st prize £50; no 132 M Lane. 2nd Prize £25. 89 J Broscombe
3rd Prize £10 166 Ingrid turner.

Subs of £12 per annum per number are now due for the 200 Club for 2017. Margaret will be happy to take them at the meeting

Date of next meeting will be on Tuesday March 7th at 7.30 pm in Croft House