

Minutes UHCA

December 6th 2016 at 7.30pm in Croft House.

2 Minutes of the last meeting November 1st 2016 Kath proposed and Margaret seconded

3 Matters arising from the minutes.

A Christmas tree has been purchased put in place thanks to everyone who helped (we have purchased new lights for the trellis but need to purchase new lights for the tree in the January sales). It all looks very nice

4 Correspondence. From Kirklees re Consultation on Draft Local Plan (attached)

Invitation from Preschool to come to St John’s Church on Wednesday 14th December 2016 at 10.45am where the vicar Revd Hugh Baker will tell the Christmas Story.

From Rosemary Pearson *Hello Chris. I just wanted to let you know that Croft House Cookies W.I. now has a new President. Her name is Laura Foster, and I am sure she will be in touch in the near future. I will of course remain an active member of Croft House Cookies, but I am now very busy in my new role as a W.I. Adviser. I hope you and all the members of the Upper Hopton Community Association have a lovely Christmas and all the best for the New Year. Regards, Rosemary Pearson*

From Cllr Martyn Bolt *It may be of interest for residents that I have persuaded Metro to hold an additional drop in session at the Salvation Army on Monday, 12th December between 3 and 6pm, at which there will be info on changes to services & hopefully the opportunity to meet reps from transport providers I am meeting Northern Rail’s Regional Director this week, and will obviously be discussing Mirfield, is there still interest in improving the environment at the station as discussed when we met ages ago? all the best Martyn*

From Cllr Vivien Lees Hamilton, (Accident near Dransfield Farm on the B6118 Liley Lane)
Dear all, I have just received a call reporting a road traffic collision on this section of the road. The caller who was calling me on behalf of his friend has reported the incident to me. I have asked that the gentleman in question call me as soon as he can so that I can get the full facts. There has been a collision between a pickup truck and a VW beetle. The caller has informed me that the VW was doing somewhere in the region of 70MPH. It sounds like a high impact the VW has actually lost a wheel in the collision and the side of the pickup truck as actually been ripped off. The caller was not just calling in to report the collision; he was calling me to inform me of the fact that there were no ambulances available in the area at all. The drivers had to be taken to hospital by their families. The caller does not know if the police were called. More details to follow, when I have spoken to the gentleman whose wife was involved in the collision. Regards Vivien

Reply from Val Hardi, Dewsbury and Mirfield PWA Coordinator Kirklees Division
Morning Vivien. This was reported to us yesterday and both drivers were taken by family to hospital to be checked out and the Ambulance was cancelled. This was after both were seen by Off Duty Nurses at the scene and presumably classed as minor injuries. PCSOs were in attendance from Huddersfield, both vehicles were recovered and details exchanged. Regards Val Hardi

5 Website. Update on website www.upperhoptonvillage.co.uk.
General updates only and changes to layout.

6 Financial Report.

Kath presented her report up to today

Financial Report for November	
Income:	Expenditure. Tree Surgery Survey Flooring Gate Rec Plumbing Christmas tree Lights and ladder

We will soon be able to submit invoice for a Grant from Kirklees for the gate in the Recreation ground
Roger thanked Kath for her report.

7 News and reports from the Club.

Nov 12th Horse Racing Evening for RNLI raised a total of £870 and it was a great evening.

Winter Warmer November 26th raised £600 including £100 for Salvation Army and was a great event enjoyed by all who attended. This Friday there will be an Acoustic night. And there is a Quiz on alternate Friday Evenings

8 News from the Cricket Club

Drainage progress: The mound at the edge of the field will stay until work begins again in Spring.

9 Maintenance Team. Extension and Refurbishment Projects.

The report from Arboricultural Consultant JCA Ltd for the trees surrounding Croft House has been submitted to Kirklees Council and accepted in full. In summary out of the 82 trees surrounding Croft House 28 trees are to be removed and 4 of these are classed as high priority. Many of the trees which are to be removed are quite small specimens and their removal will allow the remaining trees to develop. Other trees are to be pruned where the growth is untidy or boughs are overhanging in dangerous situations. We are currently gathering quotations for the tree work from local tree surgeons. (The trees to be removed have been identified with yellow dots and crosses).

The new storeroom is almost complete with the exception of the sink, tall refrigerator and the safety rail at the rear entrance. Thanks to Oakwood Kitchens for supplying a large storage cupboard for kitchen equipment and Albion Tradestore in Birstall for supplying the racking and shelves. Ten smaller trestle tables have been purchased to replace the five round tables to give us more capacity at events.

10 Plans and reports for fund raising events.

A charity Gourmet evening has been organised with Eric Paxman for Wednesday February 22nd at 7 p.m. Eric will be supported by a full complement of his staff in the kitchen and front of house.

7.00pm Canapes on arrival, 19.15pm Cookery demonstration, 20.15 Dinner. Tickets £35 per head are available from Roger or any member of the UHCA committee.

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

We will hopefully be staging a charity Casino Royale evening in March, exact date to be confirmed.

A Murder Mystery evening has been proposed but we need an organiser for this event. Kath, Chris and Claire will organise.

11 Plans for Community Projects.

Christmas Party Friday December 9th at 2.30pm featuring Chris Brian and Friends guitar group.

Carols round the tree Saturday December 17th at 6pm with the Clifton & Lightcliffe Brass band. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served for the adults and biscuits and juice for children. Michaela will supply the biscuits and Kath the mince pies.

Spring Fair will be 10.00am Saturday 22nd April 2017.

The 2017 Village Fete and Heritage Event will be on the Saturday 29th July.

12 Hopton in Bloom.

The fantastic 2017 Calendars now for sale. £5 each and available at the meeting. We sold 17 calendars at the Co-op.

The new gate at the small entrance of the Recreation ground is in place and the artwork and railings are superb! Paving flags will be laid as soon as possible at the gate entrance.

A new bespoke planter is being built at the entrance to Croft House and will enhance the area when completed stained and planted up.

Next year we will have the opportunity to enter the Yorkshire in Bloom competition at either Spring April or Summer and the team have chosen to enter in Spring as there are so many other events going on in the village in July.

13 News from Preschool.

One of the Child Care Practitioners has resigned and a new relief Child Care Practitioner has been appointed. We need to attract new children to attend so we are sending flyers round the village along with the flyer for the Carols round the tree. We need new committee members if anyone is interested.

Ruth has prepared spread sheet to see how to maximise our efficiency.
Nicola is looking to place a banner (Aura Print on Leeds Road.) for railings. Early years
We still need to fundraise and suggestions are filling clothes bags for Firefighters, collecting used stamps.
A Handbag Auction on a Friday evening is being considered.

14 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).

The Autumn Fair in Croft House November 12th raised a total of £791.43 for Team Parish Funds. Thank you to everyone who supported the event by bringing wonderful cakes, helping on the day and making the fabulously pretty aprons that we all wore.

8th December 6.30pm Live Nativity St Mary's this Thursday.

11th December 3pm Carols by Candlelight at St Johns

14th December 10.45 am St. John's welcomes Pre School

17th December Advent Quiet day led by Sarah Broscombe at St. John's. 10-2pm Drinks provided

17th December 6pm Carols around the tree St John's Church open

19th December Carol Service 7.30 St Mary's –

Christmas Eve Crib service/ Christingle St Paul's 4.30pm

Crib Service St John's 6pm.

Midnight Mass St John's 11.30pm

Christmas Day Communion St. John's 11:15

No midweek service on Wed 28th Dec or Thurs 29th Dec

On behalf of the team parish we wish you all a peaceful and blessed Christmas.

15 AOB.

The organisers of the Friday night dance class will not be using Croft House in the future, we therefore have a free evening for another event / class. In the short term, it was concluded at the meeting that leaving Friday evening free for private bookings and "set-up" time for Saturday events was the way forward.

200 Club The Grand Draw

1st prize **£250;** 17

2nd Prize **£100.** 130

3rd Prize **£50.** 103.

Subs £12 per annum are now due for the 200 Club for 2017.

At the close of the meeting, please stay to decorate Croft House for Christmas

Date of next meeting will be on Tuesday January 3rd at 7.30 pm in Croft House