



2. Minutes of the last meeting Minutes for March 5th 2019 were approved, proposed Kath, seconded Malcolm.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes.

a) The Town Council have confirmed that the Defibrillator is insured through them.

b) Planning Application for Restoration of derelict land on Liley Lane. Roger contacted Martyn Bolt on this subject (transportation of 90,000 tonnes) and Martyn's email (6th March) response was as follows:

"The only safeguard for the HGV TRO in Hopton is now the police to enforce.

Planning may put conditions on the applicant, if the source is known, but as we know the police rarely enforce.

I am grateful Mirfield Town Council considered my item last night and objections in respect of HGV movements, the conflict and increasing traffic of 3 major sites on the lane, the failure of Kirklees to enforce Planning and Highways conditions on existing sites and other matters, will be sent to Kirklees. Hope this helps. Martyn".

c) Margaret Hinchcliffe memorial bench. The proposal was that we should liaise with Kirklees with an offer to replace one of the benches in the Rose Garden (which is becoming dilapidated) or to purchase a wooden bench to be positioned in front of Croft House.

4. Correspondence

An email was received via our website on the 10th March from a local resident enquiring about the state of the Hopton playground. Small extract from the email:

Anyway, in a nutshell I was wondering if there were any plans to update or add to the playground facilities in the village? Do we need to raise funds for this? Has anyone suggested any improvements etc?

This message was passed on to Councillor Martyn Bolt who forwarded it on to Rob Dalby at Kirklees Council on the 19th March :

As you can see an enquiry has been raised with regards to one of the play areas in Mirfield. I do recall investment in the Sutcliffe memorial park, but it may now be some time since

Please can you tell me where this is on the list of refurbishments etc. for Kirklees?

Are there any planning contributions in Upper Hopton allocated to play facilities?

Are you aware of any grants which the community may be able to apply for which the council can't?

As with Mirfield memorial Park I presume if the community had designs and aspirations and raised funds then it would be permissible to facilitate? Regards Martyn.

No reply has been received to date.

5. Financial Report

Kath reported

Income		Expenditure	
200 Club subs	£655	200 Club March	£85
Jumble sale	£388	Electrical works and Emergency Lights	£310
Garage Rent	£186	LED lights, sign, printing	£81
		Paper and laminating pouches	£37
Total	£1229	Total	£513

Roger thanked Kath for her report

6. Croft House Maintenance

Three new LED floodlights will be installed in the "old" section of Croft House and the cartwheel will be removed week commencing 15th April. The damaged electrical wiring for one of the outside floodlights will be repaired at the same time.

The annual gas boiler inspection will take place during the Pre-School's Easter Break.

Croft House chairs are causing concern as they are in a poor state. It was proposed that we should obtain quotes for 100 new chairs.

7. Reports and Plans for Fundraising Events

Jumble Sale on March 9th at 9.30 a.m. We raised £388.

Spring Craft Fair Saturday April 13th 10-3 pm. Light lunches will be available. We need Tombola prizes and donations of cakes on the day please. Please bring tombola items to Croft House Wednesday afternoons 2-4 pm. The tables and chairs etc will be put in place on Friday 12th, starting at 2.00pm.

It was decided that the Autumn Coffee Morning should be held on the 16th Nov 2019.

We also propose to have a Casino Night and a Wine Tasting evening in the autumn.

9 Reports and plans on Community Projects

Village Fete 27th July 2019. We will hopefully have two of our volunteers taking photographs on the day. Sandra will be organising a themed flower arranging competition, which is a new event for us. Janette will organise a bottle tombola. Thanks to Alison, we will have an expert who will be teaching circus skills.

Book Group April meetings 8th and 22nd 3.30pm to 5.00pm.

The sale of the WW1 book "WW1 and Upper Hopton" has raised £1080 which will be donated to Yorkshire Air Ambulance and the Royal British Legion.

Roger was thanked for his supreme contribution. The book has been archived at the Duke of Wellington Regiment headquarters. Personal dedications have been prepared for 34 local WW1 soldiers which contain considerably more information than could be included in the above book. These dedications have been loaded onto the village website in PDF format and can be supplied in hard copy if required. Please have a look at:

<https://www.upperhoptonvillage.co.uk/ww1-centenary>

The WW1 personal dedications will be continually updated as we receive more information. If you have additional information please contact Roger on 01924 493568.

Thanks to Janette and Anne there will soon be a WW1 and possibly WW2 display in St John's.

10 Hopton in Bloom

Spring Judging for Yorkshire in Bloom was to be on April 10th 2019. After much discussion we have decided to withdraw from the judging this year but instead to have a mentoring visit by 2 judges, Jo Birch and Amanda Poulson.

The Garden Trail will be on Saturday July 6th 2019.

11 Croft House Cookies - April 23rd 'BEWARE Fraud & Scams'

12 News from the Preschool

Ofsted inspection took place on Tuesday March 5th and they are delighted to be rated GOOD. It was a good, good and they are very pleased. It was proposed that the Ofsted report should be added to the website

Pre-School are starting to obtain quotes for the playground soft surface. The initial quotation was rather high therefore Pre-School will be trying to obtain financial support from grants.

Pre-School are running a fundraising Easter Egg raffle.

13 News from Club

Yorkshire supper evening Friday 5th April 7.30 tickets £10 at the Club. In aid of Huntington's disease

14 News from the Cricket Club

Quiz on Friday.

Just wanted to let you know that after all the problems with the cricket club pitch, it is now all sorted and looking good so we will be concentrating on the ground around the clubhouse this year.

We have received some funding from the lottery for a new seating area.

This will be started the week of the 15th April.

It will be in the ground in between the clubhouse and the Sutcliffe memorial.

We will also be trying our best to make the rest look better (including the car park) after all the mess the contractors have left.

I would like to perhaps have some planters by the gate too.

If Hopton in Bloom have any advice, we would welcome it! As in best place to get plants etc?

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I thought it would be nice to have the 'barrel planters' the same as the ones dotted around the village.
Tracey

15 News from St John's Church.

The Quiz went really well and was a sell out with 80 tickets sold. It was a great fun evening where everyone enjoyed themselves even if they could not answer many questions. Thanks to Roger for the loan of the PA system.

Holy week and Easter Services.

Churches Together in Mirfield Good Friday Community service at the Library forecourt at 10 am and then processing to St Aidan's church for 10.30am.

Easter Day Sunday April 21st at 11.15 at St John's

16 AOB

Possible Newsletter or Facebook page was discussed.

200 Draw for March 2019.

1st Prize £50. 72

2nd Prize £25 28

3rd Prize £10 18

Subs are now overdue for the 200 Club for 2019 @ £15 per annum per number

Date of next Meeting Tuesday May 7th at 7.30