

Minutes meeting Hopton in Bloom Wednesday February 17<sup>th</sup> 2016 In Croft House

2. Minutes of last meeting Wednesday January 20<sup>th</sup> 2016 Minutes Proposed by Alison seconded by Anne

3. Matters arising. Presentation to James and Tricia; Thanks you to Sue for getting the vase. It was a lovely evening at the Club when they were presented with an engraved vase on behalf of the team. Gail made some nibbles. Kath gave a nice speech. They sent a thank you card and have invited us over for a look at the new house. She has fridge to donate to us.

4. Financial Report Alison presented her MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT @ 17.02.16

Since then we have had an expenditure of £990.18

We have had an expenditure of £12.96 Projects £12.96

An income of £25 Calendar Sales £25.00

Calendars There is still some money to collect from the Farm Shop

Most organisations are suffering a reduction in sales of calendars as more were going digital. It was decided that we should send a flyer round village to encourage entries and include Upper Hopton and Lower Hopton and Mirfield with a well-defined boundary. We are to continue with a floral theme and all were in favour to try this for two years.

5. Entry Yorkshire in Bloom 2016. A letter has been circulated from Yorkshire in Bloom giving us the option of not having a Spring Judging because of the severe wet weather and flooding. All decided that we will have a Spring judging. Spring Judging is between April 4<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

6. Date for Garden Trail 2016 is July 9<sup>th</sup> Format for this year.

Alison needs a committee to help with the organisation - Sandra, Sue Kath, and Gail are to meet with Alison at the Club Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 7.30. It was decided that Club will keep half of the money they make on catering on the day.

We need some new gardens to include in the trail. Need another meeting.

7. Gateway in Recreation Ground. Kirklees may be giving us some money towards the cost

8. Progress on planting for summer 2016. Sue has sown pink cosmos 60 cms, (as the hebes are 25 cms. they will show above). She has also planted Aurola, 30 cms red yellow and orange, 200 seeded already. Sue needs to farm them out when they have germinated so they don't get too leggy. Need to count up how many geraniums we need for barrels. Richard and Roger to let us know how many plants they needs for summer

9. Achievements Tablet in slate or wood

We were to consider designing it to be placed in area round Croft House. We could add a new piece each year for awards. Oak pillars with wooden slats will have a short life. Please bring ideas to next meeting.

10. Telephone box. Lynne has calendar. Spring display is to be put in on March 2<sup>nd</sup> Lynne and Anne can do this. Easter Display to go in at end of March.

11. Website and Face book are both going well.

12. Round the Team. Sharing information and queries.

Roger suggests we ask tree surgeon to cut branches behind Croft House. Chris Warren to be approached and he will give us some wood chips when he is cutting trees down in the churchyard.

Chris W to be asked to look at all trees round Croft House. He suggested we employ a Consultant which would cost £400 but it was decided to speak to Chris W in the first instance.

John, Tony and Phil are completely revamping the inside of the container.

Chris suggested we might do some guerrilla gardening on the Leeds platform of Mirfield Railway station

13. Preschool Planned Activities.

Wednesday March 9<sup>th</sup>. Making a compost bin

Wednesday March 23 making an Easter Garden in St John's with a short service afterwards

14. New wooden custom made planters for Croft House. On to do list

15. Community Orchard. All seems to be going well

16. Entrance to Recreation Ground John, Tony and Phil are making good progress when weather is better it will be finished and then we will need to buy wall topping stones.

17. Payback Team. Naomi has been sent contact details for the team. Need to follow this up.

18. AOB

Actions; to buy new First aid box, a new accident book (the previous one has disappeared), safety equipment 6 pairs of goggles, two pairs of ear defenders

**Date of next meeting will be Wednesday March 16th at 11.15 in St John's Church**