

Minutes April 5th 2016 at 7.30pm in Croft House

1 Minutes of the last meeting on March 1st 2016. Proposed by Malcolm and seconded by Margaret.

2 Matters arising from the minutes.

The Ofsted report has been added to the village website on the Pre School page.

John Sykes has shown Councillor Phil Tolson the footpath at the top of Waste Lane and action is in progress.

3 Correspondence:

*KIRKLEES COUNCIL Mayor's Office, Town Hall, HUDDERSFIELD HD1 2TA HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY
As you will know Her Majesty the Queen will celebrate her 90th Birthday on Thursday 21 April 2016. To mark the occasion the Mayoress and I will be hosting a celebratory event at Dewsbury Town Hall that afternoon between 3.30 pm and 5.30 pm.*

If you are able to do so, could I please ask you to contact my office at mayors.office@kirklees.gov.uk (or by telephone on 01484 221904) to confirm your attendance. Your place will be confirmed when you contact us, so please do get in touch as soon as possible. Yours faithfully COUNCILLOR PAUL KANE MAYOR

*THE MAYOR OF MIRFIELD Councillor Vivien Lees-Hamilton invites you and guests to attend The Mirfield civic service on SUNDAY 24th April 2016 AT 2.00pm at St John the Evangelist Hopton hall lane, upper Hopton, WF14 8HL
Followed by light refreshments at Croft House.*

Mirfield ambassador awards will be presented at the service RSVP THE CLERK@ADMINISTRATOR@MIRFIELDTOWNCOUNCIL.GOV.UK

email from Naomi Goddard of Kirklees Parks Dept - 17-3-2016

I am writing to let you know that I will be leaving the Council on the 1st of April.

I have been informed that the Council will be recruiting for a replacement Parks Development Officer but in the meantime if you have any queries, in the first instance, please can you contact Robert Whittaker, Parks Services Manager, Streetscene and Housing - Parks & Greenspace Email: robert.whittaker@kirklees.gov.uk

4 Website. Update on website www.upperhoptonvillage.co.uk.

Photo Gallery added for the Eric's Gourmet Evening

Info for the Upper Hopton Club Disco and Karaoke night added to the Club page and calendar.

Ladies night at Upper Hopton Cricket Club added to the village calendar.

Page for the new Croft House sign added with acknowledgement to our sponsors.

5 Road Safety

email from Andrew Perry (Senior Eng. Highway Safety) to John Sykes 15-3-16

The 7.5 tonne limit signs will be put in place within the next 8 weeks (plan of work attached).

A patchwork repair has been carried out on Hopton Hall Lane.

Accidents on B6118 at Bellstring Lane and Holly House Farm No date set for a meeting to discuss the problem with Councillors but there has been a lot of correspondence.

e-mail from Martyn Bolt - extract

I have also asked a national charity of which I am trustee for advice/help in trying to push Kirklees into action by taking legal action against them as highway authority, and also a barrister contact though you may have some locally? We need to be wary that they don't try and shirk their responsibility by drawing farmers in to this, and any landowners/farmers on the road may need to be aware and contact NFU?? As clearly the major culprits are the commercial operators??

e-mail from Martyn Bolt 29-3-16

Response to Martyn from Liz Twitchett , Operational Manager, Streetscene Service, Kirklees Council Sent: 29 March 2016 10:58

Subject: RE: Liley Lane / Bellstring Lane Answers to questions raised by Martyn Bolt:

Both the SCRIM (Sideways Force Coefficient Routine Investigation machine) and the scanner survey results, which measures the texture depth, both show that the road surface is acceptable when it is clean.

Whilst this is not a question, it is worth noting that the material that is being deposited on the road is coming from both farms and quarries. Contravention notices were only served to the quarries

Planning are following necessary step, starting with an improvement notice. Further action will follow as appropriate. During the period that the temporary 30mph is on, under the TTRO, the Police have committed to spend some time on enforcement action.

The 20mph signs are an advisory limit, which we have installed to try and encourage drivers to take the bends with caution and have no legally backing for any type of enforcement.

After works are completed and the speed limit returns to 40mph, the Police will enforce this road in and amongst their other priorities.

An update on all SID (Speed Indicator Device) allocations and current chosen sites can be provided to all Cllrs whose wards this road travels through, should you wish it. However, there is no street lighting along this length of road to allow an easy installation of this device. Advice will be needed on whether the New Homes Bonus could be utilized for this purpose.

email from Martyn Bolt 31-3-16 to Elizabeth Twitchett & Simon Taylor

I have copied Simon Taylor as head of Planning as I think that the crux of this matter rests with his dept.

This email describes a personal inspection of the problem road by Martyn and the evidence of contamination.

email from Simon Moyser 4-4-16

Photographs showing the contaminated road and the ineffectiveness of some of the cleaning wagons.

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Photos showing yet another accident on the weekend 2/3 April 2016. Comment about the moulded kerb from Holly House Farm to Tanhouse Lane being inadequate.

email from James Lumb 4-4-16

Bellstring Lane covered in diesel at junction with Hopton Lane. Concerns about somebody having a serious accident

6 News and reports from the Club. Disco & Karaoke 7.00pm Sat April 9th. Quiz night every 2 weeks on a Friday. The new committee has been established following the AGM.

7 News from the Cricket Club

We're having a ladies evening at the cricket club on Friday 15th April

The evening is to raise money for Wakefield Hospice in memory of Margaret Carson, a member of our club As usual Granville will be doing the cooking. £25 per head. Thank you Tracy

8 Maintenance Team.

Extension Project awaiting the next phase - Kirklees site inspection and installation of floor. New Croft House Sign now in place. Special mention has been given to the sign Sponsors Haigh Farm Shops, Wilcock & Co Estate Agents, Dolby Plumbing and Automotive Electrical. No progress with the repair of the seats in the Rose Garden.

A PA system has been installed and was used for the Eric Gourmet evening. The PA system will be kept in the store and only used for UHCA and HIB events.

9 Plans and reports for other fund raising events.

Spring Fair Saturday April 23rd. Alison will soon be contacting stall holders.

Casino evening - Saturday 14th May 2016 £15 per head. Tickets now available. Ticket price includes first drink, canapes, supper and playing chips.

We raised £808 for our two chosen charities on Eric's Gourmet evening - British Heart Foundation and the Croft House building project. Thanks to Revd. Hugh Baker for the loan of the projector and to Steve Ironmonger for the use of his camera.

10 Plans for Community Projects.

Village Fete and Heritage Event 30th July 2016. Steady progress is being made but we need photos or memorabilia for our Heritage Exhibition. The theme is "Upper Hopton at Work". We are looking for an old tin bath to complement

the mining exhibits. We intend approach the Mining museum for the loan of artifacts. Roger is to visit S Hartley (U3A history group) for the possible load of artifacts and photos.

11 Hopton in Bloom.

Yorkshire in Bloom Judging Wednesday April 13th at 10.30. The HIB team needs to "spruce up" a few areas in readiness for the judges. The judges will be served lunch in St John's.

Garden Trail July 9th. Cakes will be needed please.

12 News from Preschool. No news.

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

Next Sunday, April 10th there will be one service only. It will start at 9:30 am and will be held in the main hall of the ST MARY'S COMMUNITY CENTRE.

ORGAN RECITAL – The next Organ Recital is next Saturday April 9th at 3.00pm in St Mary's Church. The organist will be Dr Gordon Stewart.

KING'S MEN - The King's Men will be performing at St Mary's Church on Monday 11th April at 7.30pm. This is a fantastic choir from Kings College, Cambridge who have performed all over the country. Tickets are £12 including refreshments and are available from Scott on 07900 996854 or email to scottsenogles@email.com. See www.kingsmencambridge.co.uk for more details. *Proceeds from this event are for the 'Organ Restoration Fund'.*

QUIZ NIGHT - We are holding a Quiz Night at Croft House, Upper Hopton on Saturday 16th April starting at 7.30pm. Tickets £6 to include pie and pea supper. Everyone is welcome.

AFTERNOON TEA - An Afternoon Tea will be held on Sunday 17th April from 2 -5pm. Stalls like before in St Mary's Community Centre. Please support this as one of our many fundraising events during the coming year

14 AOB.

The 200 Club Draw for March

1st prize £50 - No. 80

2nd Prize £25 - No. 196

3rd Prize £10 - No. 78

Date of next meeting will be on Tuesday May 3rd 2016 at 7.30 in Croft House

