

Minutes for the UHCA Meeting Tuesday March 2nd 2021 at 7.30pm by Zoom

Roger opened the meeting with these tributes:-

Betty Lee (née Hargreaves) passed away on 9th February 2021, peacefully at home with family around her. Betty, was born in Thornhill and then moved with her family to Park Avenue, Mirfield. Betty has lived in Hopton since she married her husband Kenneth, 56 years ago. Their children, Simon and Catherine (Kate) attended the Upper Hopton C of E school. Betty was involved with many of the village social events, and in particular the village Gala. She also worked behind the bar at the Club for many years on Thursday evenings, when it was the stewards' night off. Kenneth was President of Upper Hopton Club when Donald Crowther retired, and Betty served on the Committee. She died peacefully at home supported by Kirkwood Hospice and Ahbi Rose Carers and the family request that any donations in her memory to be made to the Hospice please.

Betty's funeral will be on Wednesday March 10th, starting from the house at 10.30 a.m. and travelling up Jackroyd Lane past the Club and to the Fold and then back down Jackroyd Lane so that her friends can pay their respects.

Rudolphina (Rudie) Thramer passed away very suddenly on Saturday morning 27th February 2021. Rudie was a regular member of the Wednesday afternoon Open House Group and made many good friends here. When anyone mentioned that they were interested in tracing their family history, she produced so much information and she really enjoyed helping so many of us. Rudie soon became a willing and enthusiastic volunteer helping at Hopton in Bloom both on the day and selling programmes beforehand; she and Betty helped with the tombola at all our Fairs and Fetes.

Rudie spent countless hours helping with our Heritage projects and in particular the WW1 project. Her ancestry research skills were exceptional, and you could always guarantee the accuracy of her findings. The following is a link to the 'WW1 Centenary' page which has a photo of Rudie at the WW1 book launch.

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

Rudie's family fled Sudetenland from Nazi persecution and their journey can be found by following this link:-

http://www.mirfieldmemories.co.uk/rudie_thramer.htm

More details are available in the following link to the 'WW2 Memories' page, which shows Rudie, her sister Elizabeth and Norman Brown's sister and mother on VE Day at the Methodist Chapel, Nab lane.

<https://www.upperhoptonvillage.co.uk/ww2memories>

She attended St Peters School and later attended Mirfield Grammar School and worked in the lab at ICI in Huddersfield for 9 years before moving back, with her parents, to work in Germany, returning to Mirfield when she retired.

Rudie's funeral is on March 16th at 2.20pm and the link to the service is attached, and you can only watch it at the actual time.

1. **Minutes of the last meeting** on February 2nd 2021

Alison proposed and Andrea seconded, and all were in favour.

2. **Matters arising from the Minutes.**

- Barbara r is now back home and recovering slowly from her fractured pelvic bone. She rang to thank us for the lovely card and biscuits.
- Carr Mount - John Dunwell email 10 February:
".....Can I Just remind you if you pass the form on to anyone to complete, please ask that they sign and date the map as well as the form, as Kirklees will disregard it without both signatures present on the form. I am more than happy to help If anyone has any issues or questions regarding to the form, please pass on my Email address. Regards John". Johndunwell1950@hotmail.co.uk

- Granny Lane Action Group: The Planning application for houses on Granny Lane appears to have been overturned recently by a Kirklees Council Committee. The refusal of planning permission by the committee ends Kirklees involvement with the issue of the planning application. The matter of whether to appeal is solely the developer's decision and can take up to 6 months in some cases for them to lodge an appeal.

3. Correspondence

Email from Phil Champion – Kirklees Council – 8th February 2021

Dear Chris

I acknowledge receipt of the addition Information Sheet ('User Evidence Form') regarding the route from Liley Lane to Carr Mount. I will add that to the other evidence previously received and take the contents into account. The paper file is currently back in our office, awaiting scanning by a colleague. However, I don't think that form was amongst those submitted in 2017, so thank you for sending a copy.

I am also aware people being challenged over the last few months when trying to use the route. I am under the impression that this is something that has become more frequent.

The Carr Mount case is one of a number of high priority case that is on my workload. Unfortunately, it's not right at the top of the list and has not been getting the attention it probably deserves. I will be considering the evidence in the next few months, but I can't yet offer a date when I will be taking a report to committee.

We are currently recruiting for an additional member of staff to assist with the investigation and management of Definitive Map Modification Order applications. Depending on how that process goes and when someone is likely to come into post, it is possible that we will ask that person to focus initially on the Carr Mount case.

Regards, Phil Champion, Definitive Map Officer, Public Rights of Way, Kirklees Council

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email from: Phil Champion <Phil.Champion@kirklees.gov.uk> Sent: Mon, 1 Mar 2021 18:01



Hi Chris

I don't know the history behind this sign, but I presume it's become a hotspot for fly tipping activity and the signage (erected by another team) reflects that.

*The description of 'Private Road' is accurate, **although that does not preclude there being a public right of way on foot (as claimed) along a route which there are no rights for the public to use with vehicles.** That is a pretty normal situation.*

The phrase 'Private Road' should only be taken as referring to vehicular use. I think part of the dispute at Carr Mount stems from the improvement of this private road (serving a small number of properties) to a higher standard, thus making it look likely any other minor public road. This had knock on effects, with members of the public driving down it for various reasons.

*Regards **Phil Champion***

Definitive Map Officer - Public Rights of Way - Kirklees Council

After discussion at the meeting, it was agreed to circulate the form again and ensure the map is signed.

4. Financial Report

Income		Expenditure	
200 Club Subs	£195	200 Club prizes Feb	£85
Donation	£35	Fete Domain	£18
Total £230		Total £103	

Roger thanked Kath for her report

5. Croft House Maintenance

- As discussed at our previous meeting, the Croft House loft insulation needs improvement. The availability of grants for the insulation of public buildings such as Croft House, however, does not appear to be available. It has been estimated that we would need approximately 20 rolls of insulation for the loft space (£330 from Wickes). Other costs are Downlight Protector Hoods (£90) and possible re-routing of wiring.
A quotation enquiry has also been sent to Dyson's in Brighouse for materials and installation costs (Dysons are to carry out a survey at Croft House on Friday 5 March).
- The cleaning of Croft House roof and gutters is still outstanding (this was carried out the day after the meeting on the 3 March by Dan Knutton and the cost was £290).

6. Health & Safety.

- PAT testing is now due to be carried out.
- The gas equipment inspection is due in April 2021.
- We continue to carry out the monthly safety checks, which includes safety alarms and safety lighting.
- Following the recent government announcements, we will review our COVID-19 procedures to bring them in-line with their recommendations. Except for Pre-School, Croft House will remain closed for activities until the 17th of May at the earliest. If Croft House does start to open-up on this date some restrictions will still be in place and the safety implications for Pre-School staff and pupils must be considered.
- We need to purchase a 60mm diameter post for the road traffic mirror at the end of the Croft House driveway. The cost will be £40 to £60.

7. Croft House Management Committee

- Due to national lockdown restrictions and following our previous meeting, a further application for a COVID-19 support grant has been made for Croft House. The Croft House Management Committee has received three grants in February totalling £9431.
Thanks were expressed to Roger for applying and completing the laborious application forms.

8. Plans for Fundraising Events

- Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions and government guidelines, all fundraising events are suspended.
- The 'jury is out' for the Fete on the 31st July 2021. What does everyone think about holding the Fete? After various suggestions, it was agreed to look at this again at the next meeting when there might further COVID developments, and a clearer path through the problems. Everyone recognised that catering would be a problem.
- We must not forget of course, the 'guidance' from our insurers.

9. Croft House activities

- Pre-School are the only group utilising Croft House at the moment.
- We are still looking for an art teacher to run a class on Friday afternoon. Help please.

Other ideas for Friday afternoons were a Tai Chi group or table tennis club. More investigations are to be made before the next meeting.

- As mentioned in section 7 above we may open for activities on May 17th but with restrictions and consideration to Pre-School.

10. Local & West Yorkshire Mayoral Elections

Croft House will be open for elections on the Thursday May 6th 2021. Kirklees Council have stated that the use of Croft House will be carried out in a 'Covid safe' way. We have however taken the decision that Croft House will be closed on Friday May 7th and a full clean will take place before the return of Pre-School on Monday May 10th.

All agreed this is a sensible course of action.

11. Website

General updates have been carried out to the website and the renewal of the domain name "hoptonfete.co.uk" for two years (£17.74).

12. Hopton in Bloom

We have entered for the Green Flag Community Park Award again this year and a mystery shopper will judge us.

Yorkshire in Bloom are considering how best to support groups working in their community but not wishing to enter for Awards

We were so grateful when we received a letter from Mark and James Broscombe, advising us of a bequest of £1000 from the estate of their late father John to Hopton in Bloom Chris to write a letter of thanks when we have decided on the chosen project.

Garden Trail July 3rd 2021:

After some discussion, it was decided that we should defer final decisions to next meeting in March and consider moving this event until September.

Insurance policy compliance is very much a factor in this decision. We have enough funds to continue.

13. News from the Pre-School

Joan reported that the Preschool is still full and has a waiting list and all is going well.

14. News from Club.

The Club is taking subs. As yet, no date has been set for the reopening of the Club.

15. News from St John's Church.

St John's is open for individual private prayer on Sunday afternoons, 2-4 pm from March 14th Mothering Sunday.

Evenings at 8pm, Evening Prayer will be said live on Facebook on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Compline will be said on Thursdays and Sung on Fridays. You can find a resource for prayer on the Mirfield Team Parish Facebook page, which includes Evening Prayer.

To access our YOUTUBE channel on your PC, Tablet, Smartphone or smart TV open YouTube and search for 'The Mirfield Team Parish' or use this link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/>.

Join Zoom Meeting for World Day of Prayer Service Mirfield arranged by the women of Vanuatu Friday March 5th at 2.00pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81731825293?pwd=MnUxcnNJeGFFbm1GTnpRbTUxZ0hNQTO9>

Meeting ID: 817 3182 5293

Passcode: 830007

16. AOB

Late email from Martyn Bolt 1st March 2021, see **Appendix 1**

The 200 Club Draw for February 2021

1st prize £50,	16
2nd Prize £25,	107
3rd Prize £10.	181

Subs are now overdue for the 200 Club for 2020 @ £15 per annum per number

Date of next Meeting will be on Tuesday 6th April at 7.30 by Zoom

Appendix 1

Email from Martyn Bolt - Mon, 1 Mar 2021 20:50

Hi

Info for villagers, the town council has agreed to promote walking as a priority theme this year , see attached

As you are aware from your contacts re Carr Mount there are historically delays in processing rights of way issues, I have asked Kirklees to work with me, the town council and my ward colleagues on this.

If we can agree a consultant to engage who can work solely on Mirfield claims, diversions etc, then that work can be brought to Kirklees ready for presentation We are looking at options for funding this, but are wary that there are deadlines for completion of the works and for some of the older claims and cases those who originally submitted are now much older !!

We will then look at how the network is sign posted and promoted and lastly what is needed and who is responsible for improving the condition and accessibility

Myself , Vivien and Kath spoke with Kirklees today about enhancing play areas and have agreed to put Hopton rec forward for improvements I suggested that we should first set up an online teams/zoom meeting so villagers could hear what Kirklees may have in store, in terms of funding etc , then work with UHCA to organise effective consultation

Our suggestion was that rather than say you have £xx do you want facilities for this or that age, we ask an open and honest question in an ideal world what would you like for your recreation ground (in the real world we would have been putting post its on a board or something)

Once we have the answers, we can again consult on priority of either age related , locations etc and whilst we know that on the first pass not everyone will get what they want if we have the wishes of the community we can look in the future at grants, planning contributions, land fill credits etc to fulfil those wishes

But without a plan we can't start ?

Kirklees highways are undertaking an area wide survey of all traffic signs, lines and speed limits to see if the former are satisfactory for enforcement, are the speed limits suitable etc When this is completed we can feed back

Cllr Martyn Bolt (Martyn.Bolt@kirklees.gov.uk)

Best wishes, Martyn