

Minutes Hopton in Bloom Wednesday September 14th 2016
In St John's Church

Kath welcomed 2 new members Russell and Jean

2. Minutes of last meeting Wednesday May 18th 2016 Proposed by Lynne and seconded by Sue

3. Matters arising.

4. Financial Report. Alison presented her report from May to 14.09.16.

The calendar printing will be approx. £550 this year which is about half of last year's cost Thanks to John for doing all the art work for the sponsors' page.

5. Entry Yorkshire in Bloom 2016.

Report and Overall Results - Summer judging July 6th. Copy attached

We were delighted to be awarded Gold in Spring and Gold in summer. Well done everyone and thanks to all in the community who support us in so many ways support

Yorkshire in Bloom Entry 2017. Do we wish to enter?

- a) Spring and summer
- b) Summer
- c) Neighbourhood
- d) Not at all.

Many were in support of entering again in 2017 but only once. At the Awards Ceremony it was noted that some entries had chosen Spring only and that might be an option to consider as July is a very busy month in Hopton.

We were all euphoric after reading the YIB Comments and we decided to take a vote at the AGM.

For next year, we all need to consider and nominate 3 things we would like to achieve in the village and these will be shared and discussed.

At the AGM please come prepared for OUR AIMS for 2017 and the future and either write 3 down areas we should be working on in advance or at the meeting

6. Report Garden Trail 2016 July 9th

Alison reported that 300 people toured the gardens compared to 430 last year which was good as the torrential rain in the morning saw only a few hardy souls. Those who did come found it relaxing and had lots of time to chat.

We plan to have matching Aprons for next year and Sue Lee offered to make them in flowery material and we will have official badges to pin on for HiB or UHCA.

Alison said she was very grateful for the extra help this year but she welcomes input from us all for next year. As the weather was not warm people were not buying soft drinks but bought water but the drinks were sold at the Fete..

Alison wondered if we are all happy with the programme and to think of any modifications for next year when she will have the programmes professionally printed.

Date for next year's Garden Trail will be July 8th 2017 and this will appear on the HiB calendar.

7. Gateways in Recreation Ground

Quote for wrought iron gateway. A quote for railings to match the ones at Croft House and Cricket Club has been received and we also need ground stabilizing pathway inside the gateway.

Main Entrance to Recreation Ground is more or less complete and looks brilliant.

8. Review on planting for summer 2016.

Everyone thought that the village looked fantastic this year and the opening slide at the YIB Awards dinner was one of our banking outside Croft House with the hebes and begonias.

Planting for Spring 2017

The tulip and muscari bulbs have been ordered and delivered:- 100 Apeldoorn's Elite, 500 Red Riding Hood, 100 Apricot Beauty, 200 Flowerdale, 200 Joanne Woodward, 200 Orange Dynasty, 200 Slawa, We considered ordering bellis for the circles and violas on banking.

The edging to the circles is now passed its best and it is to be replaced with thyme. Some small hebes, variegated varieties possibly dwarf flowering to attract bees, will be ordered for the Drive and Avenue.

We may try sempervivum next year in banking or planters.

9. Calendar 2017.

Launch at the Co-op Saturday 26th November 9 a.m till lunchtime.

9-10a.m Margaret and Kath, 10-11 Chris and Anne Heely, 11-12 noon ?? Also have a stall at the Winter Warmer at the Club in the afternoon

We can also sell them at the Autumn Fair on November 12th.

Maybe we should consider a launch Event in Croft House or Club? Afternoon tea? Beginning Oct?

10. Telephone box.

It has been a major attraction all year and looks fabulous now. There are plans for Halloween, Calendar, Lynne will do Remembrance and Easter, John is planning Christmas and summer. Should be have a snowy theme for new year?

11. Website and Face book

Website is up to date and Hopton in Bloom Facebook page is getting lots of hits.

12. Round the Team:-Sharing information and queries.

Consider placing steel edges for paths from Croft House car park to the Rose Garden.

Consider replacing the trellis on agenda for the next meeting.

John would like to re-establish and define the grassy area in front of the container.

13. Preschool Planned Activities.

We held a session last week when the children harvested the potatoes, then took them to wash and cook and enjoy. Other sessions are Wednesday October 5th Kath and Dennis are going to complete the new bug hotel in the wildlife garden. They will need egg boxes, hollow sticks, straw and pine cones please.

Wednesday October 19th, clearing and raking up leaves, planting tulips, daffodils and muscari bulbs.

Wednesday November 9th decorating plant pots and planting Hyacinth bulbs for Christmas presents for parents.

Wednesday December 14th Decorate St John's for Christmas and at 11.15. preschool come for short service and refreshments.

14. HiB Christmas Celebration.

This will again be held at the Club as we enjoyed it so much last year. Gail, Anita and Sandra are to fix a suitable date when the Club is free.

15. AOB

Container:- Alison has bought storage boxes which she has labelled for our equipment to ensure we can find what we need. She suggested that we might consider new shelving.

Please don't bring items that you do not need at home as we might not need them either.

There will be a Harvest Songs of Praise on September 25th 6pm at St John's followed by Harvest Auction 7 pm at Club. We will need volunteers to take the produce to the Club after the service please. Also help to decorate the church on Saturday Sept 24th 10 am till 12 noon would be much appreciated.

Date of next meeting will be Wednesday October 26 AGM at 11.15 in Croft House

This is half term week when we hope all members will be able to come to Croft House.