

## Minutes for the Meeting Tuesday February 2nd 2021 at 7.30pm by Zoom

Roger began the meeting by inviting Chris to give a tribute to Vince who along with his wife Ann, designed our Millennium Window at St John's Church, died on December 31st. In 1998, UHCA suggested that their fundraising that year should be for a new window on the south side at St John's to replace the plain glass lattice one near the porch, and this idea was sent to the PCC. Through UHCA, a newsletter was circulated around the village requesting designs for the window and of the several, which were entered, the design by Ann and Vince was chosen.

This window celebrates continuity and renewal with the family at the centre of the life cycle. St. John is prominent on the right, depicted as a young traveler. We formed a committee from UHCA, St John's PCC and Friends to raise the money (about £9000) and we enjoyed so many social activities together. The window was completed in 2000.

Vince was also a founder member from 2002 and great supporter of Hopton in Bloom and opened their immaculate garden for the Garden Trail each year. He also assisted in setting up the Heritage of Upper Hopton Exhibition and Trail

His funeral was at Huddersfield Crematorium on **Monday February 1st** and his cortege passed through the village to allow his many friends to pay their respects.

**1. Minutes of the last meeting** on December 1<sup>st</sup>2020 were proposed by Andrea and seconded by Kath and all in favour.

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

Email from John 4 Jan 2021: Sorry I have no good news regarding **Carr Mount**. This is the last Email I received from Kirklees sent on 10th December:

*As Sharon may have told you, the Carr Mount case is one of a number of high priority applications are on my caseload. I have the impression from various enquiries we've received recently that a landowner may be actively challenging users with increased frequency. The case is not quite at the top of the list for attention because of a number of other cases have been waiting longer, and some other urgent case that have required attention. However, I intend to commence an informal consultation exercise early in the new year. In the meantime, if there are any additional walkers who have not already completed 'user evidence forms' I would be happy to provide them with copies. Any additional evidence will be considered alongside the evidence already on file.*

There was some discussion on the aggressive challenges walkers and runners receive from the resident who objects to them using the footpath. It was felt that we all need to use the path and walk down en mass but socially distanced.

Attached to the minutes is the [Public Right Of Way Information Sheet](#) relevant to this footpath, which you may wish to complete an return to **Phil Champion** Definitive Map Officer Public Rights of Way Unit, Kirklees Council, Flint Street, Huddersfield HD1 6LG E: [phil.champion@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:phil.champion@kirklees.gov.uk) T: 01484 221000

### **3. Correspondence**

A letter from Mark and James as executors to the estate of their father on the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020, awarding UHCA the sum of £1000 towards the cost of a shed or similar to house the Village Fete Equipment as he so admired the work done to put on this event.

Roger has sent a letter of thanks

- Email from Cllr Martyn Bolt 31 Dec 2020, suggesting that the UHCA should have some dialogue with the Granny Lane Action Group:

*The planning application for the housing on Granny Lane will be coming back to planning committee and I wonder if UHCA & the residents of Hopton are aware of the potential issues this may have on the village in terms of traffic generation as shown in the reports and also during construction the lorries and plant will use Hopton lane due to the bridge heights near the site?*

Apparently the application was approved by is being held back by an error in the flood report highlighted by the action group

- Email from Cllr Vivien Lees-Hamilton 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020  
This email has been sent to all those concerned by Vivien highlighting the problems with mud on the road at Temple Quarry on the B6118.

Various people had experience of the mud on the road and had occasionally seen a vehicle cleaning the road The conditions of the planning permission for use of the landfill site included a vehicle wheel wash on site, which should be there to wash vehicles before they return to the road after tipping their loads.

**Action** We will request Cllr Viv to pursue the matter further as we feel the site is being operated illegally.

- See **Appendix 1** for correspondence about the local bus service

#### 4. Financial Report

Kath presented the Accounts for Dec. /Jan

Income		Expenditure	
Donations	£1135	fish shop repair	£437
200 Club subs	£1465	paint +Christmas lights	£134
HIB /Fish/Repair	£200	Gandi Net	£18
		200 Club prizes Dec/Jan	£170
	<b>Total £2800</b>		<b>Total £759</b>

Roger thanked Kath for her report.

#### 5. Croft House Maintenance

- Due to the lack of fundraising and income at Croft House, maintenance is currently being limited to only essential or low-cost projects.
- When the weather permits, Croft House roof and gutters will be cleaned.
- The loft insulation in Croft House needs increasing (currently 50 to 70mm compared the recommended 270mm). Grants are available for domestic premises but do not appear to be available for public buildings such as Croft House. Investigations will continue.
- In the summer months we will hopefully carry out some internal decorations.
- We also propose to obtain quotes for replacement windows at the rear of Croft House, but this project will not start until we are more secure financially.

#### 6. Health & Safety.

- The Croft House fire-fighting equipment was inspected and checked on the 21 December 2020 (cost £84.30).
- 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. As Croft house is in regular use by Pre-School the weekly safety and security checks required for insurance reasons are not being carried out at the moment.
- There will be a need to review our Covid procedures as government guidelines change.
- Pre-School has made a request to install a traffic mirror at the end of the Croft House driveway. One of the Pre-School parents has purchased the mirror. With the help of Cllr Vivien Lees-Hamilton we have been in contact with the Kirklees Highways Department about the correct procedures to be followed. Kirklees have responded and are not prepared to install the mirror on the public highway (this includes the path). Kirklees have said that if we mount the mirror off the highway, e.g. on private land, this will be acceptable. Preliminary discussions with the landowner opposite the driveway have taken place, and he is amenable to us siting the mirror in his garden.

**Action:** A 60mm diameter post now needs to be purchased.

## 7. Croft House Management Committee

### Correspondence

- We have had an email from our insurers Allied Westminster, who has given us further COVID related information and guidance, but they stress that our insurance would be invalidated if we do not follow the government rules and guidance. Allied Westminster have also advised that further grants of £3000 may be available for village halls and they recommend that this should be investigated.
- On the 17<sup>th</sup> November, we received a letter from Kirklees Council advising that further Support Grants were available for the Tier 2 Local Restrictions. However, when I applied on-line the system suggested we were not eligible. Following the email from Allied Westminster, it may be worth further investigation. **Roger made an application for further financial support on the 28 Jan 2021.**
- Email from Kirklees Electoral Services 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020:
  - *"It is the intention of the UK Government for the elections scheduled to take place on Thursday 6 May 2021 to go ahead, and we must therefore plan to ensure our polling stations can operate safely should social distancing measures still be required.*
  - *I am therefore contacting you again to ask specific questions relating to your premises to allow us to consider how we can make suitable arrangements for polling day".*
  - The 'information request form', was completed on 20<sup>th</sup> October giving details of Croft House and returned to the Electoral Services.

We received a letter from Kirklees Electoral services on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2021, confirming that the "Kirklees District and West Yorkshire Combined Authority Mayoral Elections" will take place on the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021. As requested by Kirklees a booking form was completed and returned

It was suggested that Preschool be requested to keep the children at home on May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> to allow Croft House to be cleaned before the Preschool return

## 8. Plans for Fundraising Events

Unfortunately, due to Covid 19 restrictions and government guidelines all fundraising events are suspended.

## 9. Plans for Community Projects

Our community projects have been restricted in 2020, but the Christmas tree and lights at the Rose gardens and Croft House gave the village a little cheer. (Additional lights have been purchased for next year). We also gave out some Christmas parcels in the absence of a Christmas lunch at Croft House. Thanks to Kath and Andrea for baking the mince pies and Christmas cakes. These were very well received, with lots of appreciative comments: - see one of the thank you emails below:

*“Thank you very much for the wonderful Christmas treats from U.H.C.A. I shall greatly enjoy them over Christmas. I am very touched by such generosity, totally undeserved. Thank you so much for the care you give to all this community. Very best wishes for a happy Christmas to you and all your family, and may 2021 be a happy and healthy year for you”.*

## **10. Croft House activities**

- Pre-School are the only group that have utilising Croft House since the 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020.
- The regular Art Group run by Alan on Friday afternoon will no longer take place as Alan has further health issues and has now retired. We would like to support a new art group if a tutor can be found. This subject will be discussed at the next CHRMC meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021, as Pre-School have also made a request for more hours.

## **11. Website**

The website domain name “upperhoptonvillage.co.uk” was renewed from Gandi International on the 23 Jan 2021 for two years. Cost £17.74

## **12. Hopton in Bloom**

We received a very generous donation of £1000 from the estate of John and we will be discussing how best to use this at our next meeting on February 10<sup>th</sup>

We have entered for the Green Flag Community Park award again this year. Following the latest lockdown, we have not been able to work as a group.

The telephone box continues to have some wonderful displays the present one for the national garden bird count.

Roger is to repair the archways from the Rose Garden to the car park

Thanks to Kirklees, all our garden waste has been removed from Croft House

## **13. News from the Pre-School**

Rachel reported that Pre-School continues to meet in Croft House under strict regulations for Covid19, and there is still a waiting list as all the places are full.

There have been no cases of Covid19 among staff or children and the staff are beginning to have their vaccinations

## **14. News from Club.**

The Committee has decided that subscriptions will be payable either online or by posting through the letterbox at the Club. The Subs will be the same as those for a full year.

One of their members John, has sadly been diagnosed with Motor Neurone disease and is fundraising for a motorised wheelchair. Donations may be made to

GoFundMe, <https://gofund.me/efba8a7b> or by posting through the Club or Travellers letterboxes.

## **15. News from St John’s Church.**

St John’s is open for private prayer only on Sundays 2-3 pm

Each Sunday’s Eucharist Service from St Mary’s will be live streamed on Facebook at 10:30. (Access via the MTP website [www.mirfieldteamparish.org](http://www.mirfieldteamparish.org) and click on the Facebook icon on the right side of the homepage)

Evening Prayer will be said live on Facebook on Monday Evenings at 8pm. You can find a resource for prayer on the MTP 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/mirfirdteamparish> .

## 16. AOB

### Barbara

James Would like to let it be known that his mother, Barbara, is recovering in Ward 2 at Dewsbury Hospital. On Tuesday (26<sup>th</sup>) she fell at home and was great pain around her hip. She was taken to Pinderfields and assessed where obviously a hip fracture was considered. Following x-rays and scans etc. we will all be delighted to learn that this had not happened but probably her pelvis was damaged.

As she was unable to mobilise satisfactorily a period of rehabilitation (probably 2 weeks) at Dewsbury was prescribed. She will be on the mend and hopefully back home soon. She is pain free as she is on good strong analgesics and is enjoying chatting to the ladies around her! Action, Gail to paint a card, and then when she is home flowers will be sent.

**Popplewell Photos** Roger has all these incredibly interesting photographs, which are a valuable social history. He has digital versions and wonders if anyone or who knows someone who would like to archive the originals. Please contact him directly if you do.

### The 200 Club Draw for December 2020:

Alison and Tony made the draws

1st prize £50,	53
2nd Prize £25,	122
3rd Prize £10.	55

The new numbers were placed in the bag for the January Draw

The 200 Club Draw for January 2021

1st prize £50,	102
2nd Prize £25,	137
3rd Prize £10.	08

Subs are now overdue for the 200 Club for 2021 @ £15 per annum per number. If you wish to buy a new number please contact the secretary who will pass on your request to Margaret

**Date of next Meeting will be on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 at 7.30 by Zoom .**

## Appendix 1

### Correspondence from the Bus Service Team

Summary of Changes from 20<sup>th</sup> February

261 Cleckheaton – Heckmondwike – Roberttown – Mirfield – Kirkheaton – Huddersfield

Operated by Arriva

This service will be extended from Mirfield via Kirkheaton to Huddersfield, partially replacing withdrawn service 262. The service will operate hourly Monday to Saturday, and every two hours on Sundays.

262 Brighouse – Mirfield – Kirkheaton – Huddersfield

Operated by Yorkshire Tiger

This service will be withdrawn. The Mirfield – Kirkheaton – Huddersfield section will be replaced by extended Arriva service 261 operating hourly Monday to Saturday and every two hours on Sundays.

Letter to Bus Team from Jeremy

I am a resident of Upper Hopton. I learnt of the changes that are about to happen to our 262 through a forwarded message to our councillor, Vivien Lees-Hamilton, to our Community Association. (UHCA)

I have tried over and over to find the new timetable on your website (which proudly proclaims the new timetable is available for 2018!)

Please help me find the new timetable for the bus that passes through Upper Hopton (261/262) which includes the first and last services.

Yours Sincerely,

Jeremy

PS Some of the Stops are incorrectly labelled around Upper Hopton e.g. 45020614 Is at the club formerly known as the Working Men's Club. It does not wish to be called that anymore. The Upper Hopton Club is it's current & correct name; 45020613 There are not two WMC (clubs) in the village!. This stop (which I can see from my office) approximates to the Upper Hopton Community Association (U.H.C.A.) and would be regarded as the true Hub of the village; 45020610 The Freemasons Arms was closed (sadly) over a decade ago and is now housing. I suppose there is plenty of precedence in bus timetables for keeping this name however irrelevant it has become!

Update 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb from Jeremy I heard back promptly from Metroline.

Unfortunately they have not finalised the new timetable for the proposed 261 to replace the 262. I do hope it will be forthcoming and allows some evening journeys.