

Minutes Hopton in Bloom Wednesday February 15th 2017 at 11.15 am in St John's Meeting Room

1. **Minutes of last meeting** on Wednesday October 26th 2016 Proposed by Margaret and seconded by Anne

2. Matters arising.

Christmas celebration at the Club. We all really enjoyed the evening and the food was lovely. We need more helpers to clear up at the end of the evening. It was suggested we buy a couple of small plastic trugs to carry a washing up dishes up to the sink upstairs

4. Financial Report @ 15.02.17

We have had an **expenditure** of £1828.10

Calendar 2017 £8.40 - Plants £609.20 - Compost & Feed £35.91 - Building Projects £785.79 - Advertising £22.52 - Miscellaneous £366.28

Miscellaneous expenditure includes - Website expenses & Thornhill Insurance

Building & Projects expenditure includes – planter expenses, tree survey & felling.

5. Report Calendar 2017 and Plans for Calendar 2018

To date we have collected £1344 for the calendars.

Last year made £1500 but as John F did all the computer artwork this year our outgoings were reduced.

We have about 50 left over. Maybe we should just print 300 next year.

It is time consuming getting money from sponsors. Thanks to John for all the art work and to Kath for collecting the sponsor money. Next year will Kath need help to chase up sponsor

6. Aims for the Future

- Recreation Ground

It needs a blitz but also more tidying. We need a plan for it as Kirklees are short of funds. It was agreed that we would all meet in Rec at 9.30 next week to discuss a plan.

- Archway to Rec from Croft House

Again we need a plan and design and it was suggested that we have a wrought metal one from Paul. We need to prune the rhododendrons and brambles back.

It was suggested that we erect finger posts and these would be useful at the Fete, as some newcomers into the village may not be aware of our activities it was suggested we have a name on Croft House

- New planter in front of Croft House

Thanks to Roger for making it. The other planters which have been moved looked good in their new position by the water butts.

- New planters in church yard. Thanks to Alison for staining them and planting them up. St John's Business Team is very grateful as they brighten up the exit from the churchyard.

- Team work with Cricket Club

We keep trying to engage and have provided them with shrubs attractive to bees and butterflies. They are happy to look after the ground themselves.

- Tree works around Croft House The area looks brilliant with a lot more space and light between the trees. We have been clearing away the stones and planting woodland plants.

- Gateway in Recreation Ground. The wrought iron safety gateway will be completed soon.

Progress Stone Sets will be made when the weather is dry.

We need to move the metal strips at the safety gate to make a nice border. It was suggested we use the diamondplastic matting to let grass grow through.

7. Spring Judging YiB

There is a drop in session on **Sat 11th March** at the Tithe Barn, Poppleton near York, postcode YO26 6LF which will run from 10am-3pm for any new entrants to ask any questions or advice. Please publicise this to any entries you know or are considering it

8. Plans for Planting for Summer 2017

Alison will look after 7 barrels and is doing these from scratch. Lynne will take on her two and Anita and Sandra will do the ones at the Chip shop. Richard will do Hopton Drive and Avenue. It was decided to try to use perennials wherever possible. One suggestion is to use lavender. People will take ownership of these barrels.

Some have vine weevil. There are still the ones around Croft House to plant up.

Ideas for the Circles this year:- the verbena still in and Margaret will have a think about what to plant.

9. Garden Trail Date for July 8th 2017

Ongoing

10. K6 telephone Box

We had lots of publicity with John B Anne and Sandra appearing on Look North. It looks lovely again with a Snow theme and next we will have a Spring theme and then Easter. We could put some Art work in Chip Shop window. We have declared an interest with Kirklees so it should soon be ours.

The idea for a Flag needs revisiting

11. Round the Team.

Sharing information and queries.

Roger; the area behind the garages need clearing of stones and rubbish.

Margaret is going to do brambles behind Croft House.

Lynne proposed we buy new secateurs.

Claire suggested we have a wild flower area in the community orchard

One of our wheel barrows seems to have disappeared!

12. Preschool Planned Activities.

Wednesday March 1st planting seeds sweet peas, nasturtiums and potatoes.

Wednesday March 8th meet for photo with End Polio Now campaign and Sue Young Chair of Rotary with the crocuses now in bloom.

Monday April 3rd Children together with parents and carers visit St John's for the Easter story.

13. AOB

Glen does not want to deliver flyers anymore and we have several to circulate. It was agreed that we should divide the village into sections and we can all deliver some.

Jumble sale on March 11th. Refreshments Tea, coffee and biscuits

Date of next meeting will be Wednesday March 15th 11.15 2017 in St John's Meeting Room