

Minutes UHCA February 7th 2020 in Croft House

2. Minutes of the last meeting on January 7th, 2020 were proposed by Alison, Andrea seconded and all were in favour.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes.

We need to obtain a quotation for a new bench for Jane.

Potholes and reflective posts; Chris has contacted Viv who went to take photos and referred to Kirklees.

4. Correspondence

From John

Hi Chris, Just an update regarding Carr Mount.

The 6 months period allowed by the Secretary of State for Kirklees to resolve the footpath issue is now past.

I have contacted the case officer dealing with the application at Kirklees planning this week who informed me they expect that this case will not be considered until late 2020. This is not acceptable and I am now in the process of contacting the Government body who set the Direction Decision for guidance as to how to move forward with this.

Regards John

Thanks were expressed to John for pursuing this matter in the interests of all who use the footpath.

From Martyn Bolt, Hi Chris,

Your agenda for UHCA nudged me to write.

At one time I think UHCA had a member who attended meetings in Kirkheaton or similar to deal with the planning and section 106 contributions from the quarry/landfill, do you still have that link?

Money from that works is being used to repair the B6118, which has only recently been publicised and I know that the potential for vehicles using Northgate /Wood lane causes concerns Were UHCA aware of the plans?

We have lost the contact from Kirkheaton and are not aware of the plans. The B6118 is closed from 5.02.20 for repairs but will in future be closed for two years to repair the three bridges (Railway, Canal and River) at the bottom of Bog Green Lane.

5. Financial Report

Kath reported the figures for January

Income		Expenditure	
200 Club subs	£750	200 Club January	£85
HiB Stone Slabs etc	£239	Indoor Christmas tree +cover	£198
		Bins and tea towels	£39
		LED light bulbs	£63
		Stone cutting blade and work done	£84
		Hot Cupboard hire Leech Catering	£66
		Dolby Plumbers Installing new taps	200
		Tiger Skip Hire - Clearing grounds	£150
		Stone slabs HiB	£239
		Flip lid boxes for Bottle Tombola	£20
		Fridge-freezer and removal of old one	£255
	£989	Total	£1399

Roger thanked Kath for her report.

6. Croft House Maintenance.

• We installed a new fridge freezer in the Croft House kitchen last week. A larger fridge size has been chosen to give us more storage capacity when we hold functions. Thanks to Kath and Andrea's search, we obtained a fridge for £240.

• Due to leak problems, all the basin taps in the ladies' and gents' toilets were replaced on the 14th Jan. Cost £200.

• We are obtaining a revised quotation from Alectrifix for the installation of twenty LED GU10 downlights (ten each side) to replace the strip lights in Croft House main hall. (The quote arrived shortly after the meeting and the cost for removal of the old lighting and installation of the new is £690).

- We have obtained preliminary quotations for two Croft House car park lights. The cost of two lights is £830 with a further £342 for installation costs. Total £1172. Costs given include VAT. The lamp standards are a galvanised finish therefore, we also obtained an additional quote for painting to our specification which was (£182) (etching primer is required but we will probably do this ourselves, along with the galvanised railings by the steps). All voted in favour.

- Michael H is assessing the internal wall around the archway at the front of Croft House for repair / pointing. This is in readiness for when we replace the windows and door. The repair work will involve hire of tower scaffolding, temporary protection of the floor and can only be carried out during the Pre-School holidays. Half term or Easter holidays might be an option. A quote will be obtained for both wood and black plastic windows (one option will be Wood & Laycock, who installed the hardwood window at the front of Croft House in August 2016).

- Following the large quarterly water bill, we obtained in December for £451 for use of 140m³ of water; the tap adjacent to the Rose Gardens has been fixed. Our water use has been monitored and we have used 6.4m³ in just over a month, so we seem to be back in control.

7. Croft House Management Committee Report

- The Committee met on Jan 21st to receive the annual accounts.
- The fees for the regular lets are to remain the same as last year. The fee for a private let for Friday or Saturday evening was reduced from £125 to £100.

8. Health & Safety

A problem with the emergency light in the front entrance lobby needs to be resolved. Roger to discuss with Alectrifix.

Preparation of a revised Health & Safety policy is ongoing. A draft will be made available before the UHCA meeting in March. (A revision was necessary as the Management Committee and the UHCA/HIB now have separate insurance policies).

9. Plans for Fundraising Events

- Jumble Sale March 7th, 9.30am. Jumble should be left at Croft House Friday 6th March between 5.00 and 7.00pm.
- A Murder Mystery Evening is booked for Saturday 21st March 2020. A three-course meal will be served. Tickets are £15 and are available from Chris or Roger.
- Spring Craft Fair Saturday April 18th. Tables £15. We have requests for four tables so far. See www.upperhoptonvillage.co.uk/UHCA for table application or contact Roger on rogerleedham11@gamil.com or 01924 493568.
- Alison will do flyers and A3 posters for the three events.
- A possible quiz (James) and Theatre evening is still being investigated.

10. Reports and plans on Community Projects

- Book Group meetings; Monday February 10th and 24th 15.30 -17.00.
- Several bookings have been made for the Upper Hopton Fete 25th July 2020, but we are also interested in new ideas. There will be a Fete meeting on Tuesday 18th February 2.00 pm to share ideas. We need help to find a Pets Corner.
- We have a proposal for a fortnightly games afternoon on Monday if there is enough interest. Games included are scrabble, cards, dominos and Mah Jong. 3.30 till 5 pm.
- At our last meeting it was suggested that we might have a VE day event at Croft House but on the weekend 8th to 10th May, lots of events already seem to have been organised in Mirfield town centre. It might therefore be an option to include something at our Fete. It was agreed to have the VE theme for a tent organised by Toni.
- Autumn Coffee Morning will be held on November 7th.

11 Hopton in Bloom.

Kath's reported that the Entry Green Flag 2020 and been completed and all the information has been uploaded to web. Green Flag will contact us if they need more details and we are able to send information to the judge when we are contacted.

Thanks are due to Michael for building up the circles in the Rose Garden and all agreed he had made a splendid job which will enable us to improve the planting there. A thank you card is to be sent to Michael from Hopton in Bloom.

The urns have been taken out, stored in the container and we are to consider if they are to be used as bird baths in wild garden and elsewhere.

Projects in Hand

Finish Circles

Complete Yew hedges and mixed hedge near the churchyard gate.

Revamp 3rd circle on banking

Fish shop needs revamping and the boarding needs replacing. Roger is to ask Michael if he can do this. Inside needs to be cleared but it is full of Fete materials.

The beds around the edging in Rec are to be tackled once a month as a team.

Construct a path at rear of Croft House and planting scheme for shade.

Finish gateways –chase up Paul for wrought ironwork, Richard will chase him up.

Sophie R has very kindly donated a large stone for the entrance to the Rec, which will be suitable to display the green flag plaque and several long coping stones for the gateway between the churchyard and the Recreation Ground. Richard Hused his tractor to move the big stone and Michael moved the coping stones with members of the team loading them into his van. Thank you cards to be sent to all three.

Hopefully we can organise another day with young families in the Rec at half term

Sadly, there has been lots of fly tipping of large stones and bricks in the verge opposite church (also Hopton Hall Lane opposite Elmwood Close and the school).

12 News from the Preschool

The news is all good with lots of children attending regularly. HiB have asked if Preschool would like to put display in the Telephone box between Valentine and Easter

13 Croft House Cookies Tuesday February 25th

14 News from Club

- Coffee morning on Saturday February 15th 10.30-12
- The Club has been refurbished and looks light and bright
- March 13th Beetle Drive
- April Quiz
- 27th June Wimbledon themed event.
- They are also planning a Boules tournament.
- The chosen charity for this year is Mesothelioma UK

15 News from St John's Church.

March 6th -World Day of Prayer for Everybody at Salvation Army in a different format, being a Breakfast from 7am-8am; A Prayer Meeting from 1:30pm-2:30pm and Soup & Roll from 6pm-7pm. There will be prayer stations for the full 12 hours.

Coffee Morning March 28th 10 till 12

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Domain name upperhoptonvillage.co.uk has been renewed by annual payment of an £8.77 fee.

200 Draw for January 2020

1st Prize £50. 41.

2nd Prize £25 5

3rd Prize £10. 173

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

Date of next Meeting will be on Tuesday March 3rd at 7.30 pm in Croft House

