

## Minutes UHCA October 1st 2019 following the AGM in Croft House

### 2. Minutes of the last meeting September 3rd 2019

Proposed by Kath and seconded by Margaret and all in favour,

### 3. Matters arising from the minutes.

- The new Croft House car park sign has been purchased and is ready to install. "Car Park for Croft House & Church Use Only" (cost £155).
- The 100 new chairs have been delivered at a cost of £3550. The 80 old chairs have been sold for £240.

### 4. Correspondence.

Email 25 Sept. 2019 from Hugh Baker (Vicar of Mirfield)

*At St. John's Church Upper Hopton we are keeping Sunday the 13th October as Volunteers' Sunday. To mark this, we are inviting some of the many volunteer organisations working in Mirfield and Hopton to a special service. UHCA is one of the organisations chosen for this year.*

*Attached is an invitation to the service which will start at 11:15 on the 13th. We would be delighted if you and any other members of your group are able to join us.*

*There is also an opportunity for you or someone in your group to speak for a couple of minutes about the work you are doing and any future plans. If you would like to take this opportunity to share, then please let me know.*

Email 29 Sept 2019 from Amanda on behalf of Preschool

*Are we ok to hang our Christmas banner in the trees at Croft House? Before I buy one, I wanted to gather permission.*

The Pre-School event is a 'Christmas Artisan Market' and is on Sunday 1st December.

It was agreed that the banner should go up after Autumn Fair on November 16<sup>th</sup> and taken down immediately after the market.

### 5. Financial Report.

We have an opening balance of £10,199.32 for this year but there was an outstanding amount of £3550 to pay for the 100 new chairs.

### 6. Croft House maintenance

- More LED lightbulbs have recently been installed in the entrance lobby. We need to purchase another seven bulbs for the main hall at approximately £12 each.
- A replacement tap has been fitted in the kitchen at a cost of £150.
- Portable Appliance Testing is now due.
- We will be purchasing a new fridge freezer for the kitchen.

### 7. Plans and reports for fund raising events.

- 'Wine My Bluff' Friday October 4th 7.30pm. Tickets are available from Roger and Chris at £10 each which includes all the tasting wine. There will also be a bar. We have two panellists but need a third. Anne volunteered to run the bar. Raffle prizes are also needed. Proceeds from the evening will go to the British Heart Foundation (Mirfield Branch).
- The UHCA/St John's Autumn Coffee Morning will be on November 16th 10.00am to 2.00pm. A bottle stall might be included.
- Casino night proposed for November. We need volunteer croupiers otherwise it will not happen.
- It was agreed at the last meeting that we should have a Theatre Night. The Library Theatre who has performed for us previously is no longer available. An enquiry has been sent to Mikron Touring Theatre.

### 8. Plans and Reports for Community Projects.

- Village 'Christmas Lunch' Friday 13th December 2019, to start at 3 pm Chris Brian has confirmed that the guitar group will be able to perform for us. Decided not to give out chocolates as presents but to continue with the raffle
- 'Carols around the Tree' Saturday 21st December 2019. 6 pm Jane Clay has confirmed that the Clifton and Lightcliffe Band will be available to play for us. We need to obtain or purchase a Christmas tree for the Rose Garden area. Sandra has one.

### 9. Hopton in Bloom.

The AGM will be held on Wednesday November 20<sup>th</sup> at 11 am and all are welcome to come along

We are grateful to Andy Goff for arranging for four volunteers from Cummings in Leeds to come and work in the Recreation ground.

They have cleared a lot of the saplings and overhanging branches at the bottom right corner of the Rec. This would make an ideal woodland trail for young children to explore. We need to have working parties of your families to help with the project.

#### **10. News and reports from the Club.**

There will be a Friday night quiz but the date is not confirmed.

#### **11. Croft House Cookies (W.I.)**

Meeting Tuesday October 22nd

On Friday 18th October Island Truffle and Treats which is an open Event in Croft House with Steak and veg pie supper.

#### **12. News from the Cricket Club.**

Closed Season.

The Annual Dinner is on Nov 8th Healds Hall

#### **13. News from Preschool.**

The new soft surface for the play area was completed on the 23 September 2019 and has improved the appearance of the play area.

They now need new toys now. Artisan Fair December 1st.

#### **14. News and reports from St John's Church and Team Parish.**

The Scarecrow Festival was a huge success and enjoyed by all who took part. There were some fantastic scarecrows and the children enjoyed it immensely. Now on the website <https://www.upperhoptonvillage.co.uk/scarecrow-festival>

Some scarecrows were taken up to the harvest auction at the Club after the Songs of Parise for the Harvest Festival.

The Organ Party was also a great success and Anna Lapwood has promised to return to give another recital when the organ is fully restored,

Community Service for Volunteers Sunday October 13th at 11.15 a.m, which will start at 11:15 on the 13th. We would be delighted if you and any other members of your group are able to join us.

All are invited to the Dedication Service for St John's which is the 173rd anniversary of our church in the village. It is on Sunday October 27th at 11.15 followed by lunch in Croft House

#### **15. AOB**

- Because of a private Croft House booking the Christmas trimmings must be removed before the 4th January 2020.
- The annual subscription for WIX website (£122) is due. Roger and John are discussing.
- Who are we asking to Christmas party? It was felt that we should limit the number of guests to 50.
- Joan raised the issue of workmen parking in Croft House car park and making access difficult for parents with young children attending Pre-School. Roger to address.
  
- Other fundraising ideas: brass bands with a Picnic in the park.

#### **The 200 Club Draw for September**

1st prize £50; 6

2nd Prize £25. 151

3rd Prize £10. 154

**Date of next meeting will be on Tuesday November 5th at 7.30 pm in Croft House**