

Minutes Hopton in Bloom Wednesday September 9th 2015
at St John's Church at 11.30a.m.

2. Minutes of last meeting Wednesday June 17th 2015 at St John's Church at 11 a.m. Propose Sue seconded by Anne

3. Matters arising. Wall at entrance to Cricket field has been planted with various appropriate plants

4. Financial Report @ 07/09/15

Alison reported we have had an expenditure on the - Garden Trail, Plants, Compost, Equipment, Projects and Advertising

An income Garden Trail and Calendar Sponsors

PETTY CASH Our petty cash balance at the end of last month was £127.93. Since then we have had an expenditure of Garden Trail, Plants, Compost.

An income from the Garden Trail Calendar Plants

5. Report Calendar 2016. The calendar is now with the printer. There is to be a better system next year, to choose photos with good print quality first and then choose from them. The calendars are to go on sale at the Coop all day on 5th December. We need a rota with Margaret and Kath on first. Do we know where the signs are? They will also be for sale at Christmas coffee morning and other events (suggest a launch on Oct 24th at Preschool Table Top sale. (Action Chris) A suggested theme for next year was considered **Events in Upper Hopton**. All approved. We need to take photos of all future events beginning with the harvest and auction.

6. Yorkshire in Bloom Awards Ceremony at York September 8th. Report and Judges Comments. We were delighted to receive a Gold Award and Joint category winners in Village 1B and a Discretionary Award for Small Community. Detailed reports circulated and on the web.

Well done all the team and all who support HiB!

7. Report Garden Trail July 8th 2015. Although we increased the price of the programme to £4 and the attendance was much the same as last year, we are missing the donation from Gail, who normally does something at the club for us but was not able to this year.

All the unopened wine has been returned and the left over soft drinks and crisps have been saved and will be used at the Village Fete as will plates and napkins etc.

If there is anything you want clearing up or have any comments please Alison know. We did have a big spread in the Reporter this week - almost a page. We did send our own report before the event but unfortunately because they didn't ask us until late in the week we didn't get it in in time to print. It was still not bad though.

I will send a letter of thanks to all open gardens in due course.

Financial report sent out to all.

Date for Garden Trail 2016 is July 9th Format for next year may be slightly changed.

Alison will definitely need help on the day so please make sure everyone is around to help and a rota will be prepared well in advance.

We could use a Marquee for garden trail for coffee and tea and soft drinks.

Kath thanked Alison for the tremendous amount of work she undertakes to ensure the day is a great success.

8. Planting autumn 2015 and summer 2016. Margaret suggested polyanthus as they give the best value and always a good show. They are a safe option and we can recycle them. 200 Blue muscari to be ordered to go with the tete a tete in pots- possibly plant then with preschool. Summer planting is to be discussed later.

9. Planting Shrubs at Cricket Club. Paul is cooperating with siting the water butt and plans to plant a wild flower garden where the soil has been tipped near the Community Orchard. The season will soon be ending giving him more time to devote to improving the surrounds.

10. Plans for Telephone Box for autumn and Christmas. Telephone box team is to change it at regular intervals and all the basics are in the fish shop. The planning needs to be a shared thing. Sandra and Anita would like to do an arrangement for the box after Christmas. The Original idea was a Plant Theatre and the Fuchsias and arrangements

recently installed are doing well. John B has made a wooden plaque with Hopton in Bloom on and this has been put in it.

Displays for Harvest, Halloween, Remembrance, Calendar, and Christmas are already planned and Roger is to do an A3 poster for the calendar. Further discussion next week at teatime

11. Barrels repositioning. Alison emailed *My opinion is that the brown barrels are removed and we just have the three teacups. I like Margaret's idea of putting a small silver birch in one, under planted with black grasses and tulips and topped with gravel, the other two made up to compliment them. It would be nice to get a decision one way or another so that we can get everything together and do it all at once. If the decision is to move some of the barrels I wouldn't mind three for Fairway I also think the hairdressers could do with two.* It was decided to leave the just three tea cup tubs and to follow Alison's plans for the brown barrels and Roger also needs some. Silver birch, or Magnolia Stellata and black grass may be planted in the tea cup. We are to think about summer planting at next meeting.

12. New wooden custom made planters for Croft House. Roger and John have ideas to construct these.

13. Round the Team. Sharing information and queries.

The Britain in Bloom Banner is to come to come down and Roger is to design a banner advertising our success in Yorkshire in Bloom.

Roger and Richard attended the orchard pruning course at the Northern Fruit Group lesson on summer pruning and said it was excellent and they were actually pruning the trees themselves.

There is another session on 16th of this month, and then another for winter pruning. Need to put round land barrier around the fruit trees so grass does not impinge on them.

Dog poo in long grass. There is evidence of some by goal posts. New signs have been placed in rec and Roger will cut long grass and then return to reseed in front of the goal posts. It was suggested that we ask Kirklees to contribute to fund our grass cutting.

Need to follow up on the proposed arch way. New front door is needed for the fish shop as it is a bit grotty.

The Lights will soon be finished for installation in container and we need new car battery if anyone has a spare. Solar panels have been installed on roof of container.

14. Preschool letter of thanks. Circulated

15. New Gates to Recreation Ground. The gates are now in place. John would like a volunteer to paint them, light oak when work has finished and to give them a wash and rub down first. The sets are being put in place.

16. Christmas tree offer. *We would be very happy if you can use our overgrown Christmas Tree at Cheviot Way. We planted it many years ago after using it indoors one Christmas. Now at just over 12 feet tall it is getting out of hand and we need to get rid of it. It is quite nice but has uneven growth on the side towards the house. If you can make use of it could you please let me know before bonfire night so that it can go on the bonfire. If you want it, it can stay where it is till you need it regards. Alan.* Roger is to look at it.

17. Christmas Party. After discussion some wanted to have bash in Croft House with everyone bringing something to share and others preferred to go out maybe January or February to Healds Hall or similar. All agreed to decide on October 14.

18. AOB Paul has given a donation of £50 to HiB

It was suggested and agreed that we put tea and coffee up to £1 and small buns for 50p. at future events

Date of next meeting will be Wednesday October 14th. 11.15 am in St John's