



Roger expressed sympathy and our condolences to the family of Freda Grainger, who died peacefully in hospital this morning. She was a member of UHCA for many years and a regular attendee at our meetings. He also sent congratulations to Ernest Senior on his 95th birthday on Sunday.

2 Minutes of the last meeting June 6th 2017 proposed by Margaret and seconded by Alison and all in favour.

3 Matters arising from the minutes. Gail thanks everyone for sponsoring her on the Midnight Walk for Kirkwood Hospice.

4 Correspondence.

The Huddersfield Examiner has stated that Kirklees are carrying out Health and Safety Inspections on all children's playgrounds. All equipment failing the test will be removed and will not be replaced.

5 Website. Update on website www.upperhoptonvillage.co.uk.

Stewart has made an offer to sponsor an alternative calendar for the website and we will be discussing the options next week. Roger and John F. to look at this with Stewart.

6 Financial Report.

Kath presented her report.

Income		Expenditure	
Donation for Fete etc	£250	200 Club for June	£85
		Roof Repair	£85
Total	£250		£170

7 Maintenance Team.

Extension and Refurbishment Projects. During the heavy rain last week we had a large leak in the kitchen roof to the left hand side of the fridge. We have a quote from Dan for refurbishment of the old flat roof over the kitchen. Dan has given two options, single or two layers of felt. The second option for a two layer protection at £1240 is the preferred option. We do need to move quickly with this repair to avoid further damage and costs.

Roger proposed that we go for the two layer option and all were in favour.

There was a second leak in the rear entrance lobby which is not as serious as the one in the kitchen; this will involve removal of the large stone tiles and installation of new internal plaster-board. We have no costs for this work but the kitchen leak must take priority.

Kirklees Building Control has been informed of the installation of the railings (photographs sent) at the rear of Croft House but we have had no response to date.

Only one other request for a replacement Croft House front door key has been received. So it must be assumed that everyone else is happy with their keys.

8 Plans and reports for fund raising events.

Murder Mystery Evening Saturday September 23rd at 7 pm. Buffet supper and bar.

List of tickets John F and Roger will do tickets

9 Plans and Reports for Community Projects.

The Book Group will meet on Monday 10th & 24th July 2017 at Croft House 3.30pm to 5.00pm.

The 2017 Village Fete and Heritage Event will be on the Saturday 29th July.

We are holding a Fete progress meeting in Croft House to discuss progress and outstanding issues on Wednesday 5th July at 3.00pm to 4.00pm.

Please try to come along. Although we have some volunteers we need more to help with the different stalls and activities.

Under the supervision of John Farren, we will be starting the installations for the Fete on Friday 28th July. If you would like to help with this please contact John on jsfarren@gmail.com, or just turn up. The Bunting is to go up too on Friday afternoon.

Thanks to Richard Haigh for allowing us to use his field again for parking. Please note that the small disabled car park will be used by the Morris Dancing Teams and the large car park in front of Croft House will be for disabled parking only.

We need raffle and lots and lots of Tombola prizes, cakes for sale in Croft House and the coffee tent would be very much appreciated.

The Fete program design is almost complete and will be going to the printers next week. Entry will be by ticket this year and we need volunteers to sell tickets to their friends and neighbours.

We also need one more gazebo for the Fete if anyone has one we could use. Margaret has a small one. Thanks to the Reporter for their dedication of a full page article for the Fete on June 29th.

Darren and Toni will be displaying the Heritage Exhibition in Upper Hopton Club. The theme of the exhibition is "Hopton at Play", so if you have any artefacts or photographs that could be displayed on the day please let us know. Autumn Fair will be held on November 18th 10am till 2 pm in Croft House.

10 Hopton in Bloom. The Garden Trail will be on Saturday July 8th 10 am till 4pm

Alison needs donations of cakes and volunteers to help in Croft House.

Please help by tidying the village in general for all our visitors.

We have some 40 entries for the Calendar Photo competition. The entries will be judged on Friday 21st July, at 7.30 in Croft House. KATH IS REFEREE.

11 News and reports from the Club.

12 Croft House Cookies

Laura reported that the Craft Group meet on 11th. The meeting on July 25th will be on the Art of Garden Design and will be at ladies only with tickets at £3

13 News from the Cricket Club Season is in full swing with lots of matches taking place. There is a Horse Racing Night July 14th and the Club will be hosting other clubs on August 20th.

14 News from Preschool. Week commencing 22nd May, all the children completed the Sponsored Nature Trail, which was a huge success and raised a staggering £508.50. Thank you so much to those who sponsored the children and helped make the Trail possible. Tea towels have been printed with children's hand prints and are selling well.

Summer fun evening with children's disco, time 4.30 until 6p.m held on June 23rd was a great success. 21st July is our last day of term before closing for the summer break. We send our best wishes to the children moving on to school this summer and look forward to welcoming new children during next term. Our student, Amber, has passed her exams so will be leaving in September to take up her new placement. We wish her well in her studies for her degree. We are now looking to recruit a Child Care Practitioner with level 3 qualifications.

Toni has been appointed Relief Child Care practitioner and we are very grateful for her support. Our financial position is much improved and we have a viable number of children to begin the new school year. Thanks to Ruth for producing a fantastic newsletter which is now on our village website

15 News and reports from St John's Church and the Team Parish.

We have now recruited a new gardener for the churchyard who we hope is wild life friendly and will come on a fortnightly basis during the growing season. Anyone wishing to donate to the cost of maintaining the churchyard may contribute through the Friends of Upper Hopton Parish Church.

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PET SERVICE - We are having a Pet Service on Sunday 30th July at St Paul's Church at 10.00am. Please come along and bring your pets with you.

St John's Quiz with Pie and Pea Supper on October 7th in Croft House.

The Autumn Fair will be on November 18th in Croft House. This will be held between 10 till 2 pm with a few stalls at £10 a stall. Tickets will be £2.50 to include tea or coffee and a cake. There will be light lunches e.g. soup.

Harvest Festival at St John's will be on October 1st at 11.15 am followed by a Harvest Songs of Praise at 6 pm and then we go to Club for the Harvest Auction.

Dedication Service at 11.15 in St John's followed by lunch in Croft House Sunday October 29th Guest Preacher will be Rev Simon Cash from Dewsbury Minister.

Family services 9.45am at St Mary's on the following dates

September 10, October 1 (Harvest), November 5

Children's workshops: crafts and activities with a religious theme in St Mary's Community Centre 2pm-4pm

September 17th, and November 19th (Christmas workshop/party)

2018 Churches together in Mirfield Lent Course- 2018 based on the film 'The Theory of Everything' to be shown at St Paul's on Shrove Tuesday evening (13/02/18) after a Pancake Supper.

A five week course will take place in Churches in Mirfield

16 AOB.

Roger's research at the West Yorkshire Archives in Huddersfield shows that in 1949 Charles Sutcliffe's executors handed over the Recreation Ground and Cricket Field (or Playing Field as it was called then) to the Mirfield District Council. This is recorded in the Mirfield Council Minutes dated 28th September 1949. The words in the minutes are as follows:

46. "C. E. SUTCLIFFE" PLAYING FIELD AND RECREATION GROUND.

Letters, dated the 26th instant, from Messrs. Goodall & Son, Solicitors, relative to the transfer of the "C. E. Sutcliffe" Playing Field and Recreation Ground at Upper Hopton were submitted, and instructions given thereon.

The Mirfield "Highways and General Purpose Committee" minutes dated the 20th July 1949 also stated the following:

31. "C. E. SUTCLIFFE" PLAYING FIELD AND RECREATION GROUND.

Letters, dated the 7th July, 1949, from Messrs. Goodall & Son, Solicitors, relative to the "C. E. Sutcliffe" Children's Playing Field and the "C. E. Sutcliffe" Recreation Ground at Upper Hopton, were submitted, and the Members of the Parks and Open Spaces Committee reported upon their inspection thereof on the 11th instant.

RESOLVED:- (a) That the offer of the Executors and Beneficiaries of the Will of the late Mr. C. E. Sutcliffe to present to the District Council the Children's Playing Field at Upper Hopton, on the conditions now mentioned, to be accepted with thanks and that the further offer of Mr. T. R. Sutcliffe to give a sum of £100 to be used by the Council to improve the amenities of such Playing Field will also be accepted with thanks;

(b) That the offer of the Trustees of the "C. E. Sutcliffe" Recreation Ground to hand over the Recreation Ground to the District Council, together with the sum of £50 to be used by the Council for the purpose of improving the amenities of such ground, on the conditions now mentioned be accepted with thanks;

(c) That Messrs. Goodall & Son, Solicitors be instructed to act for and on behalf of the Council in connection with the transfer of these properties;

(d) That the common seal of the Council be affixed to the necessary documents, and
(e) That the Parks and Open Spaces Committee be requested to consider and report on the question of improving the amenities of these properties when the transfers have been effected.

Also mentioned in the council's minutes was the sale of the shoemaker's shop which was on the Recreation Field almost in the same position as the new cobbled entrance (the minute refers to what we now call the Recreation Field as the Playing Field, not sure why). The minutes read as follows:

The following business was transacted by the Council in Committee:-

56. *"C. E. SUTCLIFFE" PLAYING FIELD*

A letter, dated the 25th instant, from Mr. Fred Taylor, Auctioneer, relative to the sale of the Shoemaker's Shop standing on the "C. E. Sutcliffe" Playing Field, which is to be handed over to the Council by the Executors and Beneficiaries under the Will of the late C. E. Sutcliffe, as referred to in Minute No. 31 of the Highways and General Purpose Committee, was submitted.

RESOLVED:- That the council offer no objection to the sale of the Shoemaker's Shop to the person referred to in Mr. Taylor's letter of the 25th instant, subject to such person paying to the Council a ground rent of £1 per annum, when the land in question is vested in the Council.

The on the 28th July 1949 the Evening Post reported the following:

A FOOTBALL FIELD and a children's playing field at Upper Hopton have been given to Mirfield Urban Council and £150 towards their improvement has also been accepted by the Council.

NOTE that the above minutes do not necessarily give the full story and investigations are still ongoing into the history of the Recreation Field.

June 200 Club Draw 1st prize £50; 147
 2nd Prize £25. 36
 3rd Prize £10 9. (Kindly donated back to go towards roof repair).

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

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