



Minutes

Wednesday October
After the AGM in Croft

50 YEARS
RHS BRITAIN IN BLOOM



Silver Gilt Medal 2014

Present. Alison, Anne, Chris, Gail, Jean, John B, Kath (Chair), Lynne, Margaret, Roger, Russ, Sandra and Tony

1. Apologies Anita, Dammika, John F, Kath and Dennis, Richard and Toni.

2. Minutes of last meeting on Wednesday September 14th 2016 proposed by Sue and seconded by Anne.

3. Matters arising.

Vote on Yorkshire in Bloom Entry 2017. Do we wish to enter?

- a) Spring and Summer - unanimous vote against
- b) Summer - unanimous vote against
- c) Spring all voted for (if possible).
- d) Neighbourhood not considered.
- e) Not at all. n/a

We were each requested to consider **Aims for the Future** which we would like to see in Hopton.

It was suggested that we should put more emphasis on the Recreation ground which would involve clearing of Rhododendrons and wherever possible trimming the trees. The aim is not to plant more beds but to ensure the rec is a centre piece for the residents of our village who spend a lot of leisure time there.

A feature archway at the Entrance to the Rec from Croft House could be constructed as some visitors do not realize the connection to Croft House.

Another idea to encourage those who know little about shrubs and trees is to put names on them.

Upgrade the Sutcliffe Memorial.

We should continue to encourage and work with Cricket Club to enhance their grounds but ensure it is a haven for wildlife.

The trees in front of Croft House have been surveyed by Jonathan Cocking an Arboricultural Consultant as some are considered to be dangerous. This project is a joint one with UHCA, HiB and Croft House Management Committee contributing to the initial survey.

4. Financial Report as AGM

5. Report on Harvest Auction

The Harvest Songs of Praise September 25th 6pm at St John's followed by Harvest Auction 7 pm at Club was a great success and enjoyed by all, raising £1000 for three charities.

Thanks to all who helped to decorate the church Saturday Sept 24th 10 am and took donations for Auction to the Club after the Harvest Praise service

6. Garden Trail Date for Next Year July 8th 2017

7. Gateway in Recreation Ground. Progress wrought iron gateway. Paul Asquith has said that the railings and gate will be ready on Nov 4th and he will be installing them soon after. Stone pathway at the main entrance to be finished in 2 years

8. Plans for Planting for Spring 2017

The Bellis is coming next week and hebes, Green Dome, for the Drive and Avenue together with the violas for our banking the following week. Tulips have been planted in the herbaceous border and some are to go in entrance to Rec. Margaret has ordered red bellis for the war graves

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9. Calendar 2017.

The 300 calendars are now ready. Launch at the Co-op Saturday 26th November; 9-10 Margaret and Kath 10-11 Anne H and Chris 11-12 Tony and Alison. 12 - 1 Russ

Next year's theme is to be **Views on Local Walks** and it would be helpful if the entrants included the locations so that they can be printed on the Calendar 2018.

Roger will do A3 posters to go in the Phone box

They can also be sold at the Autumn Fair on Nov 12th and at the Winter Warmer at the Club.

10. Telephone Box has been decorated for Halloween and it looks fabulous. The next theme will be Remembrance Day and after that advertising the calendars

11. Round the Team. Sharing information and queries.

Sue is to begin working full time so will not be working on Wednesday except in school holidays.

Roger has taken shelves out of Container to go in new storeroom as they are too deep for the container.

Leaf bins have been made more accessible for removing the leaf mould.

Winter project is to wooden frame the leaf mound baskets

Wooden containers for front of Croft House; Earnshaw have some for £50 and they are substantial.

Kath and Alison are to go to buy one and see what it looks like in situ and if all approve other will be bought.

12. Preschool Planned Activities.

We are to plant Hyacinth bulbs in pots for Christmas presents on November 9th. The children and parents will be coming into St John's on Wednesday December 15th.

13 Christmas Celebration at the Club.

Date set for Saturday Dec 10th 7pm for 7.30. Lynne is to organise list of food to share so we don't all bring the same thing. We will all pay £2 for the consumables.

12. AOB

Date of next meeting will be February 15th 2017