

Roger began by offering Patsy and sister Sally our deepest sympathy on the death of their father Bob on the 24 Oct. His funeral service will be held at Dewsbury Moor Crematorium on Thursday November 9th 2017.

2 Minutes of the last meeting Oct 3rd 2017 Proposed by Malcolm and seconded by Janette.

3 Matters arising from the minutes.

The dispute over the footpath at Carr Mount is in process.

4 Correspondence.

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

The online calendar for the website has been changed. We previously used "Keep & Share" for which paid an annual subscription of £64 and we are now using a Google calendar which is embedded into our website. As we are a registered charity we do not pay any fees for the use of the Google calendar. The calendar has proved to be extremely useful and gives immediate visibility of the availability of Croft House, for the booking secretary and members of the public who may wish to use Croft House for parties etc.

6 Financial Report. Kath presented her report

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| | Donation | £25 | 200 Club Prizes X2 | £170 |
| | Takings Murder Mystery | £1304 | Food and Wine Murder Mystery | £195 |
| | | | Lock | £17 |
| | | | Deposit Punch and Judy (Fete) | £136 |
| | | | Shelf, smoke alarm, pan | £48 |
| | | | Printing | £12 |
| | | | Prizes Christmas Party | £8 |
| | | | ½ web cost | £56 |
| | total | £1371 | total | £922 |

Roger thanked Kath for her report.

7 Maintenance Team.

The floor strip between the kitchen and the entrance lobby has been glued into position (due to the close proximity of water pipes hard fastenings cannot be used).

The damaged internal roof in the back entrance lobby was removed and replaced on the 19th October.

We have obtained four quotations for the Croft House kitchen industrial dishwasher and will make a final selection within the next two weeks. The dishwasher may also require a dedicated 30amp power supply which we estimate will cost £250. Two companies have visited Croft House and advised that we will also need a dishwasher which incorporates a drain pump.

The preferred quotation for the dishwasher breaks down as follows:

Dishwasher £1651, detergent & rinse fluids £42.50, Delivery & installation £82.50, giving a total cost of £1778.75 ex Vat and £2134.50 inc. Vat. After sales service will be an important part of the final selection decision.

Pending an investigation into the electrical power capacity at Croft House we would prefer that the new cooker is all electric, with either a ceramic or induction hob. A good quality domestic cooker will be adequate for our needs. Several quotes have been obtained for the cooker but the dishwasher has been given selection priority.

James suggested we look at sales on Black Friday.

We intend to investigate the option of replacing the Croft House outside flood lights with low energy LED lighting.

Two new smoke alarms have been fitted in the Pre-School storeroom and the new extension.

8 Report from Croft House Management Committee 17th Oct 2017, 7:45 pm at St John's Meeting Room.

The Insurance was renewed on the 15th May 2017 at £1,092.83. From next year Allied Westminster are taking over the insurance cover given by AON who are getting out of the Village Hall Insurance market.

Andrea gave a verbal presentation of the various bookings and indicated that the booking procedures were working well. There was a good turnover with both birthday parties and weddings. Preschool have had two free bookings to

raise money and used three but one had to be cancelled due to lack of support. A motion to refund the Preschool the £40 fee for the third booking was carried with no votes against.

Cleaning up after a wedding, or other event which runs late into Saturday evening is an issue, as Sue cleans at 7am on the Sunday and this does not give the Wedding Party organizers the time to clean up for themselves if they have opted to do so. It was suggested that we try an increase in the Wedding fee from £185 to £200 to automatically include the cleaning fee, (actually this is £5 light but keeps the figures at round values). We agreed to try this out and see how it goes. The Website will be changed to indicate the increase in fee.

The Committee expressed its thanks to Andrea for an excellent job.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 23rd January 2018 at 7:45 pm in St John's Church.

9 Plans and reports for fund raising events.

Autumn Fair / Coffee Morning November 18th 10.00am till 2.00pm. Entrance £2.50 which includes a drink and cake. The set-up for the Coffee Morning will be on Friday 17th at 5 pm and 8.30am on the Saturday. We need cakes Raffle Prizes and tombola prizes please.

We will be staging a play at Croft House at 7.30pm on Saturday 2nd December. The Library Theatre will be performing "2 Talking Heads" by Alan Bennett. Snacks and drinks will be served at the interval. Tickets are available at £15 which includes a drink and savouries at the interval. A new stage has been made and will be used for the plays.

10 Plans and Reports for Community Projects.

Christmas Party Friday 8th December at 3pm. The Chris Brian guitar group will be providing musical accompaniment. Carols Round the Tree Saturday December 16th 6pm. The Clifton and Lightcliffe Band will be accompanying the singing and the usual mince pies and mulled wine will be served. Additional Christmas tree lights have been purchased from Festive Lights at a cost of £153. A Christmas tree for the Rose Gardens will be ordered this month. The Next Book Group meetings will be the 13th and 27th November.

11 Hopton in Bloom. Some 1000 primulas have been planted around the village together with 4 sacks of daffodil bulbs (donated by Simon) and tulip bulbs so we are hoping for a splendid display in Spring.

The AGM will be held on Wednesday 15 November 2017 at 11.15 at St John's Meeting Room and all are invited to attend.

Hopton in Bloom Calendars are now on sale £5 each. This year is probably the last year we will produce a calendar because of the time and effort required, plus the fact that sales have diminished year on year due to the increasing use of new technology.

12 News and reports from the Club.

A First Aid Course was held on the October 21st and was appreciated by all who attended

There is a Quiz on Friday November 24th

Reindeer Racing 7.00pm Saturday December 16th has now been moved to January.

Posh Swap on Thursday November 30th at 7.30p.m.

13 Croft House Cookies

AGM on Tuesday 28th November was to be followed by the "Magnificent Art of Tea" but unfortunately the speaker has had to cancel so there will be a House Quiz and members of the committee are baking cakes.

14 News from the Cricket Club

General Knowledge Quiz 17th November at 7.30pm 4 per team £5 per head i.e. £20 per team includes pie & pea supper (let them know vegetarian options etc) Please Contact Richard Wood on 07810 500143

15 News from Preschool.

Ruth reported that the numbers are up but we still have spaces. We are in a better position than we were this time last year.

We are holding a cake stall to raise funds for the British Heart Foundation in memory of David Hodgson.

Children and staff from Castle Hill School, for children with Special Needs, have been visiting on Wednesday mornings for approximately half an hour to forty minutes. This is to develop the children's understanding of community. The children have snack, 'café style' together whilst playing. Friendships are being built and Hopton children talk about children from Castle Hill, often using their names, when they are not present. As a staff team we

are learning new methods of communicating, from working with the staff, such as Makaton signs and the use of picture key rings. We feel this working together is proving to be a tremendous benefit to us all.

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

The War Graves commission has contacted the Team Parish to offer a plaque to publicize the War Graves in the Churchyard. Roger and Karen (Church Warden), are working together to design an interpretation board the board which will then be submitted to the PCC for a Faculty.

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.

November 25th 7.30 at St Mary's Lindley Band and Marsh Ladies Choir Tickets £7.50

Christmas Services

Sun 3rd Dec Christingle Service St Mary's 4pm

Kirkwood Hospice Carol Service at the Salvation Army at 6.30pm

Thurs 7th Dec Live Nativity St Mary's 6.30pm

Sun 10th Dec Carols by Candlelight St John's 3pm

Sat 16th Dec Upper Hopton Community Carols Around the Tree at Croft House 6pm

Mon 18th Dec Carol Service St Mary's 7.30pm

Christmas Eve Sunday Dec 24th Christingle Service at St Paul's 4.30pm

Christmas Eve Sunday Dec 24th Crib Service St Mary's 6pm

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Christmas Eve Sunday Dec 24th Midnight Mass St Mary's 11.30pm

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Christmas Day Monday December 25th Christmas Communion St. Mary's 8.30 am & 9:45am

Christmas Day Monday December 25th Christmas Communion St. John's 11.15am

EVERYONE IS WARMLY WELCOMED

17 AOB.

The 200 Club Draw for October
1st prize £50;
2nd Prize £25.
3rd Prize £10.

Margaret reminded us that Subs will £15 per number and are due in January 2018.

Date of next meeting will be Tuesday December 5th at 7.30 pm in Croft House when the 200 Club BIG PRIZE will be drawn 1st prize £250; 2nd Prize £100. 3rd Prize £50. We will be decorating Croft House for Christmas after the meeting.