

Minutes UHCA

November 1st 2016 at 7.30pm in Croft House

2 Minutes of the last meeting October 4th 2016. Proposed by Kath seconded by Joan

3 Matters arising from the minutes. John reported that there was no further news on roads.

4 Correspondence. None received

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

The annual subscription for the WiX website software has been paid The cost of the software is equally shared between HIB and UHCA. The annual subscription for the embedded calendar has also been paid. Next year we might consider an alternative way of creating the calendar.

There were comments that the online calendar is very useful

It was suggested that we look at Google Calendar too.

6 Financial Report.

Kath reported for 2 months.

Financial Report. For September and October		
Balance at bank	Income: Croft House Rooms Management Committee For Boiler and Radiators For Flooring	Expenditure. 200 Club September and October St John Ambulance (Fete) Croft House Extension Repairs to Roof Paint and Materials Wasps' Nests removal New Boiler, Radiators and installation Paint and Keys Electrical Work in the Extension Light Bulbs Subs for Calendar keep and share screen

Roger thanked Kath for her report.

7 News and reports from the Club. On Nov 12th at 7 p.m. there will be a Horse Racing Evening for RNLI. Winter Warmer 3-6 pm is planned for November 26th which included a demonstration of making a Christmas table centrepiece or wreath. Quiz on alternate Friday Evenings

8 News from the Cricket Club. Work has started on the drainage on the pitch. Same firm is back to complete the work. The Cricket Dinner will be held at Dewsbury Golf Club on November 11th

9 Maintenance Team. Extension and Refurbishment Projects.

The Kirklees Building Inspector paid us a visit to review the status of the new extension on the 10th October and with the exception of adding a safety rail around the outside steps into the rear door he has passed-off the building work. We have now started to install shelves and storage facilities in the new storeroom.

On the 25th October 2016 a tree survey and report from an Arboricultural Consultant was prepared for the trees surrounding Croft House. The expert report assesses the safety of the trees due to bleeding canker and other factors and the risk to the public. In total there are 82 trees around Croft House and the car park and lots of them are suffering from different degrees of chestnut bleeding canker. The report recommends that 28 trees should be removed. 24 trees have been recommended for removal to thin out the densely planted groups; this will benefit the future development and health of the better quality trees. The removal of the 24 trees is a moderate priority but should be undertaken within 6 months. Other trees have been recommended for pruning.

As the trees are subject of a tree preservation order the report must now be submitted to Kirklees Council for comment (p.s. this was done on the 3 Nov. 2016).

The cost of the initial survey has been shared between 3 committees; UHCA. HIB and CHRMC

We are still looking for a tall refrigerator for the storeroom and a new cooker for the kitchen (induction hob with an electric oven).

We had a lighting problem last week which was solved by Ashley, who spent several hours solving a wiring conundrum. A big thanks to Ash. The poor condition of the light fittings in the entrance lobby, is pushing us a little harder towards considering the installation of new LED lights.

10 Plans and reports for fund raising events.

Ideas to consider. Burns night Jan 23th;. Eric Gourmet Evening which could be held to fund a new oven: Casino night; Murder mystery evening with Emley players: or a Quiz.

11 Plans for Community Projects.

Christmas Party December 9th at 2.30pm. By popular demand the Chris Brian guitar group will be performing. Carols round the tree Saturday December 17th at 6pm. Clifton & Lightcliffe Brass Band have agreed to attend. We need to purchase or source a Christmas tree.

The Jumble Sale will be at 9.30am Saturday 11th March 2017.

Spring Fair will be 10.00am Saturday 22nd April 2017

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

12 Hopton in Bloom. The fantastic 2017 Calendars now for sale. £5 each and available from Kath and at the Autumn Fair on Nov 12th 10-2pm, The Co-op on November and at the Winter Warmer at the Club

The manufacture of a metal gate and surrounded railings will be complete at the end of next week and installed at the small entrance to the Recreation Ground opposite the Club.

13 News from Preschool.

A new committee has been elected

The Halloween Party was a great success and thanks were expressed to everyone who supported the party and donated cakes.

A visit to St John's is planned for Wednesday December 14th at 11.15

Ruth advised that the Pre-School fees shown on the website will be soon out of date due to a planned increase. Ruth will send details to Roger who will modify the website.

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

Tiny Tots at St Paul's Church. Wednesday mornings 9.30am till 11.00am, all welcome. £2 entry also covers juice and biscuits; other refreshments available to purchase. Further details from Janet Baker on [01924 505790](tel:01924505790).

Autumn Fair in Croft House November 12th 10 till 2pm Raffle/Tombola/Stalls/light lunches. Tickets £2.50 to include tea/coffee and a piece of cake.

Children's Workshop **Christmas Fun** Sunday November 20th at 2-4 pm at St Mary's Community Centre.

Quiet Day at St John's. Saturday December 17th, 10 till 2pm -not a service but a chance for quiet time before Christmas.

Christmas Services at St Johns.

Sunday 11th December 3pm Carols by Candlelight

Saturday December 24th Christmas Eve Crib Service at 6pm a sort service for children accompanied by adults and Midnight Mass at 11.30.

Christmas Morning Service at 11.15.

15 AOB.

The 200 Club Draw for October.

1st prize £50;	154
2nd Prize £25.	45
3rd Prize £10.	193

Date of Next meeting will be Tuesday December 6th at 7.30.

At the close of the meeting please stay to help decorate Croft House for Christmas.