

## Compton Dando Village Meeting CDCA

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Minutes of Meeting Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017

7.30pm St. Mary's Church, Compton Dando

Item	Content	Action
1	<p><b>Apologies:</b> Harriette Dottridge, John Dottridge, Steve Rendell, Liz Stanbury, Barend ter Haar, Derek Lee, Rosie Thompson</p> <p><b>Present:</b> Hannah Maggs, Alison ter Haar, Mary Cashman, Ron Waker, Chris Dibble, Maureen Collings, Clive Howarth, Lorna Howarth, Chris Daubney, Jo Bettey, Valerie Bettey, Alice Prescott</p>	
2	<p><b>Minutes of last meeting</b> Approved, proposed by Alice Prescott and seconded Lorna Howarth</p>	
3	<p><b>Matters arising:</b>  <u>Website</u> – noted that the last meeting had decided not to buy the photographs of village houses for the website.  <u>Past Characters</u> – Lorna is working on producing a piece on Mervyn and Brian Vowles is working on a piece on Les Stone. These will be put on the website  <u>Gazebos</u> – Publow had borrowed these during the summer for an event that raised ca£4K and gave our group a donation of £50. We have thanked them. The gazebos are currently stored at the rear of the hall.  <u>Dog Show</u> – it had been decided not to have a dog show this year.  <u>Urn for Church</u> – this had been purchased and had been in use for the summer teas. Jenny Davis has sent the group a letter of appreciation which has been filed.  <u>Village Noticeboard</u> – noted that John D was going to ask Gary P if he would revarnish the board, reminder to John.</p>	<p>Lorna &amp; Brian</p> <p>John D</p>
4	<p><b>Treasurer's Report:</b> Hannah gave the report in Derek's absence As of July there was ca£4K in the bank. The Fete raised ca£4K but there are still a couple of invoices waiting to be paid for the band ca £500. The group should have made £3411 profit from the Fete which means that at the AGM cheques for £953 for the Hall and St Mary's can be presented. £2171.28 is in the bank now, though there are replacement items for the defibrillator to be paid for ca £120 and some Youth Group expenses</p>	Derek
5	<p><b>Events Reports:</b>  <u>Fete</u> The sun shone on Fete day and there were lots of games to entertain the kids and the Tractor Rally proved very popular. The Raffle took the most money ca£500, although most tickets were sold on the day. It was mentioned that next year we should try to sell more tickets before the event. The meeting wanted to thank Ben, Darren, Becky and their team for their wonderful hard work which produced great results for the village.  <u>5 village youth group</u> Youth group had visited Elm Farm in Burnett with Philippa Paget for a pond dipping event in June which was really successful and the group would like to go again in 2018. The following month the kids painted china piggy banks in a range of artistic styles ranging from careful watercolour flowers to dark Picasso. This month they have been making air dried leaf mould dishes for autumn. In November a Circus Skills lady will be coming to instruct the kids on circus skills. Alice said that the group gets a regular loyal group of kids with parents attending and that all the events put on are thoroughly enjoyed by the kids.</p>	
6	<p><b>Forthcoming Events:</b>  <u>Village Quiz</u> This will be on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Teams of six. £10 per head for a fish&amp;chips. Team to produce 10 questions on a chosen topic. Contact Alice Prescott: 490800 to book  <u>Suffragette Centenary 2018</u> It was mentioned that there will be an exhibition at Westminster Hall between June and September 2018 and that it would be possible to arrange a group visit. Also it was discussed whether to invite Historian, Professor June Hannam, from the University of the West of England, to give a talk about the local suffragette movement. This was thought to be a good idea, earlier in the year so that people could pick up on</p>	<p>Everyone</p> <p>Alison</p>

	<p>future possibilities. Alison to find out availability and price</p> <p><b><u>Poldark village outing</u></b> Chavenage House on Tuesday 10th October 2017 organised by Joy Webb contact 490 983 or e-mail - <a href="mailto:kenwebb44@btinternet.com">kenwebb44@btinternet.com</a></p>	Everyone
7	<p><b><u>Website</u></b> The domain licence had been paid for the year ca£12. All the pictures from the Somerset Archive, except the two of St Mary's are now on the website. All Jo Betty's essays are also on the website. We still need people to loan their historical photos of the village to scan and put onto the website. It was decided to promote the History page on the village Facebook page to encourage people to look at the information page.</p>	Alison Everyone Alison
	<p><b><u>Hiring Gazebos</u></b> It was decided, after discussion, that villagers should be able to borrow the gazebos free of charge, but that non villagers wishing to borrow them would be asked to make a donation. The gazebos are covered by the group's insurance but it was decided that people wanting to book them would be informed of the following: If they are damaged please let the village group know. The gazebos are large and heavy and need 2 people to move them and they may not fit in a small car. People should be informed that for safety reasons the gazebos must be pegged to the ground to avoid accidents. Hannah is happy to continue administering the booking and loan system. She will ask the Parish Council if we may have a key to the store in order to be able to issue and return the gazebos that are stored there.</p>	Hannah
	<p><b><u>Village Booklet</u></b> People thought that this was a good idea and several suggestions were made for additions or amendments. Alison to ask people running a business from their homes if they would like to be mentioned. Suggested that new villagers should also be given a free copy of the Village of Compton Dando and Compton Dando Recipe books until stocks run out</p>	Alison
	<p><b><u>Any Other Business</u></b> <b><u>Dataprotection</u></b> – everyone was reminded not to send emails out to villagers or others showing individuals' email addresses – always use the bcc, blind carbon copy, facility so that addresses are hidden. <b><u>Defibrillator</u></b> – it was agreed that the CDCA would pay for the replacement pads and batteries totalling ca£120. Although it was mentioned that the Parish Council only have responsibility for insuring the defibrillator, a proportion of the group still feel that the Parish Council should take ownership of the defibrillator as a Parish Asset. <b><u>Village Pound</u></b> – a villager had enquired whether the pound might be used as a surplus produce marketplace. After discussion it was felt that it would be better for individuals to use the village Facebook page to let villagers know that they have a surplus and how to collect. <b><u>Xmas Cards</u></b> of St Mary's in the Snow – there are still some of these available £4.50 for either 6 large or 10 small, contact Chris Daubney 490734 <b><u>Fingerposts</u></b> – Alan Sparkes has one of the posts still to repair and then it will need painting, it is from the sign on the main green. The Parish Council has an application in for funding of the refurbishing of the posts. <b><u>New Secretary</u></b> – Rosie Thompson has moved away from the village and is no longer able to be the group secretary. Hannah has sent a letter of appreciation for her help. The group now needs a new secretary to be voted in at the October AGM. If anyone feels that they would be able to take this on please contact Hannah 490931</p>	Everyone Everyone Everyone Everyone

**Date of Next Meetings:**  
**AGM Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 7.30 Old Chapel**  
**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018 St Mary's Church**