

Minutes of the CDCA meeting held on 10 January 2018 in St Mary's Church

1. Attendees: Hannah Maggs (Chair), Derek Lee (Treasurer), Barend ter Haar (Secretary), David Ings, Anne Millins, Harriette and John Dottridge, Clive and Lorna Howarth, Chris Dibble, Ron Waker, Chris Daubney, Maureen Collings, Steve Rendell, Mary Cashman, Alison ter Haar, Alice Prescott, Brian Vowles
2. Apologies for absence: Liz Stanbury, Sarah Wilson
3. Chair and Finance reports
 - i. Survey Monkey had been used to get permission to continue to contact people in the village under the forthcoming data protection regulations (see below). Was agreed to reimburse the secretary for online survey charge of £35.
 - ii. The cost of the band at the fete does not need the sum set aside for this in the accounts and has been removed.
 - iii. We have approx £2000 in the bank account, which had been increased by the profit made on the Quiz night (see below).
 - iv. Hall bookings are paid at year end so accumulate as a liability as the year progresses. We need about £400 a year to cover for coffee mornings and insurance.
 - v. Insurance has been renewed
4. Grants: At the November Parish Council meeting, the Council agreed to cover ongoing costs of the defibrillator. However, it was agreed that CDCA should apply for a Section 137 for grant for training for its use (provided by Jeanette Stevenson). **Action: Barend.** Hannah advised that any community group can apply for a 137 Grant, but not for any religious purpose. The Youth Group has asked for money for insurance in the past. Agreed that Hall Committee should apply for funds to cover the costs of cutting the grass and brushwood along the village green calvert. **Action: Harriette and John.** A further source of funds for educational purposes are the Feoffees who should be approached in March/April – contact Lorna for more information.
5. Quiz night – banked £460. Good range of topics; more teams this year; everyone took their own rubbish home which helped; agreed to have another one this year - date needs to be arranged around rugby fixture dates. **Action: Alice and Alison.**
6. Youth Group: normally 10-12 attend each time, and 16 at the last session where the participants were making their own juggling balls from balloons filled with rice. The earlier Circus Skills event was a huge success
7. Coffee mornings – the year's programme has been published and was circulated at the meeting. Can be found on the website as well. At this point Lorna passed over a set of nozzles for decorating cakes, into Alice's hands.
8. Churchyard Working Party 2018 dates – week before: Easter 24 March, fete 30 June, and Harvest Festival 6 October
9. Suffragette Talk by Lucienne Boyce on 12 January: Alison reported that over 50 tickets had been taken up
10. Village Litter Pick: Sarah through Harriette reported: Will be on 18 February with a 10 a.m. start. Simon and Gary bringing tractors and trailers. 2 large vehicles needed as well to drive pickers out to start of their respective picking stretches. Soup from 12 in the Hall, courtesy of Harriette. No conflict with church services since Holy Communion at 6pm
11. Craft Days. 27 January: 12 have booked up so far. Runs from 10 to 4. £6 charge includes a bread+cheese+fruit lunch. Activities booked include Bobbin lace, two knitting, felting, spinning. The next one is on 12 February. Contact Harriette to book to show the skills of a craft, or just attend.
12. Craft Fair. Alison and Alice offered to put on a Craft Fair in the autumn for fund raising – fee structure, date, etc TBC. Alison to publicise, Alice to lead. Dates will be late October or early November. Chris Dibble offered to help out. Will avoid the dates of the Cam Valley Arts Trail on 3rd and 4th November. **Action: Alison, Alice and Chris.**

13. Survey. Barend reported on the first 50 responses that had come in, from the 146 people polled. All but one person wished to continue to be kept informed on Village activities, 32 for the Oil Group, 43 for Parish Council Minutes, and 45 for Neighbourhood Watch. The survey will be supplied as paper copies to those people in the village for whom we do not have email addresses, and to those who have not responded to the emailed request to fill in the survey.
14. Activities for 2018. The results of the survey relating to interest in different village events were reviewed, and dates discussed. In summary we have:
- i. Crafts Days 27 January and 12 February
 - ii. There will be a Race Night on 23 June (a separate event being organised to raise funds for charity – more details from Maureen)
 - iii. The Nomads (the cricket team) have their BBQ on 30 June
 - iv. The Village Fete will be on 7 July, being organised by Ben, Gary and Becky, amongst others.
 - v. The Nomads are organising a Barn Dance in July
 - vi. We will have a Village Quiz night in the autumn – see above
 - vii. Open Gardens: Steve offered to organise for late spring 2019
 - viii. The summer picnic and a 'Music in the park' event were both very popular, so we aim to combine the two to take place in the Rectory Gardens in late August/early September (the Pierceys have kindly offered to make their gardens available). Follow up survey to establish music preferences.
 - ix. Halloween event: this has been proposed in conjunction with the Youth Group.
 - x. Coffee Morning dates for the Year, Table Tennis dates until March, and Youth Club Hall booking dates for the year were circulated. Key dates for the Village are posted by Alison on the website, and she publishes a 5 Villages two month diary each month which is circulated around the 5 Villages and placed on the Village Noticeboard.
15. Matters arising from Survey comments. Reminders that Ken Webb is the Village Agent, with responsibilities for awareness of individuals that may need extra support, inter alia. Lorna reminded the meeting of the Chew Valley Community Transport facility for those who needed transport to health facilities, such as GP, dentist, optician, or Hospital. They are looking for more volunteer drivers. Secretary agreed to circulate details. **Action: Barend.** The meeting was reminded that the Village had two Facebook accounts – in Facebook enter Compton Dando, and select the one with recent entries (the other one is defunct but no-one has the password to stop the old account). This has over 100 followers, and can be used for offering support services, second-hand items for good homes, etc,
16. Dates of meetings for 2018:
- 29 March
 - 6 June
 - 4 September
 - AGM 7 November
17. AOB.
- i. Steve read out a letter from Dawn Wells, the Tower Captain, thanking the CDCA for funding mufflers for the Church bells. The mufflers should be delivered by Easter
 - ii. Commemoration of end of WW1. Brian Vowles will consult with Joy Webb and bring a proposal to the next meeting. **Action: Brian.** There are also talks around there being a series of Beacons to be lit across the country.
 - iii. Vox in Frox recommended for a concert in the Church nearer Christmas – their performance last year in Publow went down very well.