

Compton Dando Community Association

Village Meeting

9 January 2019, 7.30 pm

St Mary's Church Compton Dando

Minutes

Attendees: Hannah Maggs (Chair), Barend ter Haar (Secretary), Alice Prescott, Alison ter Haar, John and Harriette Dottridge, Chris Daubney, Chris Dibble, Sarah Wilson, Anne Millin, Greg Drane, Matt Jones, Brian Vowles, Clive Howarth, Ron Waker, Maureen Collings, Chris and Roger Piercey, Liz Stanbury

1. **Apologies for absence:** Steve Rendell, Lorna Howarth, Derek Lee
2. **Minutes of previous meeting:** The minutes of the meeting of 7 September 2018 were accepted. Matters arising not covered elsewhere:
3. **Welcome to new committee, and Chair's report:** The Chair welcomed Greg Drane to the committee. In her report she reflected that we had had a busy autumn since the AGM, reports from which are detailed below. She thanked all concerned for their efforts in putting together successful events.
4. **Financial report:** In the Treasurer's absence the Chair reported that current funds were of the order of £1205, including Youth Group funds. We are still expecting one of the sponsor's contributions to the fete. One of the stallholders has not submitted their expenses, and it is now being considered as a contribution to the fete.
5. **Youth Group:** Alice and Alison reported that the Halloween events had been a success. The Foyles welcomed village kids and parents into their home with a chilli supper at Halloween. To help organise showing where Trick and Treaters were welcome, villages were asked to put out an orange balloon and have their front lights on, which worked well on the whole though the behaviour of a few youngsters attacking some houses with eggs took some of the pleasure away from the event. Apart from at special events, attendance has dropped away as many of the key participants had moved up from primary school. As a result, plans were to put on an event approximately every 3 months instead of monthly. Alice and Alison were thanked for their hard work over the years.
6. **S137 Grant applications:**
 - a. Harriette had prepared an application to cover the costs of cutting the banks of the stream, which needs some figures added before submission. Final decisions by the Parish Council will be made in next financial year.
 - b. The Chair queried whether the Parish Council has taken on contribution towards the maintenance costs of the defibrillator and will clarify this position. **Chair to ask PC question and to update Secretary if another grant application is required.**
 - c. The Youth Group has sufficient funds to cover its activities, so will not be applying this year.

- d. Agreed that an application should be put in to cover increasing the lights on the village Christmas tree now that it has outgrown its current light. **Secretary to put together an application** with the help of Clive and Roger who know what's needed in terms of cherry-picker to put up the lights.

7. Report on WW1 commemoration events

Brian, Harriette, and Alison reported on the events.

The CD poppy cascade, led by Harriette, ended up with well over 1000 poppies contributed to from a large area well beyond the village. In addition, relatives of Fred Light had made their own poppies which were displayed wound around a cross in the centre of the Church.

The exhibition in the Church included contributions from Joy, Brian, Alison, and the Youth Group, with many detailed informative snippets of information around the history of poppies (and other commemoration flowers), and what happened to the soldiers after they came home. The Youth Group contributions were towards remembering the members of the village who had lost their lives. Teas were served in the Church on each day of the Friday to Sunday exhibition.

On the Sunday, wreaths were laid at the War Memorial, the Church bells were rung, the Brazier near the green was lit, and then a communal supper in the Hall.

Fred Light's name was added to the War Memorial with financial contributions from the CDCA and Parish Council.

A surplus was raised which allowed donations of £150 each to be made to the Royal British Legion and to Help for Heroes.

Clive will approach the vicar to see whether the silhouettes could have a permanent position in the Church.

- 8. **Report on Quiz night:** Alice reported that the event in November had been a success again, and all the tables had been booked. Surplus from the night was £548.20 towards CDCA funds.

Alice and Alison were thanked for their hard work, and Maureen for her help.

9. Activities for 2019

- a. **Coffee Mornings:** Dates booked for the year are Tue 15 Jan, Sat 16 Feb, Tue 12 Mar, Sat 14 Apr, Tue 14 May, Sat 15 Jun, Tue 16 Jul, Sat 17 Aug, Tue 10 Sept, Sat 12 Oct, Tue 12 Nov, Sat 14 Dec
- b. **Churchyard Working Party:** Steve had proposed changing the timings from his experience with when the weeds needed to be controlled. The winter session has been dropped since the current lime trees do not need pruning each year yet. The suggested dates were 2nd March, 25th May, and 17th August. These were accepted by all present – the coincidence with the August coffee morning was not expected to be a problem – just an alternative venue for the coffee break.
- c. **Litter Pick:** Sarah reported that this would be on Sunday 17 February. A flyer covering the event accompanies these minutes. She is seeing if litter picks in the adjacent villages in the Parish can be coordinated for the same date. Harriette will be providing a soup lunch at the end. Chris Daubney and Roger have offered their trailers.

- d. **Craft Days:** Harriette has arranged the next two days on 12 January and 11 February from 10-4 in the Parish Hall.
- e. **Open Gardens 16 June:** Sarah briefed the meeting with her plans. Under her Objectives, she indicated that the plan would be to showcase a variety of different types of gardens which would be open to the general public from 2 to 6pm. The aim is for access to be pedestrian friendly. Traffic management will need to be considered (maybe parking at each entrance to the village). Will be publicised locally and through garden clubs. This will be a CDCA fund-raiser. Other activities on the day might include a Flower Festival in the Church alongside Church teas, and a Plant Sale and teas in the Hall. Potential gardens include Collings', Howarths', Pierceys', ter Haars', Waker's, Foyles', Wilsons', Jean Mills'. **Please contact Sarah Wilson if you would like your garden included – see leaflet accompanying these minutes.**
A subcommittee formed including Anne, Maureen, Denise, Barend. Liz.
Anne offered David Ings' services as a photographer.
Hannah/Derek will check whether our insurance covers the event, or whether it will need to be added. (Post meeting note: the insurance does cover the event).
There will be a post-event review
- f. **Picnic in the Park:** This year the Palmers are organising a Jazz evening in Chewton Keynsham on 29 June, and there will be a Music Festival to raise money for the Samaritans on 27 July, and therefore it was agreed that we should go ahead with a lower-key event, and at lunchtime to suit families. The Pierceys kindly offered their gardens again for a bring-your-own picnic at midday on 7th September.
- g. **Fete:** Proposed date is first Saturday in July, the 6th, subject to agreement with the organising committee to organise one this year.
- h. **Quiz night:** Alice and Alison have agreed to arrange a quiz again in November, with date to be agreed later in the year.
- i. **Craft Sale:** Alice asked that this proposal be dropped.

10. Dates of meetings 2019

April 3rd, June 26th, September 4th, AGM November 13th.

11. AOB

- a. **Interviews with CD senior citizens for reminisces for website:** Maggie will be asked to interview Jack Carpenter, Lorna is preparing something on Mervyn, Liz to consider interviewing Heather and Brian Maggs.
- b. **Marquees:** one of our marquees has had its canvas damaged irreparably, while the person who has was is believed to be the other marquee, denies that it is the CDCA's. Agreed to discuss replacement at the next meeting.
- c. **Hall store keys:** CDCA stores some equipment in the store, so the Hall committee asked that there should be another key holder. The two keyholders will be Liz Stanbury and Maureen Collings.

The meeting closed at 20.50.