

Compton Dando Community Association

Village Meeting

10 April 2019, 7.30 pm

St Mary's Church Compton Dando

Minutes

1. **Attendees:** Barend ter Haar (Secretary and acting Chair for the meeting), Derek Lee (Treasurer), Alison ter Haar, Liz Stanbury, Steve Rendell, Ron Waker, Sarah Wilson, Brian Vowles, Alice Prescott, Chris Dibble, Maureen Collings, John and Harriette Dottridge, Clive and Lorna Howarth
2. **Apologies for absence:** C and R Daubney, Hannah Maggs, Cheryl Gentle, Greg Drane
3. **Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising**
 - a. **Silhouettes in Church.** The silhouettes are now being stored in the Vestry, and Ron was going to establish what was going to be done with them. **Action: Ron**
 - b. **Marquees:** Derek advised that the cost for one marquee would be £850, and that there were funds available to cover one. Because of the damage caused by borrowers in the past, one marquee was no longer serviceable. The other marquee was in the hands of a person who claimed that that marquee was not ours. Therefore we would need to ensure we had a safe storage place for any replacement, and that we would need to establish a system to check that no damage had occurred during a loan, and if damage did occur, the borrowers paid for the repair. **Action: Barend to ask Roger Carpenter and Roger Piercey if one of them would be prepared to offer secure storage – before purchase made.**

Suggestion from the floor that the new marquee be funded from the proceeds of the fete before the proceeds were distributed. **Action: Barend to poll the committee on this since not all committee present.**
 - c. **Hall keys:** Confirmed that Maureen and Liz had keys to the store at the back of the Hall
 - d. **Hall bookings:** Greg Drane will be taking over the Hall bookings from Lorraine Fox as of 1 May. Cleaners have been appointed to start from the same date
4. **Chair's report:** The Chair apologised that she had been unable to attend at short notice, but said that she had nothing to report outside of what was covered by the agenda. However, she would like to thank the volunteers, especially Alice, Harriette, Steve and Sarah for the work they had put into organising the winter activities.
5. **Financial report:** Derek reported that there had been little financial activity since the last meeting.
6. **S137 Grant applications:**
 - a. **Stream bank grass cutting.** The application was in, but would not be considered until June, until after the new Parish Council had been instated. (Barend let the meeting know that Hannah and he, from the CDCA committee, would both be on the new Council.) (Agreement that the banks looked smart and tidy with the regular cutting which had been instigated.)
 - b. **Christmas tree lights.** An application had been put in for a full set of lights and for a cherry picker hire for installing the lights
 - c. **Defibrillator maintenance.** The Parish Council attends to the insurance costs, but the Council had requested that the CDCA cover maintenance costs through a S137 grant, and therefore an application had been put in.

7. **Litter Pick report:** Sarah reported that over 20 people had turned up, and BANES had been great in their support. Reports had appeared in local publications, and the activity was seen as much a social event as a positive for the village. Harriette was thanked for providing soup lunch and Liz for supplying the 'caff'.
8. **Craft Days report:** Harriette reported that there had been a good turnout on both the January and February dates, and had made a surplus which had been donated to CDCA funds.
9. **New Village Agent:** Liz Casson has taken over from Ken Webb. Liz can be contacted at liz@wern.org.uk
10. **Coffee Mornings:** These continue to be a success, and Li Casson will be attending the 14 May morning.
11. **Churchyard Working Party 25 May:** Discussion as to how we can get more helpers. Suggested asking the cricket team if they could coerce the team members to help out. **Action: Derek Barend** said that he would organise over the Easter weekend the burning of the debris that had been cut down at during the previous working party morning.
12. **Open Gardens 16 June:** Sarah reported that we have 15 gardens, all in the centre of the village, lined up. One time entry fee of £5 payable at the entry to whichever garden the visitor chose to visit first. There will be a children's trail around the gardens. Parking will be in Fiona's field. There will be a classic/vintage car display on the green, a plant sale in the Hall, and an art display and teas in the Church.
Noted that not only is 16 June Father's Day, which will mean the village and pub busier than usual, but also, as Derek informed the meeting, there's a home cricket match scheduled that afternoon.
13. **Picnic in the Park 7 September:** Nothing new to report
14. **Fete:** Maureen reported that Ben would be taking it on again, but requested help specifically around the raffle and putting up/taking down posters. Liz offered to work with Drea on the raffle, and Liz would approach Drea to this end. Brian and Barend offered to help with the posters. Maureen to confirm that 6 July was to be the date.
Derek and Alison confirmed that the annual raffle licence has been renewed.
15. **Date of next meeting: 26 June**
16. **AOB**
 - a. **Bench on the green:** Liz said that if someone would unbolt it, and get it to the Rectory, then Roger Piercey would revarnish it.
 - b. **Millennium green fence:** Liz pointed out that the posts at the North end had rotted, making the fence unsafe. **Action: Barend to write to the Council to request repair**
 - c. **Noticeboard:** Needs revarnishing. Ron to ask Barry Bolton for a quote
 - d. **Crimestoppers Quiz:** Taking place on 25 April, and Harriette requesting offers to help put together a team.
 - e. **Methodist Chapel at Tucking Mill:** Lorna brought up that this was a local historical site that has fallen into neglect. She will circulate a document about this ahead of the next meeting. **Action: Lorna**
 - f. **Website items:** Lorna has items provided by Joe Bettey. **Action: Lorna to pass to Alison for uploading**
 - g. **Scarecrow Trail:** Alice passed around details of this activity being organised by Marksbury School. **Action: Alison to promote via Village Social Media.**

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.