

Compton Dando Community Association AGM

26 November 2019, 7.30 pm

Compton Dando Parish Hall Minutes

1. Roll Call

Barend ter Haar (Treasurer), Alison ter Haar, Sarah Wilson, Trish and Brian Vowles, Harriette and John Dottridge, Liz Stanbury, Jonathan Foyle, Ron Waker, Alice Prescott, Lorna and Clive Howarth, Maureen Collings, Rachael and Chris Daubney

2. Apologies for Absence

Hannah Maggs (Chair); Derek Lee (Treasurer); Chris Dibble; Chrissie and Roger Piercey. In the absence of the other Officers, who were unable to attend for personal reasons, Barend chaired the meeting.

3. Acceptance of Agenda

Agenda accepted as circulated

4. Minutes from AGM 2018

Acceptance of minutes: proposed: Harriette, seconded Brian. Voted in favour: Unanimous

5. Matters Arising from Minutes

There were no matters arising

6. Chair's report

On behalf of the Chair, Barend reflected on the highlights and successes of the last year:

- a. Shortly after last year's AGM the CDCA participated in the Village's centenary commemoration of the end of World War I: Harriette had coordinated a display involving over 1000 knitted poppies. The WW1 subcommittee had arranged an exhibition in the Church reflecting on what life was like in the aftermath of the war. A brazier was lit on the Sunday evening, followed by a communal dinner in the Hall.
- b. Also in November 2018 we again had another very successful quiz night (the event being repeated again this year, where 8 teams are expected): Alice and Alison's organizational work around this now annual event is much appreciated.
- c. Sarah Wilson's organizational skills were appreciated first in February for the annual litter pick, and then for June's very successful Open Gardens event. Despite heavy rain in the surrounding area, Compton Dando just had dark clouds, which enabled the guests to the village to have an enjoyable and sociable afternoon without getting wet.
- d. Steve Rendell continued coordination of the Church Yard working Parties, the most successful of which was the daffodil planting morning in October. It seems more people are prepared to turn up for the constructive work of planting than the destructive work of weeding and pruning.
- e. Alice's industrious work in providing the cakes for the monthly coffee mornings, which continue to be a much appreciated social gathering, was acknowledged with grateful thanks. The dates for 2020 have been announced, starting on 14 January.
- f. Ben and Becky's leadership produced a record-breaking fund-raising fete in July. The weather was good, and there was no conflict with international football matches this year. The efforts of all involved was acknowledged and thanked. The CDCA acquired two new marquees just in time for them to be available for the event.
- g. A couple of years ago the village questionnaire asked villagers what kind of events they wanted. An almost unanimous vote was for the Picnic in the park. This was put on again

this year in early September, with the Pierceys kindly offering their gardens. For a second year of trying, there was even less take up than the year before. Maybe September is too late in the year?

- h. Harriette had put on three successful craft days earlier in the year, and had put in place the dates for this winter season, including the 2020 events: Saturday 18 Jan; Tuesday 28 Jan; Monday 17 Feb: Parish Hall 10-4.

7. Treasurer's report

The treasurer was unable to prepare the accounts for the previous year in time for the meeting – they will be circulated ahead of the January meeting. Barend reported that the CDCA had made a healthy surplus of income over expenditure over the year. The income had included two S137 grants from the Parish Council, one towards the cost of grass cutting along the stream, and the other towards increasing the quantity of lights on the village Christmas tree, now that the tree had grown somewhat since the original lights per purchased.

8. Election of Officers

Barend thanked the Chair and the Treasurer for their work in these roles over recent years, and noted they were standing down from their respective positions, but that the retiring Chair, Hannah, was happy to take over the role of Treasurer.

The nominations for 2019/20 were: Chair: Sarah Wilson; Treasurer: Hannah Maggs; Secretary: Barend ter Haar. Proposed: Liz, Seconded, Harriette. Elected by unanimous vote. Sarah was thanked for coming forward at short notice to take over the role of Chair.

9. Election of Committee

Liz Stanbury announced that she was standing down. Barend thanked her for all the time and effort she had given the committee over many years.

Jonathan Foyle agreed to join the committee, while previous members agreed to stand again. The committee candidates were proposed en bloc by Liz and seconded by Clive, and were elected by unanimous vote

The resulting committee membership for the new year consists of the Officers, together with Ron Waker, Chris Dibble, Harriette Dottridge, Alice Prescott, Lorna Howarth, Alison ter Haar, Maureen Collings, Mary Cashman, Greg Drake, Jonathan Foyle.

10. AOB

- a. Liz asked whether the poppy display had been used in the Church decorations for Remembrance Sunday and it was confirmed it had been.
- b. Jonathan asked about the fete organization for 2020. The CDCA is aware that Ben Wall has indicated that he would be standing down from this role for 2020.
- c. Maureen reported that she had booked the Parish Hall for 24 January (7.30 pm) for Brian's talk on the Wellsway from Burnett towards Keynsham in bygone days.

- 11. Jonathan presented a talk on 'The discovery of Henry VII and Elizabeth of York's marriage bed'. This was a fascinating tour of the forensic work carried out to establish its authenticity as the actual 15th century bed, and not a more modern fake. The carved elements can be associated separately with various contemporary (mainly religious-based) elements and styles, together creating a cohesive story. This *could* all have been put together by a well-briefed fraudster, but then the scientific analysis of the materials, from which the bed was constructed and painted, gave consistent confirmation of the bed's origins.