

# Compton Dando Community Association

## Village Meeting

26 June 2019, 7.30 pm

St Mary's Church Compton Dando

### MINUTES

- 1. Roll Call:** Hannah Maggs, Derek Lee, Barend and Alison ter Haar, Lorna Howarth, Chris Dibble, Maureen Collings, Ron Waker, Matt Jones, Liz Stanbury, Steve Rendell, Greg Drane, Mary Cashman, Harriette Dotridge, Chris Daubney, Jonathan Foyle
- 2. Apologies for absence:** Brian Vowles, Alice Prescott, Clive Howarth, Sarah Wilson
- 3. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising not covered elsewhere**
  - a. Silhouettes in Church:** Ron Waker reported that agreement had not yet been reached about where to place them, and this was going to be brought up at the next PPC meeting
  - b. Marquee:** Hannah Maggs reported that she had purchased two marquees for a total of £900 (plus VAT) which would be delivered in time for the fete
  - c. Village agent:** Had been unable to make the coffee morning previously announced, but would be attending on July 16<sup>th</sup> instead.
  - d. Bench on Green:** Liz Stanbury reported that it had not been possible to take the bench off its standing so, instead, volunteers had blasted, sanded, and redecorated in situ, and the Parish Council had paid for the materials.
  - e. Fence on Green:** Barend ter Haar reported that the Parish Council had agreed to pay for the repair, and that a quote for the work had been accepted. Hannah Maggs is arranging for the work to be carried out.
  - f. Noticeboard renovation:** Liz Stanbury had arranged for a quote which was accepted, and for the work to be completed ahead of the Open Gardens
  - g. Methodist Chapel at Tucking Mill:** Lorna Howarth was still researching who owned the land, and this topic was deferred to the September meeting.
- 4. Financial report – Derek Lee**
  - a. Year-end figures 2017-8:** These had been precirculated. A balance of £45 each to the Church and Hall was still due from the previous year's fete, and cheques for these were prepared and presented. With this change, the cash-based accounts were accepted (Proposer: Barend ter Haar; Seconder: Ron Waker)
  - b. Asset Register:** Alison ter Haar had had a copy which she passed to Hannah Maggs. Greg Drane offered, in the first instance, to take this over and to bring it up to date with any assets stored within the Village Hall.
- 5. Report from Parish Council meetings (Barend ter Haar)**
  - a. Grant applications:**  
Three applications had been submitted by the CDCA for S137 grants from the Parish Council. One, for the insurance of the defibrillator had been turned down since this was covered within the PC insurance. A second, for the costs of cutting the stream was granted to £200 of the £340 requested. The CDCA agreed to pay the balance. The third, for additional Christmas tree lights was funded to the full amount requested, and will be paid once invoices have been submitted for the materials – Action: Clive Howarth and Roger Piercy.

**b. Verge by bridge**

Various options were discussed. The conclusion was to ask the Parish Council to request that the area be covered by grasscrete or similar so that it would look green, but would provide a parking area for the fishers and walkers.

- c. Fingerposts:** Request from the Parish Council for volunteers to help repaint the fingerposts located at Charlton Road/Woollard Lane and Charlton Road/Charlton Field. Secretary to put out by email a request for volunteers.
- d. Defib training:** The Parish Council has offered to put on a second training course. Secretary to put out by email a request for interested parties.

**6. Website/Social Media update**

- a.** Tim and Sarah Bees article has been placed on the website
- b.** Article on Mervyn still to come
- c.** Interview with Jack Carpenter from Maggie still to come
- d.** Matt Jones has been doing a great job on sharing our Facebook items with other Facebook sites. Alison ter Haar to provide him with links to the Facebook sites of the villages south of Compton Dando.

**7. Activities since last meeting**

- a. Marksbury School Scarecrow Trail:** There had been four entries from the Compton Dando amongst the nearly 30 in total. Alice Prescott's won 2<sup>nd</sup> prize.

**b. Open Gardens:** Sarah Wilson's report:

- A huge thank you to the organising group who met monthly from February to make it all happen: Liz Stanbury, Anne Millin, Mo Collings, Barend ter Haar, Joy Webb & Denise Kay - not forgetting the magnificent job Steve R did creating posters, leaflets & maps
- So many people involved - garden owners, teas in the church, hall sales, marshalling, car parks, photography, classic cars, Lorna's Jams & Chutneys (Lemon Marmalade was a best seller, sold out quickly!), Keith Govard's Apple Juice - all in all, these many people helped make the event a success with over 250 paying visitors
- Raised nearly £1900 on the day overall (including the sum of £472 raised by the church for teas)
- We have run a lessons-learned exercise, results of which are still being compiled: there are many positives and some lovely feedback from members of the public. Somehow the rain stayed away - must have been divine intervention as it was pouring in surrounding villages. Some of the things we might like to work through next time to make the event even better:
  - How to make the most of the village hall, for example creating a space for people to rest and get refreshed, decoration/atmosphere, second cafe
  - How to reduce the pressure on teas at the church (if the weather had been better there would have been even more visitors!!)
  - How to create clearer signage for each garden
  - How to reduce traffic through the village and reduce visitors' walking time - consider more than one car park at either end of the village
  - There were not many children visiting - we expected more
  - Consider the pros and cons of running event on a different day (Saturday for example) or at a different time, 1pm - 5pm

**c. Coffee mornings:** Nothing to report

**d. Churchyard working party 25 May:** The long lime-tree border had been weeded well, and areas where the mower cannot reach had been strimmed.

**8. Upcoming Events**

- a. Fete:** All going ahead smoothly. Requests for more donations of bric-a-brac and bottles of wine. Liz Stanbury requested raffle ticket stubs and money be returned

- to her by 2 July. Barend ter Haar and Brian Vowles have taken responsibility for putting up and taking down posters.
- b. **Picnic in the Park:** Still on for 7 September.
  - c. **Quiz night:** Alison ter Haar reported that she had booked the Hall provisionally for each Saturday in November until we know the Bath Rugby timetable in November.
  - d. **Coffee Mornings:** See 3c and 8e.
  - e. **Churchyard Working Party:** 17 August event going ahead as planned. Steve Rendell in the meantime will be applying weedkiller to the areas where the weeds have returned. He also proposed spending £160 on 2000 tete-a-tete daffodils to flower after the snowdrops. All agreed to go ahead with the purchase. Planting will be on 12 October during the October coffee morning. Any volunteers to help will be most welcome before they recover with free coffee and cakes.
  - f. **Craft Days:** Harriette Dotridge plans to arrange some more from late autumn, but dates not yet finalised.

## 9. Possible Upcoming Events

- a. **Crafts in the Church:** Hannah Maggs reported she had been approached by someone willing to organise this, with proceeds to the CDCA. Maureen Collings offered to look into this further with Hannah. Likely to be in early December. All agreed that this should be a 'Church' event with the proceeds to the Church.
- b. **Dog Show (29 September):** Hannah Maggs reported that she had been asked by a dog charity if they could organise this event in the village. All agreed that this would be acceptable. Please note that this is not a CDCA event, and is being organised in its own right.

**10. AGM:** Hannah Maggs indicated that she would be standing down as chair at the AGM, announcing this in time to find alternative candidates and Derek Lee would be standing down as Treasurer. Hannah Maggs would agree to being Treasurer, people seemed to be in favour of this. To bring to the AGM.

## 11. Date of next meeting: 4 September

## 12. AOB

- a. The CDCA had agreed by postal ballot to fund the replacement of the plaque under the cherry tree on the millennium green.
- b. An offer had been made by Pocket Opera to perform for us for only the cost of expenses. Hannah Maggs agreed to research and report back at the next meeting.
- c. The drain at the bottom of Bathford Hill continues to get blocked, and reporting to Fixmystreet has had no effect. Barend ter Haar agreed to bring up at the next Parish Council meeting.
- d. More bell ringers are needed – please turn up on a Monday evening at a bell-ringing practice in the Church and you will be most welcome to join in.
- e. The rubbish bin by the phone box is too small and fills too quickly. Also it has no lid and the jackdaws have been pulling out the contents. Barend ter Haar via the Parish Council to ask for a replacement suitable to meet our needs.

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm.