

Compton Dando Community Association

Village Meeting

15 January 2019, 7.30 pm - St Mary's Church Compton Dando

Minutes

1. **Attendees:** Sarah Wilson (Chair), Barend ter Haar (Secretary), Alison ter Haar, Ron Waker, Chris Dibble, Harriette and John Dottridge, Maureen Collings, David Stoye, Matt Jones, Lorna Howarth
2. **Apologies for absence:** Hannah Maggs, Derek Lee, Alice Prescott, Chris and Rachael Daubney, Clive Howarth, Steve Rendell, Brian Vowles, Anne Millin
3. **Welcome to new committee, and Chair's report:** Sarah thanked Hannah for all she had done as the previous Chair. Sarah had been touched by the welcome and offers of support she had been given following taking over the Chair role. She welcomed Jonathan Foyle as the new member of the committee.
4. **Minutes of previous meeting 4 September 2019:** Accepted as circulated – proposed by Alison and seconded by Maureen.
5. **Matters arising from Minutes**
 - a. **Silhouettes in Church:** Ron reported that they are in safe storage, and were taken out to be placed in the pews for Remembrance Sunday. This is the plan for future years as well.
 - b. **Methodist Chapel at Tucking Mill:** Lorna reported that she had been having difficulty in establishing who currently owned and had responsibility for the Churchyard which had become heavily overgrown – previous owners, Sheena, had confirmed that it was connected with Tucking Mill House. Agreed that Simon Kinnersly would be approached during litter pick to see if he could shed any light on whose responsibility the churchyard might be.
 - c. **Pocket Opera:** Event did not take place in 2019 – Maureen to follow up to see what can be done in 2020. Proposed that this be a Church organised event to raise money for the Church.
 - d. **Asset register:** Barend to ask Greg Drane if he could let us know when the checking and revision would be complete
 - e. **Picnic in the Park 7 September:** This had again been attended by very few people. The annual Cricket Club family day would appear to be the ideal substitute.
 - f. **Quiz night 30 November:** Alison reported that it had again been a success, with 8 teams this year and a surplus of £288 raised on the evening towards CDCA funds
 - g. **Village meeting coverage survey:** Carried forward to next meeting since Hannah had been unable to attend this one to report back.
6. **Financial report**
 - a. **Accounts 2018-9:** Derek had let the Secretary know he had not yet been able to complete these. Secretary to write to Derek and offer him any assistance if he wished for it.
 - b. **Fete proceeds disbursement:** Secretary to chase to get the cheques issued to the Church and Hall
 - c. **Insurance:** Hannah to be asked to contact insurers to let them know to send the renewal forms to her
 - d. **Bank Signatories:** Agreed that the signatories should be increased to four, and to be Sarah Wilson (Chair), Hannah Maggs (Treasurer), Lorna Howarth (Committee member), Alison ter Haar (Committee member). The secretary to obtain the forms to action this as soon as possible.

- e. **Contribution to cost of lights:** The cost of the cherry picker needed for putting up the lights had been twice as much as budgeted. Agreed that CDCA pay £100 to Roger Piercey as a contribution towards the costs. The meeting thanked Clive and Roger for their efforts, and the improved lighting had been much appreciated all round.
- f. **Grant applications:** Agreed that CDCA should apply to the Parish Council for S137 grants for stream maintenance, as per last year, and for reseeded the parking bank by the bridge. Secretary to action with the Chair.

7. Social Media/Website:

- a. Alison confirmed that she had received from Lorna papers from Joe Bettey, as well as pieces in Mervyn Cox and Grace Pow, and that she was in the process of posting these onto the CDCA website.
- b. Matt and Alison confirmed that they regularly kept different village members up to date by the Village Facebook page and a Village email mailing list.
- c. Suggested that we set up a WhatsApp group as well – since this works well for fact communication by the Cricket Club. Action: Secretary to ask all on the email list if they were happy to be added to a CD WhatsApp group.

8. Activities for 2020

- a. **Coffee Mornings:** the dates had been circulated, with one change being April's being moved from 11 to 4 April, since 11 April is Easter Saturday.
- b. **Churchyard Working Party:** Steve has proposed dates for 2020 that coincide with coffee mornings so that people can benefit from attending both on the one day: 4 April; 13 June; 15 August; 10 October
- c. **Wells Way talk – 24 January 19.30h:** Maureen confirmed that all was in place with tickets at £5 each to include a first drink and nibbles available from her. Requested extra raffle prizes to go to her.
- d. **Litter Pick – 2 February 10.00h:** All in place with Simon Kinnersly and Chris Daubney offering transport. Harriette will be offering ploughman's and soup lunch at end of picking. Secretary to circulate flyer.
- e. **Craft Days:** Harriette confirmed she already had over 30 signed up for 18 January day. She had added an extra date of 28 January, and then the next event will be 17 February.
- f. **Fete:** Matt is leading the organizing group this year, and confirmed the date as the first Saturday in July (4th) as usual. However, he and Sarah are expecting their second child around that date. Alison to share her fete checklist with Matt.
- g. **Quiz night:** Alison confirmed that she and Alice would organise the event again in November. Date to be confirmed once the Bath rugby future list known, to avoid clashes with a home game.
- h. **VE day – Friday 8 May:** WW1 commemoration team Joy, Brian, and Fiona to be asked if they were interested to put on a local event on VE day bank holiday weekend. Secretary to ask them.
- i. **Liaison with other groups – Church/Hall/Cricket:** Agreed that liaison with the Church was achieved through Village meeting attendance by Maureen, Ron, David, and Steve; with the Hall by the Dottridges; with the Cricket Club through Matt.
The Church had been concerned about its drop in income in recent years, but David was able to announce that he had been able to get a number of new Standing Orders paying monthly sums towards the Church upkeep.

- 9. **Dates of meetings 2020:** April, June, and September with AGM in October. Chair to liaise with Treasurer and dates to be circulated

10. AOB

- a.** Matt let the group know that he was working with Clive towards local initiatives towards what we might each be able to do locally towards reducing our carbon footprints as part of tackling the climate emergency. Barend to circulate the village around an informal meeting on this to take place in March.
- b.** Village books. These have now run out. Interest in seeing what could be done to create new expanded editions. We would need to work around copyright issues on one of the books. Any villagers interested on working on this project to contact Barend.

Meeting closed: 21.05h