

## Compton Dando Community Association Village Meeting

Minutes 22 April 2020, 7.00 pm – by Zoom

1. **Attendees:** Sarah Wilson (Chair), Barend ter Haar (Secretary), Hannah Maggs (Treasurer), Alison ter Haar, Chris Dibble, Harriette Dottridge, Maureen Collings, Matt Jones, Lorna Howarth, Brian Vowles
2. **Minutes of previous meeting 15 January 2020:** Accepted as circulated – proposed by Harriette and seconded by Lorna.
3. **Matters arising from Minutes**
  - a. **Methodist Chapel at Tucking Mill:** Simon Kinnersly was to have been approached during litter pick to see if he could shed any light on whose responsibility the churchyard might be, but he did not turn up.
  - b. **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. Action still open for post lockdown
  - c. **Asset register:** Barend had asked Greg Drane if he could let us know when the checking and revision would be complete, but had not had a reply. Alison to retrieve the list from her records: needs to be reviewed since very out of date
  - d. **Accounts 2018-9:** Derek had sent a summary to the Secretary as a pdf – there was an error of a minus sign where there should be a plus, and insurance details. **Action:** Hannah to obtain a corrected version for circulation.
  - e. **Fete proceeds disbursement:** Cheques have now been issued to the Church and Hall
  - f. **Insurance:** Hannah had contacted insurers to let them know to send the renewal forms to her
  - g. **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). Forms had been filled in and submitted to HSBC.
  - h. **Grant applications:** Agreed that CDCA should apply to the Parish Council for S137 grants for stream maintenance, as per last year, and for reseeding the parking bank by the bridge. Secretary had actioned, plus a third one for an electric car charging point to be placed in the village. To be discussed at PC May virtual meeting
  - i. Alison confirmed that she had posted the papers from Joe Bettey, as well as pieces on Mervyn Cox and Grace Pow, onto the CDCA website.
  - j. **WhatsApp groups** had been set up – one for non-urgent and the other for urgent matters
  - k. **Wells Way talk – 24 January:** Maureen did a great job on the admin side, and Brian attracted a large crowd from all around for an entertaining and informative presentation. Made a surplus of £303.
  - l. **Litter Pick:** All went smoothly as ever with the Chair's organisation. Harriette's soup lunch much appreciated
  - m. **Craft Days:** Harriette confirmed that each event had been well-attended and much appreciated
  - n. **Coffee mornings/Churchyard Working Party/Fete:** all cancelled for the time being
  - o. **VE day – Friday 8 May:** Original plans have had to be cancelled. Alison to circulate alternative actions
  - p. **Carbon Action:** Matt and Clive had organised a Zoom meeting and the outcome circulated
  - q. **Village books:** No-one had approached the secretary with ideas: he is looking into creating one based on village walks, lifting relevant materials to be observed along the walks from the out of print works where appropriate
4. **Financial report.**
  - a. The treasurer provided a financial summary of income and expenditure for the year from 1 October and this was circulated after the meeting.

- b. Funds in the bank are more than sufficient to cover our obligations for the rest of the financial year – there will be savings from coffee mornings not being run on the one hand, while the income from the fete will be a major gap on the other.
- c. The S137 grants, if awarded, are dependent on the CDCA part funding the projects.
- d. The Hall's funds are expected to be OK, even without bookings and fete income
- e. The Church's funds will be more stressed due to the absence of fete income, and summer Sunday teas. David Stoye's success in obtaining new standing orders will not cover all the deficit. An appeal being made to the Diocese for help.

#### **5. Role of the CDCA**

- a. The Chair introduced the topic: Like all good organizations we should from time to time pause for thought and review how things are going – helping us to improve continually how we deliver benefits for Compton Dando. From the Constitution, the aims of the CDCA are:
  1. *Encouragement of the social life of the community*
  2. *Improvement of the facilities and amenities of Compton Dando and in doing so not detract from the rural character of the area*
  3. *Raise monies for the village of Compton Dando*
  4. *Pursuit of the Aims by means of social activities, meetings, lectures, exhibitions, publications, and publicity*

Given those aims:

- What do we think works – would not like to lose?
- Are there activities/things we do we should stop?
- Are there activities/things we should be doing, but are not currently doing?
- What words best describe the role of the CDCA?

Sarah asked that individuals reflect on these questions outside the meeting, and pass responses back to her for compilation – the combined responses would then be fed back.

- b. From the meeting attendees: queries arose around what we might have lost over the years. 'Sustainability' suggested be added to the aims. Maybe reissue the leaflet which Clive produced some years ago promoting what the CDCA had achieved, and asking people what they wanted? Continue to encourage people to develop things where they have the energy – examples from the past have include the youth group, coffee mornings, the November quiz, etc

#### **5. AOB**

- a. The tete-a-tete daffodils in the Churchyard had been a great success – thanks to Steve.
- b. Alison offered to create a Village Quiz to be done online, or to create a local sights Bingo along the lines that Matt had been doing from his cycling group
- c. Sarah looking at an Instagram Flower Show
- d. Coffee mornings will continue in abeyance until government guidelines indicated otherwise, but bearing in mind many attendees fall under the 'vulnerable' category
- e. Recommendation that we have a celebratory village gathering once all lockdown measures ended
- f. Harriette reported that she had a number of items at hand that she had been given for the bric-a-bac stall at the fete

#### **6. Dates of next meetings**

24 June

September meeting date not yet set, and would be reviewed as summer progressed

22 October AGM

**Meeting ended at 20.10h**