

Compton Dando Community Association

Minutes Village Meeting 4 September 2019, 7.30 pm - St Mary's Church Compton Dando

1. Roll Call

Hannah Maggs (Chair), Derek Lee (Treasurer), Barend ter Haar (Secretary), Alison ter Haar, Brian Vowles, Chris Dibble, Maureen Collings, Alice Prescott, Chris and Roger Piercey, Liz Stanbury, Steve Rendell, Chris Daubney, Jonathan Foyle, Lorna Howarth

2. Apologies for absence

Rachel Daubney, Harriette and John Dottridge

3. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising not covered elsewhere

a. Silhouettes in Church

Carried forward since Ron Waker not available to provide update

b. Village agent

Introduced herself at coffee morning on 16 July

c. Methodist Chapel at Tucking Mill

Lorna Howarth brought up that the old Churchyard was in need of care and maintenance. She has been working on finding out who owns the land and whom should be contacted to access the grounds to clear them up. There is a large 5x3 foot stone from the yard in the grounds of Tucking Mill House.

d. Pocket Opera

Hannah will look to see if can be combined with Church Craft Day (see 9a below)

4. Matters arising relating to Parish Council

a. Fence on Green

Repairs have been made

b. Verge by bridge

BANES claims that the bank was seeded, but it had been ineffective. No funds to do any more work. Decision: make S137 grant application next year to cover this

c. Finger post painting

The two fingerposts on Charlton Park Road had been repainted with the well-appreciated help from CD villagers

d. Defibrillator training

Taking place in Parish Hall 18 October – anyone welcome to attend

e. Bathford Hill drain blockage

This is being reviewed by BANES Highways

f. Rubbish bin

Parish Council reviewing what can be provided

g. Fairy Hill hedge cutting

Land owners being chased to get hedge along Fairy Hill footpath cut back from the path

h. Septic tanks

Villagers reminded that the law is changing in January in relation to owners' responsibilities to protect against overflow of contents

i. Community speed watch

Review of speed limit markings is that these need to be updated before the speed watch arrangements can be instigated

5. Financial report – Derek Lee

a. Financial figures

The treasurer reported that the fete made a surplus of a record £3898 leaving ca£1300 each for the CDCA, Church and Hall.

The surplus in the bank is of the order of £3000

b. Asset Register

This is still with Greg Drane

6. Website/Social Media update

a. Article on Mervyn

Had been created and passed by Lorna to Alison. Item on Feoffees to come.

b. Interview with Jack Carpenter

Secretary to remind Maggie that still awaited

7. Activities since last meeting

a. Fete

Ben and Becky had been presented with gifts to thank them for their work on a very successful event. Organisers for next year need to be found.

b. Churchyard working party 17 August

The few who had turned up had made a big impact on the long border and other areas. Still a challenge to get enough support from members of the village

c. Church teas

Raised £2224. Joy is probably leaving the village so will not be around to help organise the teas, or church flowers, next year. Meeting agreed the social benefit and the value of bringing in visitors to the village. Noted that there's a need for teas providers to know where to get keys to open the Church when Church not open.

8. Upcoming Events

a. Picnic in the Park 7 September

The Pierceys would be around to welcome visitors to their gardens

b. Dog show 29 September

May not take place, but if does will be in field at bottom of Telegraph hill

c. Quiz night 30 November

Team nominations already coming in. Teams requested to give their team names and topics at the time of submission. Maximum number of people per team is six.

d. Coffee Mornings

Alice reported that these were under control and continue to be well-attended

e. Churchyard Working Party – 12 October

Steve confirmed that this event was for planting the daffodils agreed at previous meeting to be acquired. Volunteers requested to help out and then continue afterwards to coffee morning. Bring your own dibber!9

f. Craft Days

Harriette has arranged three of these, to take place 9 November 2019, 18 January 2020, and 17 February 2020.

9. Possible Upcoming Events

a. Crafts in the Church

Hannah reported that the date was still to be confirmed

10. Next meeting: AGM 13 November

A number of committee members cannot make this date. Secretary to see if 20 November possible in the Hall. (Post meeting update – Hall prebooked for Wednesdays so 26 November booked instead). Jonathan Foyle to give talk after the AGM finishes.

11. AOB

a. Tables for the Church

Maureen requested that the CDCA buy two small tables at £35 each to replace two which had become damaged, on the basis that these tables are borrowed from time to time by the CDCA. Purchase agreed.

b. Halloween

Alison announced there would be a pumpkin carving competition. She will also put out a notice about Trick and Treat protocols

c. Church Fabric Officer

Lorna announced that Clive has resigned from this role

d. Bell ringing

There would be guest bell ringers performing from 09.00 on 14 September

e. Talk on Origins of Keynsham Abbey

Brian Vowles offered to give a talk on this topic. Offer accepted, and suggested a date be arranged in the new year.

f. Village meeting coverage

Steve had objected to feedback to the meeting from items brought up at previous meetings that had been taken to the Parish Council being covered at the meeting. The secretary pointed out that agreement a few years ago had been made that the meeting should be a Village meeting rather than just a CDCA meeting, in part to avoid conflicts of activities between different groups. Hannah agreed to write to the villagers to ask what they wanted from the village meetings.

Meeting closed at 8.30.