

Compton Dando Community Association

Minutes of meeting held in St Mary's Church at 7.30 pm on 25 August 2021

Since Sarah Wilson was unable to attend, Hannah Maggs agreed to chair the meeting.

1. **Attendees:** Hannah Maggs (Treasurer), Barend ter Haar (Secretary), Harriette Dottridge, Alison ter Haar, Clive Howarth, Lorna Howarth, Mo Collings, Matt Jones, Alice Prescott, Brian Vowles, Mary Cashman, Kel and Jan Gough, Charlotte and Jim Turner
2. **Apologies for absence:** Sarah Wilson, Steve Rendell, Chris Dibble, Chris and Rachael Daubney, Liz Stanbury, Chris Dibble, Cheryl Gentle
3. **Minutes of April meeting:** The minutes were accepted
4. **Matters arising not covered elsewhere:**
 - i. **New benches** These have been positioned on the riverside walk between Chewton Keynsham and Compton Dando. Thanks to Heather Maggs and Martin Palmer for agreeing to these being placed on their respective pieces of land, to Hannah for arranging for their construction and getting them erected, and the CDPC for an S137 grant to cover some of the costs, and the CDCA for the balance.
Noted that the bench at the top of Cockers Hill had been damaged by farm machinery, and has been replaced by the landowner.
 - ii. **Bug hotel** Alison has started accumulating materials for the bug hotel. Date for construction to be advised.
 - iii. **Photocollage** This has been completed and a place in the Hall agreed for its placement. This updates the last picture from 2000. The website used turns out to have been in Germany, and this resulted in extra costs of duty and VAT to be paid. **Agreed** that the extra costs of £62.77 would be covered from CDCA funds.
5. **Finance**
 - i. Hannah reported that currently there was £2343 in the bank which included income from people renting the gazebos.
 - ii. Main cost to come is the annual renewal of the insurance policy.
 - iii. **HSBC:** Although the safeguarding aspects on the account have been cleared, HSBC have again lost the internet and phone banking forms. A new set of forms has been instigated.
6. **Activities**
 - i. **Coffee mornings:** These started with an event on the green, then one in St Mary's Churchyard, and at last one back in the Hall, though still with restricted numbers of 20. From the start of September, the numbers will no longer be restricted. The chances to meet again have been well received. Agreed to pay Alice £200 towards costs.
 - ii. **Churchyard Working Party. 13 November** selected for autumn clean up as it coincides with a Saturday coffee morning.
 - iii. **Cricket Club 'Fallon day'.** Taking place on **11 September**. Villagers invited to take part in a limited overs tournament, depending on how many would like to take part. Free for all to join in.
 - iv. **Village Walk.** Clive offered to coordinate one. Date to be advised.
 - v. **Village Quiz. 13 November** selected, and can go ahead now that numbers no longer restricted. Alice and Alison organizing.
 - vi. **Craft Days.** Harriette indicated that one might be possible in September, and others in Nov/Jan and Feb possible as well.
7. **Zero Carbon Compton (ZCC)**

- i. Matt and Clive reported that ZCC had raised £70,000 of funds and grants to date, and these funds are going via BWCE towards feasibility studies around the possibility of solar farms in the area. The outcomes of these studies are hoped to be available to be shared in October.
- ii. The aims of using solar energy for the village is that this is a source of non-carbon electricity, and that it could bring in income to the village of £5,000 to 10,000 a year.
- iii. A promising result from the studies could lead to further support of £100K from the Rural Community Energy Fund.
- iv. ZCC is preparing to carry out a number of energy-efficiency studies in the village, covered by the grants received to date.
- v. Expressions of interest are being requested by registering before **28 September** for bulk buy pricing on solar panels and electricity storage at <https://solartogether.co.uk/bathnes/home>

8. CDCA AGM Matters.

- i. **Venue:** Parish Hall
- ii. **Date and time:** Wednesday **13 October 8pm**
- iii. **Guest speaker:** Andrew Hillman to be invited to talk about what he's been working on in Lords Wood or Clive Smith to cover bee-keeping
- iv. **Agenda:** Chair's report; Treasurer's report; Election of Office bearers and committee, followed by guest Speaker.
- v. **Constitution changes:** CDCA incorporation, Youth member, Climate statement – to be carried over to an EGM to give enough time to get all the items prepared properly.

9. AOB.

- i. **Litter picking:** Alison proposed a scheme in which villagers adopt different stretches of road to keep litter down, between the annual February litter picks. She will send out a map with proposed stretches.
- ii. **Recycling:** Barend updated the meeting with a report of the success that the bins at coffee mornings for recyclable items not currently recycled by B&NES had already become. The plastic film options can now include clean cling film.
The soft plastics collected at the TESCO sites goes to a special plant in Swindon that converts it back into food packaging or a liquid fuel, rather than just burning it or sending it overseas. There is now a service available for recycling razors and razor blades (<https://www.terracycle.com/en-GB/brigades/gillette-envelope-uk> - can order 4 envelopes a year and send them back full)
When recycling aluminium items in your green bin, please combine foil into at least tennis ball sizes, and do not crush cans, so that the machinery can identify these items properly at the sorting centre.
Updated guidance has been added to the village information sheet, which is provided to all newcomers. Alison was asked to add the leaflet to the village website.
- iii. The gazebos need repairs to the legs of one unit, and the zips to the bags of two units. Harriette authorized to spend up to £200 on necessary repairs
- iv. **Café Church:** The next café church will be on **12 September** – subject to be advised.