

Compton Dando Community Association

Village Meeting held in the Parish Hall, 19 April 2023 Minutes

1. **Attendees:** Christel Rees (Chair), Barend ter Haar (Secretary), Harriette Dottridge, Kel Gough, Phillip Gentle, Steph Butler, Mo Collings, Chris Dibble, Lorna and Clive Howarth, Sarah Jones, Sarah Wilson, Liz Stanbury, Alison ter Haar
2. **Apologies for absence:** Jean Butler, Chris and Rachael Daubney, Alice Prescott, Neil Borer
3. Christel opened the meeting welcoming all present to this the first meeting since she had taken over the role of Chair
4. The minutes of the meeting of 1 February were accepted and there were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda
5. **Finance**
 - i. Barend reported that with Liz Stanbury the S137 grant application for refurbishing the village notice board had been submitted to the Parish Council. This would probably be reviewed at the June meeting.
 - ii. Alison has all the forms ready for opening the Virgin Money new bank account that will allow online transactions, as requested by the Treasurer. This account allows up to 10 activities a month without charge.
6. **Benches:** The benches funded by this year's S137 grant were in the process of being built
7. **Bug hotel:** This is now open for business. Alison thanked the villagers who had donated materials, the Foyles and Roger Carpenter who had helped build the hotel, the Parish Council for funding additional raw materials, and Jill Rice for allowing it to be built on her land.
8. **Bluebell Wood path:** Barend reported that the Parish Council's application to make this a Public Right of Way had been turned down by B&NES, but has now been passed up to the Minister of State on appeal.
9. **Annual Litter Pick:** Sarah (W) reported that 20 volunteers turned up on 26 February and many then adjourned to Harriette's for soup lunch. There was less litter than on previous years, and this was in part to the number of villagers who are picking up litter routinely through the year.
10. **Churchyard Working Party:** Kel reported that the numbers helping out are really very few these days. Various suggestions were put forward to improve support, including changing the name to Village Working Party, so that people did not feel that this just related to the church congregation. It was suggested that the long border with the lime trees should be named the CD Community Border – villagers were reminded that if they wished to add plants, they were welcome to do so. Suggested that sections might be adopted by individuals who would maintain small areas constantly through the year. Query raised as to whether Saturday mornings were best when many people had other things on at that time – Barend and Kel to create a Doodle Poll to see whether other times at the weekend or a weekday evening would be better.
11. **Coronation weekend**
 - i. Mugs: Barend had ordered 108 to cover the ones the CDCA was giving free to the 18s and under, and the 80s and over. There will be some extra available to purchase at £5 each. The front of the mug has a design created by Ava Foyle depicting the village bridge and background – he meeting thanked Ava for her artistic portrayal.
 - ii. Social event on 7 May: This would now take place at 1pm on the village green, and if wet the Parish Hall would be available (without charge thanks to the Hall Committee). People to bring along their own food, drink, seating, etc. Steph offered to put out the fete bunting kept in the Church store.
 - iii. Joy Webb was organising a small exhibition and afternoon teas in the church for the Saturday and Monday of the weekend

12. **Electronic archives from Gary Pearce:** Sarah (W) to pass the discs to Alison for her to see what she can do to add these to the website
13. **Fete:** Phillip was organising the first organisers meeting – to be held in the pub at 7.30 on 24 April
14. **Open Gardens:** 9 June 2024 was selected from the options offered by Sarah (W).
15. **Youth Activities:**
 - i. Keynsham youth sessions: The following may be of interest to villagers:
 - TimeOut is Keynsham’s Youth Centre: they meet at the Timeout Building, which is 16 Bath Hill, Keynsham:
Wednesdays 19:00-21:00: 14-19 year olds
Thursdays 19:00-21:00: 14-19 year olds
Fridays 16:00-18:00: 11-14 year olds
 - Keynsham 1st Scouts - [Contact - 1st Keynsham Scouts](#)
 - Keynsham Girl Guiding – 0117 9867940
 - EPIC Kids club, Elim Church 0117 986783 www.keynshamelim.com
 - Keynsham Girls Brigade 07980473015 lindachrisp@hotmail.com
 - Keynsham Children and Family Centre brightstartcc@bathnes.gov.uk 01225 395400
 - Then there are various sports clubs with juniors section: Swimming, hockey, football, rugby, dance groups.
 - ii. Secondary school age: Mo reported that Maisie and Rose were keen to take part, and that Tracie interested to coordinate. Activities might include tuck shop, table tennis (with agreement of the table tennis organisers).
 - iii. Younger age group: Sarah (J) reported that there was an informal grouping in the pub on Friday evenings. Suggested that they meet one Friday a month at 5.30 for an hour or so in the Hall (Harriette to confirm availability of the Hall). An informal or formal activity would be put on.
 - iv. The meeting agreed a budget of up to £75 in any one month to cover the costs of youth activities
16. **Local Elections:** Barend reminded the meeting that for the first time for a long time that there would be an election for Parish Councillors, with 9 candidates for 7 places, and that Compton Dando had a couple of new names for consideration
17. **AOB**
 - i. Westlink localised buses: Barend brought the meetings attention to the new service being trialled where, by means of a phone app or phone call, you can arrange for a minibus to collect you from a stop near you and take you to a spot elsewhere in the Westlink Southern Zone, or connect in Keynsham to the Northern Zone. The service should be available to you within an hour of your making a booking, or it can be used for making a booking a day in advance. Operates 7 am to 7pm Mon-Sat. Cost £2 a journey. Further details are on the bus stop opposite the pub or from <https://travelwest.info/westlink/>. Lorna reminded the meeting of the Chew Valley service for medical appointments which has 40 volunteer drivers and is used on average for 15 journey a week.
 - ii. Bluebell walk: Would be taking place on Sunday 23 April, meeting at the Church at 2.30
 - iii. Marquee hire: Barend had had a request from a local person to hire a marquee in the week after the fete. This was approved, and a donation to the CDCA would be the fee. Barend will assist the hirer who will provide the volunteers to take it down at the end of the fete and erect it in his gardens thereafter.
18. **Date of next meeting:** 21 June 2023