

COMPTON DUNDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Compton Dundon & Littleton **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**
held at 6:30pm on Thursday 9th May 2019 at the Meadway Hall, Ham Lane.

THOSE PRESENT: Geoff Walker, Diane Churches, Greg Jones, Tiffany Kearton, Steve King(Chairman), John Rowland, Christopher Swain, Cllr Dean Ruddle (SCC & SSDC), Cllr Tim Kerley (SSDC), 8 other residents, and Helen Richardson (Parish Clerk)

1. **Apologies:** John Rowland
2. **Chairman's Opening Remarks.**
The Chairman of the Parish Council took the Chair and welcomed all present.
3. **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd May 2018.**
These were accepted as a true record of proceedings and signed by the Chairman.
4. **Matters arising** None
5. **Report from Police.** There was no report from the police, although it was noted that an officer now attends Parish Council meetings on a regular basis
6. **Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report.**
The Chairman briefly summarised the Annual Report, a copy of which had been published.
7. **County Councillor's Report.**
The County Councillor explained to residents how they could contact him and that he was always available for support.
8. **District Councillors' Report.**
The District Councillors reported that they expected radical changes ahead following the change in Personnel following the elections, but they will always do their best to try to help residents. Thanks were extended to Stephen Page who had served a District Councillor in recent years
9. **Village Hall Committee Report.**
It was reported that the Village Hall Committee meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month. They have arranged several fundraising events including Bingo and a Folk Night. They are developing the Balcony and installing soundproofing to provide an additional rental space. They are working with the Parish Council to provide additional play equipment. They are looking to increase the parking available.
10. **Reports from Village Organisations.**
 - a) Parochial Church Council – It was reported that St Andrews has maintained their weekly service, with a congregation of 25-30 and at the big services they have a full house. This year they have held 'the church fete and flower festival. They have received significant donations to repair the gutters and downpipes and they would like to thank the Parish Council for the maintenance of the churchyard. Their Poppyfall display attracted huge numbers of visitors.
 - b) Women's Institute – No report
 - c) Rights of Way Committee – Reported that they have had their usual program of repair & replacement this year – That's the volunteers & the Rights of Way. Notable projects were the: Removal of the hedge obstructing the path adjacent to the Pink Cottage in Peak Lane; Installation of a rubbish Bin at Meadway Hall, Christmas Tree at the Cross, Spring Clean Event in April 2019. They still have a plan to create a level route between Peak Lane & Ham Lane by replacing the stiles with self-closing gates. Many Thanks must be recorded for the volunteers & the Parish council for providing funds for equipment and refreshments.
 - d) Cricket Club – reported a mixed season on and off the field. On the field they had to contend with the dry summer resulting in cracks that meant that they had to play their final 4 home games away. They did not win a league match but did not finish bottom of the mid Wessex league. Olii Philips finished top run scorer in the whole league. Off the field they celebrated their 60th Anniversary year with a dinner at the Meadway Hall. Members of the original team were present along with guest speaker Wes Durston, Ex Compton, Somerset & Derbyshire. The Club were successful with a grant application to Viridor Credits and are currently building a new Storage Shed for their ground equipment and converting the old one to a Women's Changing Room in the Pavilion (thanks to the Parish Council for their support). The new season sees them playing in a revised Mid Wessex League, playing all teams once with playoffs at the end of the season. Junior coaching will take place from May to July on Fridays evenings at the Hayes Road Ground
 - e) Short Mat Bowls - Reported that they have 23 members and meet twice per week on a Monday and Tuesday at 7.15pm and they are looking for new members. They play in two leagues in the Winter, they are in the top division for both and in the Summer they play friendlies

with other Clubs. They are a friendly Club of all abilities. Coaching will be given to new members.

f) Parish Walks: reported that they meet for informal monthly get togethers for a 4-5 mile stroll finishing with a pub lunch. They normally meet on a Sunday but are trialing mid-week. New people are very welcome to join.

g) Gardening Club: reported that they have 20 members and meeting on the 1st Monday of the month September to June. They have talks on seeding, potting, encouraging Bees for example. They also run trips and will be going to Milton Lodge Gardens in June. They would welcome new members and they put together the village Show.

No other groups offered reports, but the Chairman comments that there are a good range of groups running and appeared to be thriving. It was also noted that a rounders club would be starting for Summer.

h) Golf Society: reported that they meet once per month from March to October visiting a variety of reasonably local golf courses. They have a wide range of abilities and use the Stableford handicapping system. Each Month they begin with Bacon Rolls and coffee and the players are mixed randomly into groups to play a round together. There are small prizes for top group score and individual scores, followed by a meal. Last year, for the first time they ran a charity day at Wedmore golf club and raised £1535 for Cancer Research. This year we are repeating the event at the end of August in aid of Age UK Somerset and so are looking for offers of help or raffle prizes. New members welcome.

11. Open discussion/proposals.

A resident commented that Mobile Telephone reception is awful. It was noted that a recent planning application to install a telephone mast to improve reception was refused and gathered a lot of local opposition.

12. Chairman's Closing Remarks.

The Chairman said that it due to tighter financial restraint it may be necessary to consider long term plans and would welcome suggestions from residents. Plans were in place to plant trees in the Parish and the Parish Council would support a scheme that would introduce superfast broadband. Speeding issues were very apparent through the village and ways to combat this would be considered. He also pledged support for Clubs and societies that make the Village a vibrant place to live.

The meeting finished at 6.55pm

Signed as a true record

Date

Chairman Compton Dundon Parish Council