

# COMPTON DUNDON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES of the Compton Dundon & Littleton **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** held at 6:30pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021 on Zoom.

**THOSE PRESENT:** Geoff Walker, Diane Churches, Greg Jones, Tiffany Kearton, Steve King(Chairman), Christopher Swain, 3 other residents, and Helen Richardson (Parish Clerk)

1. **Apologies:** John Rowland, Helen Miles, Cllr Dean Ruddle (SCC & SSDC), Cllr Tim Kerley (SSDC),
2. **Chairman's Opening Remarks.**  
The Chairman of the Parish Council took the Chair and welcomed all present and acknowledged the strange year we have had due to Covid-19 and the way we have had to adapt to virtual meetings. It was noted that many of the plans mentioned in the Chairman's closing remarks from 2019 have been accomplished.
3. **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 9th May 2019.**  
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.
6. **Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report.**  
The Chairman briefly summarised the Annual Report, a copy of which is available on the website.
7. **County Councillor's Report.**  
The County Councillor was not able to attend but submitted a report which was circulated.
8. **District Councillors' Report.**  
The District Councillors was not able to attend but submitted a report which was circulated.
9. **Village Hall Committee Report.**  
It was reported that the Village Hall Committee meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7pm. They have upgraded the cupboards under the stage and stage curtains, thanks to the Glastonbury festival team. Most groups are going to return once the hall opens fully. They were able to claim £15,000 in Covid grants to support them through lockdown. They have applied for a grant for video conferencing camera & projector in the meeting hall and plans are in place to apply for a grant for equipment for the main hall which will allow films to be shown.
10. **Reports from Village Organisations.**
  - a) **Parochial Church Council** – It was reported that St Andrews Church have missed regular social events such as the harvest lunch and big breakfast but hope that village occasions will be possible from the summer onwards. We have been delighted to welcome Rev Ana Lawrence as rector of St Andrews. Due to lockdown restrictions Ana was unable to lead her welcome service in person, but we have continued our worship through weekly Zoom services. This has also enabled us to meet with congregations from other churches from Street & Walton online. Also on offer remotely are early morning prayer sessions, bible study, quizzes, fitness and online pub nights. The church was open once per week from March to July for private prayer. Information on all our activities can be found on the Benefice website, on Facebook or in the Herald section of the village magazine. Two new church wardens were appointed – Pat King & Trish Cox. A special thank you goes to Helen Thomas for serving 7 years as Church Warden. The Church reopened for a brief spell leading up to Christmas between the lockdowns but the Church looked and felt different with seats spaced apart, wearing facemasks and no singing. We were unable to go carol singing as in previous years, but we did manage some charitable giving to the food bank in Street and donated gift boxes to Christmas Child. In 2020 the yew tree specialist carried out essential work on our Yew tree – the cost was met wholly by the generosity of those who had given to the yew tree appeal. We thank our volunteer groundsmen who maintain the church yard and other work around the grounds. We are working towards our eco-church bronze award. Our first service back in church was the Easter service and we sang our final hymn outdoors. We hope to be able to start our fundraising again once we can meet socially and safely.
  - b) **Women's Institute** – No report
  - c) **Rights of Way Committee** – Normal monthly meetings have been curtailed due to Covid-19 but some tasks have continued with social distancing and reduced numbers and the Christmas Tree meetings were well attended. Thanks were expressed to residents how have gone out alone with secateurs to clear paths, keeping them open.
  - d) **Compton Dundon Cricket Club** had a limited season in 2020. Playing under the Covid-19 regulations they managed four T20 in the Mid Wessex League against local teams. The hardest bit was having to bring your own Tea !. On a more positive note the club managed to purchase new gang mowers and a ride on mower that has immediately shown their benefit by how well the ground is looking at the start of this season. Tree works were carried out to pollard the two

Willow trees causing danger to the pavilion and the Cricket Club were pleased to be part of the Village Tree planting initiative. Usual club celebrations including the President's XI and Annual Dinner had to be postponed. Looking forward the club has a full fixture list this year with a combination of league fixtures and friendlies. The club are also hosting the Shapwick and Polden 3<sup>rd</sup> XI for their home matches in the Somerset League on Saturdays.

This years junior coaching will be under the ECB's All Stars and Dynamos schemes hosting 5 to 11 year olds at the Ground on Friday evenings. The club bar will be open on Friday evenings and on home match days. New kit has been purchased under the sponsorship of the Castlebrook Inn.

e) Short Mat Bowls - It was reported that they haven't played for the last year, but the affiliations with the Short Mat Bowls society have all changed due to Covid. All the new administrative jobs are now in place. They normally meet on a Monday & Tuesday evening and are introducing a new afternoon session on Thursday June 24<sup>th</sup> with doors open to new members. A charity event had been planned prior to Lockdown and are looking forward to rearranging it once lockdown eases.

f) Parish Walks: reported that they their informal monthly get togethers had to stop due to Covid, but hope that they will be able to resume again soon. if anyone within the Parish has any particular ideas or wishes for future 'guided walks' in the countryside, they will be considered and shared with other like-minded people.

g) Baby And Toddlers Group. It was reported that they are hoping to start again in September.

h) Golf Society: The Golf Society managed just one meeting in 2020 before the lockdown intervened. This year we have consulted with the members and with a slightly reduced number of interested members, we have restarted with a programme of 7 visits to surrounding golf courses, finishing in October. The Society is open to anyone interested in playing social golf, of any ability. We usually play between March and October, and each visit consists of coffee and a bacon roll before a round of golf, followed by a light, one course meal. Contact details for the various events are regularly published in the Village Newsletter, and we welcome any new members. The next visit is on Wednesday May 19<sup>th</sup> to Brean Golf Club.

**11. Open discussion/proposals:** None

**12. Chairman's Closing Remarks.**

The Chairman Closed the meeting and encouraged residents to attend monthly Parish Council meetings to share their views.

The meeting finished at 7.10pm

Signed as a true record .....

Date .....

Chairman Compton Dundon Parish Council