

COMPTON DANDO PARISH COUNCIL

PRESENT: P Paget (PP) (Vice- Chair), A Dawes (AD), H Maggs (HM),
J Davis (JD), T Butler (TB), S Smith (Clerk) + parishioners & Dick Whittington (WERN)

(SERVING BURNETT, CHEWTON KEYNSHAM, COMPTON DANDO, QUEEN CHARLTON, & WOOLLARD (EAST))

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH

HELD ON 17TH MAY 2016 at 7.30 pm in COMPTON DANDO PARISH HALL

Before the start of the meeting a presentation was made by Evan Weinberg of Truespeed with regard to installation of an UltraFast FTTP Broadband in Compton Dando and Burnett. There was standing room only as the presentation was well attended.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Councillor D Drury, Councillor C Willows & District Councillor S Davis
2. **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 19 MAY 2015**
THE MINUTES WERE AGREED BY ALL TO BE A TRUE RECORD AND DULY SIGNED BY THE VICE-CHAIR
3. **MATTERS ARISING**
None
4. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (APPENDED)**
This report was read out at all of the Village Meetings.
5. **REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR SALLY DAVIS (APPENDED)**
A Thank you was extended to District Councillor Sally Davis for all the support and hard work she puts in on behalf of the Parish.
6. **PARISH HALL/MILLENNIUM GREEN REPORT (APPENDED)**
This report was read out in the Parish Hall Annual Meeting.
7. **PRESENTATION OF THE 2015/2016 ACCOUNTS (APPENDED)**

The Clerk reported that the accounts have now been submitted to the internal auditors, Chartax in Keynsham. They are currently unaudited and may be subject to change. The date of commencement of the period for the exercise of public rights for the accounts year ended Mar 31 2016 is being announced today, by display of the notice in noticeboards and on the website. The period for exercising the right to inspect the accounts runs from Friday 3 June to Thurs 14 July.

8. **ANNUAL NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT (APPENDED)**
The report was read out by Harriette Dottridge after which she was thanked for keeping everyone informed of what is happening over the past year with crimes locally and Neighbourhood Watch information.
9. **SUMMARY OF ISSUES RAISED AT THE VILLAGE MEETINGS (APPENDED)**
The main findings from the Annual Village Meetings were read out and it was reported that these issues will be addressed in future Parish Council Meetings.

John Dottridge brought to the attention of the meeting, that another finger off the finger post at the bottom of Bathford Hill has gone missing. If anyone knows where it is, please contact John as he will organise its repair.

Chairman's Report 2016 – recited at every village meeting.

Each local council must hold an Annual Parish Meeting between March and June (May in Compton Dando). The Parish Meeting is a meeting of the parishioners (anyone on the electoral register of the Parish). Because our parish includes several villages, which may have differences in their points of interest, we also hold meetings in each of the five villages in March to collect their opinions. A summary of these will be added to the minutes recorded for the Annual Meeting of the Parish in May. The Parish Council will take note of the Parishioners' wishes expressed in these meetings and take matters forward to the full Parish Council to be discussed further and if required these matters will be acted upon. Items must be placed as an item on the agenda of the monthly Parish Council meeting. Any parishioner can come along to a Parish Council meeting, and they can speak for 3 minutes before the meeting opens, on whatever they wish to bring to our notice. Minutes of the Parish Council meetings are available to all parishioners who would like to see what is discussed and what decisions are reached. These are available on village notice boards, from the Parish Clerk, or on the parish council website (www.comptondando-parishcouncil.org.uk). Meetings may also now be filmed or recorded in line with the protocol on the website.

Throughout the year we have several standing items which we oversee. These include:

1. Planning matters (applications, appeals, enforcements): planning applications are considered by the Parish Council before they are decided by BANES. We arrange site visits to see for ourselves the proposed changes before we discuss our recommendation (we can support, object, or make comments). The recommendations are based on our understanding of the local environment and planning policies, not on personal preferences. In the past year, the Parish Council has considered 26 planning applications, two of which were withdrawn. 84% of the decisions made by the Parish Council agreed with the final decision made by BANES
2. We report to the BANES council (through Council Connect) local issues such as potholes, fly tipping, flooding, blocked drains, damage to ancient monuments etc which we want the local authority to take action on. The Parish Clerk will monitor action or progress on these reported matters.
3. The Parish Council is trustee for the Parish Hall in Compton Dando and currently the Deed is being updated so that the Parish Council become Sole Trustees this will allow the Parish Hall to gain charitable status. It has recently been proposed that the Parish Council work with a solicitor over the next months to formalise the proposal for charitable status.
4. We pay for local services such as street lights, grass cutting, a website, and a parish clerk from the parish precept.

We have recently co-opted two new Councillors Johanna Davies and Tony Butler to fill the two places that arose following the 2015 elections.

For a second year running, it was decided to freeze the precept. Because of increases in our costs, especially electricity and lighting, we will still need to take some funds from reserves, but we still have sufficient. We have several groups that have expressed an interest in applying for s137 grants this year and applications will be considered at the April Parish Council meeting, which is in the Parish Council's next financial year.

Some of the bigger issues we have dealt with this year are:-

1. Overseeing the refurbishment works and improvement of flood resilience measures to the Parish Hall in Compton Dando, after two major flooding incidents in 14 years. Also, the Parish Council have also recently agreed the installation of an overhead projector and screen in the Parish Hall to allow the Parish Council to undertake paperless planning at a later stage this year. This screen and projector will

also be an asset for the residents for our Parish as it may be used for other activities e.g. film shows

2. The Parish Council have submitted comments on the following consultations:-

BANES Placemaking Plan

The BANES Housing Boundary Review

The BANES Designation of Local Green Spaces

We have also undertaken work on recording and submitting information to B&NES in respect of Community Assets.

Several Councillors are taking part in workshops, together with other Parish/Town Councillors and BANES officer to produce responses in respect of the West of England Joint Spatial Plan and Joint Transport Plan.

3. Following requests for 20mph for all our villages. Burnett has 20 mph in place through the village and Compton Dando has a 20mph limit allocated for specific sections of the village which will be under consultation next month. BANES are aware that other villages in the Parish wish to be considered for 20 m.ph should funding become available in the future.
4. In the past year, the Parish Council have reviewed their Standing Orders, Risk Assessment and Asset Register.
5. In June, the fingerposts within the Parish will be undergoing repair and maintenance. This is to be a joint venture between Parish Councillors, BANES volunteer groups (made up of BANES officers), the Community Pay Back Team and resident volunteers. All materials will be supplied by BANES.

Report from B&NES Cllr. Sally Davis to Compton Dando Parish Council at the Annual Parish Meeting – 2016

I have continued to try and ensure issues relating to Compton Dando Parish Council have been addressed these include:-

Planning.

This year as in previous years I have tried to express resident's views when asked and I have been involved with residents individual planning applications.

The traveller's site at Queen Charlton has still not been resolved & questions continue to be asked regarding the next stage, they have just lodged an appeal [March 2016] against the refusal for their application in later part of 2015, I can assure you that Senior Officers & Cllrs are fully aware of the frustration this site has brought to the community & want it resolved as much as the residents.

There are other enforcement issues in the Parish which are being followed through & it may be worth noting the outcome of the appeal regarding The Piggery at Compton Dando, which has been in various stages as ongoing application for many years, was dismissed earlier this year.

The Core Strategy is adopted but there are concerns regarding developments in Keynsham & the infrastructure causing problems in the lanes adjacent to the sites, especially in Whitchurch & off Charlton Road. Compton Dando Parish Council & residents themselves are working hard to ensure all the facts are known by the Council, I am also kept aware of the problems & raise them with both the relevant Planning Officers & Cabinet members

The situation in & around Keynsham isn't easy so I'm delighted the Parish Council are involved with the group reviewing the Joint Spatial Plan [JSP] as its outcome for the area will affect all residents in the Compton Dando Parish area but particularly those in Queen Charlton & Chewton Keynsham.

Highways issues.

The speed of traffic particularly through the lanes continues to worry residents & both Chewton Keynsham & Compton Dando villages are talking to the relevant Officers regarding speed limits.

B&NES Council.

My own interest on the LA has changed!

I'm still involved with the Early Years, Children & Young People's Scrutiny Panel but now as just a member which I enjoy.

Last year I wrote *'I have also substituted several times this year on the Development Control Committee so feel my planning knowledge is improving!'* It's just as well that was the case as I now Chair the Development Management Committee [new name same committee!].

We do undergo training, although I'm sure residents don't think this is the case if a decision doesn't go their way, some of the training has also been open to Parish Councillors & Clerks & I know Compton Dando have been represented at most of the sessions.

I have tried continued to keep everyone informed of what has happened in B&NES through my newsletter, attending Parish Council mtgs. & responding to residents queries, I am happy to be contacted anytime about an issue in the Parish which is causing concern.

I like to thank the Parish Council & Clerk for their support during the year.

Sally Davis May 2016

Compton Dando Parish Hall
Annual General Meeting
17th May 2016

Chairman's Address:

Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen.

I am delighted to be able to report that it has been a relatively quiet year for the Hall; our renovation of the building is as complete as may reasonably be expected and wins plaudits from most who use it.

Whatismore, whilst we have had moments of no water, when hirers have taken our instructions too literally, and puddles of leaked water threatening the comfort of our yoga hirers, no flood water has breached our new defences and our flood barriers, when employed, have done their job. A fact to which your Chairman can testify to as he found himself one night at eleven in the evening muttering incantations at the advancing torrent!

As to operations, our booking fees have increased, not only when measured against last year, when two months were lost to closure, but also against the previous year, albeit an increase in charges has contributed.

Expenditure for the year is as one might expect: less than last year, which included the renovation, and only slightly increased when compared with the year before, which is undoubtedly due to the effects of inflation.

As well as our couple of long term and valued hirers, the Art Group and the Yoga group, we are most enthusiastic about the prospects of Richard Davis' Table Tennis Club. Although newly established, Richard reports healthy levels of interest that he hopes will convert into even more demand for playing time as interest turns into players.

Alice Prescott's coffee mornings, on behalf of the CDCA, are unfailingly popular and Harriette Dottridge has successfully introduced a number of non-parishioners to the Hall when they come to her much in demand craft days.

The 49 Club is now the Compton Dando Hall Lottery with 59 winnable numbers, not, I am afraid, reflecting an increase in demand but merely replicating the National Lottery on which it is based. Make no mistake though; it is still a reliable source of funds for the Hall and our recruitment drive has converted a number of subscribers from payment by cheque to standing order, which is an undoubted administrative improvement. Nevertheless, even after the recruitment drive, we would still like to see more people joining so please do spread the word, particularly as the statistical chance of winning is so uncommonly high!

Finally, we, the management team of the Parish Hall, are extremely grateful to Betty Penny who donated one of Edwin's beautiful watercolours to the Parish. The painting is now in pride of place near the entrance of the main hall and the Committee has decided that a plaque honouring this kind gift should be mounted below the picture and this will be achieved in due course.

In conclusion, may I thank all the committee for their work during the last twelve months, particularly Ken Webb who has managed his first year with quiet efficiency, making the transition from one Treasurer to the next a pretty painless operation.

So, thank you all.

Bank Reconciliation
Compton Dando Parish Council

Meeting Date: 16th February 2016

Prepared by: Clerk Susan Smith

Date:

11/03/2016

Approved by : Vice-Chair

Date:

15/03/2016

Bank Reconciliation Date:	19/02/2016
Bank Balance at Date:	9021.08
Unpresented cheques	0.00
Bank Balance less unpresented cheques	9021.08
 Cashbook Balance at Date	 9021.08

Unpresented Cheques

Date	Description	Cheque No	Amount
	Unpresented cheques		0.00

Cheques to be paid

Description	Cheque No	Amount
ALCA Pensions Training	001304	20
EDF 02 dec 15 to 31 dec 15	001305	35.86
ALCA Training + annual subscription	001306	339.02
Clerks expenses and overtime	001307	212.33
Clerk's Salary	001308	229.22
Apollo Technology - digital projecto	001309	1033.86

Annual Return

	Year Ending		Variance	% Variance	Explanation required
	31-Mar-15	31-Mar-16			
1 Balances brought forward	34078	10006			
2 (+) Annual precept	7011	7011		0	0%
3					
(+)Total other receipts	290	5818		5528	1906% YES
4 (-)Staff Costs	1566	4635		3069	196% YES
5					
(-)Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0		0	
6					
(-) All other payments	29806	11049		-18757	-63% YES
7 (=) Balances brought forward	10006	7151			
8 Total Cash and short term investments	10006	7151			
9 Total fixed assets plus other long term investments and assets	245420	247354		1934	0.79% greater than £250 so YES
10 Total Borrowings	0	0			

Annual Neighbourhood Watch Report May 2016

Meanwhile I would say that we have had a quiet year from the Neighbourhood Watch point of view. There were a few reports of drug taking, cannabis growing debris and possible dealing in a couple of known places but these were reported to the police and/or Crimestoppers as appropriate and seem to have stopped for the moment. Parishioners who feel worried about giving information to the police can always call the Crimestoppers number 0800 555 111 which enables information to be passed on anonymously to the appropriate authority: police, borders agency, road traffic etc. Calls are not recorded and cannot be traced. Information can also be given anonymously online via: <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/give-information-online/> .

We held a successful village cleanup in February again this year and were again supported by local tractor and 4x4 drivers, B&NES who supplied picks, gloves and bags and took away what we had collected the following day and, of course, the villagers who gave up their Sunday morning to help. We have had a few newcomers recently and several of them are getting involved in village and church clean ups too. Thank you and welcome!

Much thanks should also be mentioned to Dave Ford who, over the last 6 or 7 years has reported flytipping to me so that I can report it to B&NES. Dave walks the lanes, not just in our parish but all around this area and tries to ensure the safety of people, vehicles and animals by reporting, gathering and clearing flytipping and rubbish. He has been unwell over the last month or so and I'm sure we will all soon notice the difference since he has been unable to give me items to report. All parishioners should

be aware that they can do this themselves: report pot-holes, flytipping, flooding and such like via the B&NES website: <http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/reportit> as well as calling urgent matters in via 01225 394041.

Many people continue to pick up rubbish as they walk the lanes and recycle what they can. Every little helps keep this a beautiful place to visit and to live in. Thank you to everyone.

SUMMARY OF VILLAGE MEETINGS 2016

- 9.1 **Speed Limits** There are concerns over rat-running and traffic volumes have increased even before the new housing developments have been finished. It is thought that transport for the area needs to be discussed as a whole.
- 1.2 **Potholes** The lanes are degrading and potholes are not filled in quick enough. There has been damaged to verges by traffic. Lorries exceeding the maximum weight limit have been travelling in the direction of the Two-Headed Man junction.
- 1.3 **Flooding** This has occurred on the B3116 at Burnett village.
- 1.4 **Broadband** Speeds are still slow and there has been no sign of action on this matter during the year.
- 1.5 **Burnett as a Conservation Village** Information on what this entails has been distributed to the parishioners.
- 1.6 **A37 Woollard Lane Junction** This is still causing problems but the developers will release money to improve the junction when a certain number of houses have been built.
- 1.7 **The grass next to the village green in Queen Charlton** This is still being damaged but permission to put up posts with chains has been given by B&NES Council.
- 1.8 **Travellers' Site at Queen Charlton** The site is still present and yet another appeal has been launched by the travellers.

The meeting finished at 7.55 pm