

COMPTON DANDO PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT: D Drury (Chair), P Paget (Vice Chair) (PP), A Dawes (AD), C Willows (CW), B ter Haar (BT)

IN ATTENDANCE: S Smith (Clerk) & A Singleton (Ward Councillor)

DRAFT MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON 19TH NOVEMBER 2019 IN COMPTON DANDO PARISH HALL

THE MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY THE VICE CHAIR COUNCILLOR PP

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies from Councillors HM and TB and Councillor DD for late arrival.
2. **NOTIFICATION OF ANY MEMBER'S PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST IN ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA:**
None.
3. **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE BY MEMBERS**
None.
4. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 15TH OCTOBER 2019**

THE MINUTES WERE AGREED BY ALL TO BE A TRUE RECORD AND DULY SIGNED BY THE VICE CHAIR.

5. WARD COUNCILLOR'S UPDATE

It was reported that the Ward Councillors have an Empowerment Fund of £4000 for worthwhile projects, to be shared across the two areas. It is for the purpose of helping concerns or needs across the communities.

Each application should be for at least £200.

The deadline for the applications is the 30th September 2020 for project completion before 31 March 2021

Bath & NE Council have guidelines on the type of projects that are suitable for the funding.

For further information and an application form: <https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/neighbourhoods-and-community-safety/connecting-communities/ward-councillors-empowerment>

The Councillors agreed to add an item to the December agenda for the purpose of discussing how the Parish Council would publicise the funding.

6. FINANCE

6.1 Finance Report for Compton Dando Parish Council 19th November 2019 Bank Reconciliation for 18/10/2019

The attached Bank Reconciliation was received and noted.

It was AGREED that a one-off payment of £10 to Nominet for the purpose of having visitors to the old website being redirected to the new website, could be made (ACTION CLERK).

6.2 Schedule of Expenditure for 01/04/2019 to 19/11/2019

The attached Schedule of Accounts was approved and the cheques duly signed.

6.3 Parish Hall Payments for 19/11/2019

The Schedule of Accounts was approved and the cheques duly signed.

Cheque Number	Payee	Description	Amount
100034	C Cooper	Consumables	£9.50
100035	Chub Fire	Maintenance	£57.57
100036	H Dottridge	Lottery Prizes	£75.00

6.4 TO SIGN AN APPLICATION FOR BUSINESS BANKING FOR THE PARISH HALL

The Clerk reported that HSBC had advised that a new application should be made for internet banking because the previous one was now outside the 45-day retention limit.

The application was DULY SIGNED.

7. TO RECEIVE UPDATES ON PROGRESS OF RESOLUTIONS FROM THE CDPC MEETING HELD ON 15TH OCTOBER 2019 items: 8.2, 8.5, 8.6

7.1 TO DECIDE ON FINGER REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COCKERS HILL AND HUNSTRETE JUNCTION FINGERPOST

It was DECIDED that the 3 fingers should be restored/replaced, but that the finger advertising the Pitchfork Rebellion, should not.

The fingers will show:

Woollard ½, Compton Dando 1 and Hunstrete 1 ¼.

The Clerk reported that she had found two possible sources for quotes since Kelston Forge had now been shut down due to the retirement of its owner (ACTION CLERK).

7.2 UPDATE ON LORRIES/LARGE VEHICLES USING ACCESS INTO CHEWTON KEYNSHAM VIA LANE THAT PASSES CHEWTON PLACE

It was reported that a very productive meeting with Stefan and Neil from BANES Highways had taken place.

Several options were considered and a temporary solution has been proposed:

A central island at the junction of Wellsway and Chewton Road, with new road markings and new signage will be trialled, and if it proves successful then a more permanent island can be pushed for.

The existing signage will be removed and clearer more strongly worded signage will be installed.

The temporary island will be quite substantial similar to the one at the exit of the Tesco store on Charlton Road, Keynsham.

7.3 HOW TO REPORT EMERGENCIES TO B&NES COUNCIL (APPENDED)

Received and noted.

8. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION

8.1 TO SIGN THE WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT NOW THAT THE WEBSITE IS LIVE

The accessibility Statement was DULY SIGNED.

8.2 TO DECIDE ON A SUITABLE RUBBISH BIN FOR COMPTON DANDO AND QUEEN CHARLTON VILLAGES

Carried forward until January.

8.3 TO REVIEW THE COUNCILLOR TRAINING

The Clerk reported that it was a requirement that this was discussed annually.

The Clerk reported that any training sessions that she was notified of would be forwarded to the Councillors.

The Clerk also reported that a request for a particular type of training could be made and she would inquire with NALC if this could be made available.

8.4 TO REVIEW ANY COUNCILLOR DISPENSATIONS

The Clerk reported that it was a requirement that this was discussed annually.

The Clerk reported that no Dispensation Requests for interest in the Parish Hall were required until 2021 when the 4 years would be up.

8.5 TO REVIEW THE FINANCIAL POLICY

The Financial Policy was DULY SIGNED.

8.6 TO APPROVE THE CONTINUED USE OF VARIABLE DIRECT DEBITS

Currently there are 2 direct debits, one to EDF for the electricity used for street lighting and the second to ICO for the Parish Council's data protection certificate.

It was AGREED that the 2 direct debits should continue.

8.7 TO DECIDE WHETHER THE CLERK'S PAYE SHOULD BE PAID BY DIRECT DEBIT

It was AGREED that the Clerk could set up a direct debit with HMRC for the payment of PAYE owed by the Parish Council.

8.8 TO DECIDE ON ANY ADJUSTMENTS TO THE BUDGET FOR 2019 – 2020 BEFORE APPROVAL IN THE DECEMBER MEETING

Approximately half the precept must be in the bank account to cover emergencies.

It was observed that the Parish Council had not had the level of expenditure that had been expected and would not require the same level of Precept to keep a similar budget available.

It was suggested that any excess could be put towards a project or the Parish Council could offer more services. It was felt that there was insufficient time to consider this before the budget needed finalising in December so that the Precept request could be made.

It was suggested that the budget requirements discussion could start in October next year to allow more time for the process.

It was reported that any ideas could be brought to a meeting before October and consideration could be made and possibly carried out if the funding was thought to be available.

8.9. TO DECIDE ON THE LEVEL FOR THE S137 GRANT

It was AGREED that the S137 Grant level should be set at £1000.

8.10 TO DECIDE IF ANY ACTION IS REQUIRED BEFORE THE SMOKED AND UNCUT FESTIVAL ON 11 JULY 2020

It was suggested that an email should be sent to Marksbury Parish Council with concerns over the traffic management and request that this could be brought to the attention of the owners of 'The Pig' (ACTION CLERK).

8.11 TO DECIDE IF THE PARISH COUNCIL SHOULD TAKE THE LEAD IN CELEBRATING VE DAY 75 CELEBRATIONS ON 8-10 MAY 2020 (INFORMATION APPENDED)

It was DECIDED that the Parish Council would not take the lead in the celebrations but that the information would be circulated to the community.

8.12 TO DECIDE IF THE PARISH COUNCIL SHOULD CONTINUE USING SSE FOR STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE

It was reported that SSE Lighting had not been able to produce an accurate quote because they had underestimated how many lights were in the Parish. As a consequence of this, prices would be kept the same until the end of the financial year, when it was expected that a new contract would have been issued.

The Clerk reported that the quote for the lights of Compton Dando village only, had been quite high and other parish councils were also receiving higher quotes, much to their concern.

It was reported that B&NES Council had been asked if parish councils could become part of their quote.

It was DECIDED to wait and see what the response from B&NES Council was.

The Clerk reported that she had been informed by B&NES Council that the light maintenance in Chewton Keynsham was part of their maintenance contract.

8.13 TO REVIEW THE NEW WEBSITE AND DISCUSS ANY AMENDMENTS/ADDITIONS

Several items were mentioned concerning the new website which the Clerk will look into amending (ACTION CLERK).

8.14 TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION THAT THE TWO NEW WALL PLAQUES OF THE WWI SOLDIERS WHO WENT FROM COMPTON DANDO VILLAGE AND THANKFULLY RETURNED, ARE NOW IN PLACE

The Armistice Committee would like to thank all those who generously contributed towards the stone mason's cost enabling their names to live on for many more years.

Received and noted.

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

9.1 19/04455/LBA Tolzey Cottage, Penn Hill Lane, Queen Charlton, Bath and NE Somerset, BS31 2SJ
Internal and external works; replace modern external door, window and lintels, reinstate sash window, remove wood burning stove and stone surround from dining room and replace, in bedroom 1: remove modern built in cupboards and reveal fireplace and surround.

It was reported that this work had already been carried out so that there was no need to comment.

Councillor DD arrived at 9.30pm.

9.2 19/04616/FUL Tolzey Cottage Penn Hill Lane Queen Charlton Bath and NE Somerset BS31 2SJ. Proposed single storey extension, internal alterations to kitchen & day room including replacement roof light, and new rooflight and replacement of concrete roof tiles with slate to kitchen roof.

The Parish Council unanimously SUPPORT this application and think the changes will be an improvement to the listed building.

The material and design are satisfactory (Policy D2, PP page 71)

- 9.3 19/04624/LBA Tolzey Cottage Penn Hill Lane Queen Charlton Bath and NE Somerset BS31 2SJ. Proposed single storey extension, internal alterations to kitchen & day room including replacement roof light, and new rooflight and replacement of concrete roof tiles with slate to kitchen roof.**

The Parish Council unanimously SUPPORT this application and think the changes will be an improvement to the listed building.

The material and design are satisfactory (Policy D2, PP page 71)

- 9.4 19/04820/VAR: Rosebank Common Lane Compton Dando Bristol Bath and NE Somerset BS39 4JU. Variation of condition 5 attached to application 18/04892/ADCOU (Prior approval request for change of use from Agricultural Building to 2no Dwellings (C3) and for associated operational development).**

The Parish Council OBJECT to this application for the following reasons:

The use of copper and a lot of glass do not fit in with other properties in the locality of the building, resulting in an adverse visual impact on the Green Belt (Policy B2, PP page154).

The amenity of the neighbours' will not be preserved because of the large number of windows and roof lights (Policy D2, PP page28).

The materials and design are not satisfactory because of the use of a large amount of copper in this particular rural setting because it is highly visible (Policy D2, PP page 28)

- 9.5 19/04849/FUL Rosebank Common Lane Compton Dando Bristol Bath and NE Somerset BS39 4JU. Construction on new masonry chimney to west elevation and new stainless-steel flue to east elevation.**

The Parish Council unanimously SUPPORT this application for the following reasons:

It will not have an adverse visual impact on the Green Belt (Policy GB2, PP page154).

The materials and design are satisfactory (Policy D2, PP page 28).

10. APPEALS

10.1 APPEAL REFERENCE 19/00056/RF

Application Ref: 19/00540/FUL Land North of West Barn Uplands Lane Chewton Keynsham
Erection of 1no dwelling. (CDPC support April 2019)

11. DECISIONS

- 11.1. 19/02774/FUL Wansdyke View Bathford Hill Compton Dando Bristol Proposed raising of the roof level & increasing the roof pitch to facilitate a loft conversion into two bedrooms, conversion of the existing garage into a garden room, front porch and render to existing stone-faced walls. (CDPC object July 2019)**

WITHDRAWN

- 11.2 19/03927/TCA St Margaret's Church Queen Charlton Lane Queen Charlton Bristol BathHolm Oak - Young memorial tree close/overhanging rd. - crown lift branches over rd. and graveyard, branches cut length up to 80cm long, cuts no more than 5cm to 10 cm to provide clearance over rd., 3m above rd. surface, reduce remaining tree branches to provide a natural looking flowing crown. (CDPC go with B&NES arboriculture's opinion Sept 2019)**

NO OBJECTION

11.3 19/04195/TCA Tolzey Cottage Penn Hill Lane Queen Charlton Bristol Bath and North East Somerset. T1 and T2. Beech - Lift canopy by between 1.5 and 2m. (CDPC go with B&NES arboriculture's opinion Oct 2019)

NO OBJECTION

12. ENFORCEMENTS

Members of the Parish that may have a concern regarding suspected unauthorised building works, retrospective planning or non-permitted change of use to a building may report this directly to the Enforcement Department of Bath and North East Somerset Council by emailing development_management@bathnes.gov.uk or telephoning 01225 394041 (planning department extension) OR alternatively you may report the same in confidence to the Parish Clerk (details below). The matter of enforcement will be held in strict confidence and will not be discussed by the Parish Council until an Enforcement Notice is issued at which stage the matter will be brought to the attention of the Parish Council by the Local Authority.

UPDATES REQUESTED ON:

12.1 None

13. ITEMS FOR ACTION

13.1 None

14. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

14.1 EMAIL FROM B&NES COUNCIL ASKING FOR HELP FROM RESIDENTS TO CLEAR LEAVES THAT HAVE DROPPED FROM THEIR GARDENS ONTO THE HIGHWAY IN AREAS THAT THE COUNCIL ARE NOT ABLE TO CLEAR

A clean-up of the district's autumn leaf fall is under way as part of the council's drive to keep the streets clearer for pedestrians and cyclists.

Extra staff and sweeping equipment have been allocated to clear up leaves on key routes across Bath & North East Somerset, including in rural areas and in the city.

The extra funding is part of the £40,000 street cleansing drive announced by the council in August to provide extended periods of high-quality cleaning and washing and remove litter.

Councillor David Wood, cabinet member for Climate Emergency and Neighbourhood Services, said: "One of our priorities is to improve the cleanliness of the whole district as well as the centre of Bath. The extra funding, we have put into the autumn leaf cleaning will mean that key pedestrian and cycling routes will be clearer and safer for people to use for their commutes and for leisure.

"We would ask residents whose own trees drop leaves onto the public highway to please help us where they can by clearing up outside their own properties. We also invite people to let us know if they experience dangerous slippery leaves that need clearing in priority areas by emailing us."

To get in touch about leaves that need clearing in priority areas please email Leaves_Cleansing@BATHNES.GOV.UK

For more information about how the council keeps the streets clean, go to <https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/streets-and-highway-maintenance/litter-street-care-and-cleaning>

Received and noted.

14.2 INVITATION VIA THE PCAA FROM B&NES COUNCIL TO A MEETING ON 17TH DECEMBER TO HIGHLIGHT AVIATION & TRANSPORT EMISSIONS AS WELL AS OTHER LOCAL ISSUES

It is an open public meeting to give local people a bigger say. Discussion will be on the climate emergency, social housing and transport and other local issues. Financial challenges will be given that the Council face.

Date: 17 December 2019

Time 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm

Venue: The Banqueting Hall – First Floor, The Guildhall Bath

It would be very helpful if representatives from parishes in the Association could attend and highlight aviation emissions and transport emissions from Bristol Airport and the lack of public transport to the Airport.

Received and noted.

14.3 EMAIL INVITE TO BRISTOL AIRPORT'S COMMUNITY REVIEW ON TUESDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2019 AT LULSGATE HOUSE

Mince pies and mulled wine will be served from 6:00pm and the Community Review will begin at 6.30pm. We expect the event to close at approximately 8.00pm.

We'll be taking a look back over 2019 and looking ahead to 2020. Next year promises to be another exciting and eventful year for the team as we work towards our vision to be everyone's favourite Airport and delivering a future our people and our communities can be proud of.

This event is designed to give you all an opportunity to review our activities over the last 12 months and provide you with the chance to raise any areas of concern with us. It is also a great opportunity for us to meet with you face to face in our new administration building, Lulsgate House.

Parking will be available in our staff carpark and we'll provide you with a complimentary exit ticket on the day.

So we have a clear indication of numbers and can make appropriate arrangements with security to grant visitor access to the building, I'd be grateful if you can RSVP by **Friday 22 November** to Diana at diana.deans@bristolairport.com.

Councillor CW will represent the Parish Council at the meeting.

14.3 INVITATION FROM WERN TO PARISH COUNCILS TO ATTEND THEIR AGM ON THURSDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 4PM – 5PM

The AGM takes place in Compton Martin Village Hall, The Street, Compton Martin BS40 JN.

Access is off the main A368 which runs through the village and there is ample car parking.

This will be an opportunity to meet the staff and trustees of the West of England Rural Network and to find out more about the organisation.

If you would like to attend, please register at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/west-of-england-rural-network-annual-general-meeting-2019-tickets-81475006939>

Do please forward this invitation to others who may be interested in WERN's activities.

There will be a short presentation: "A Rural Response to the Climate Emergency" lead by Laura Penny (WERN Trustee & Bristol Energy) and Steve Marriott (WERN Project Officer). Please see Agenda attached.

Received and noted.

15. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

15.1 EMAIL FROM B&NES COUNCIL INFORMING THAT PARISHIONERS COULD PICK UP REWARDS BY RECYCLING ELECTRICAL ITEMS ON THEIR DOORSTEPS

During November and December, each time households in the district leave an electrical item in their recycling box, they will receive a leaflet with a QR code printed on it which enables them to enter into a prize draw. For a chance to win a prize, residents can download the BetterPoints app to their

smartphone and then scan the QR code with the app whenever they put small electrical items such as phones, hairdryers and toothbrushes into their green recycling box.

The prize draw will be drawn at the end of each month and residents can check whether they've won via the app. Winners will get £50 worth of BetterPoints, which they can either swap for high street vouchers or donate to charity.

"All small electrical appliances can be recycled and made into new things using their valuable metals and plastics. One clothes iron can provide enough steel to make 13 new steel cans. All the items will be crushed, separated into their different materials and recycled to make new products."

Any small electrical item that has a plug or uses batteries can be recycled, such as kettles, blenders, calculators, cameras, chargers, digi-boxes, electronic toothbrushes, electronic toys and games, hair straighteners, hi-fi equipment, irons, power tools, shavers, telephones, torches and more. For more information visit www.betterrecycle.betterpoints.uk.

Received and noted.

16.REPORTS

16.1 PARISH HALL REPORT (APPENDED)

16.2 VILLAGE UPDATES

16.2.1 A donation towards the Remembrance Day wreath was raised. It was reported that donations were made by individual Councillors and not by the Parish Council.

It was suggested that a Parish Council donation could be considered and the item will be put on October's agenda in 2020 (ACTION CLERK).

16.3 REPORT FROM THE PARISH LIAISON MEETING 30 OCTOBER (APPENDED)

It was DECIDED to invite Will Godfrey, the new CEO for B&NES Council to visit the Parish (ACTION CLERK).

16.4 REPORT FROM SPEED LIMITS MEETING 4 NOVEMBER – COUNCILLOR PP

The meeting was for residents of the Wellsway and Burnett village.

Requests were made to reduce the 40mph speed limit to 30mph and for a fixed camera to be installed.

It was reported that coincidentally since the meeting, a new speed limit of 40mph where it was previously the National Speed limit, has been put in place from Burnett Point to where the 30mph limit starts. This action was not mentioned at the meeting.

As a result of the 'sudden' appearance of new speed limits, it was suggested that a request is made to Highways, for Road Traffic Orders to be sent to the Parish Council (ACTION CLERK).

17. ITEMS OF REPORT TO BE CARRIED FORWARD TO THE NEXT MEETING

17.1 CPRE'S 'AVONSIDE STARRY SKIES' TALK.

17.2 THE CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY

DATE OF NEXT MEETING IS 17TH DECEMBER 2019 AT 8.00PM IN COMPTON DANDO PARISH HALL

THE MEETING ENDED AT 10.15 PM

Statement Date 01/11/2019

Bank Reconciliation

Statement Entries

Date	Cashbook Date	Reference	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
02/10/2019			Opening Balance			14921.74
03/10/2019	03/10/2019		Filming in Queen Charlton (Invisible)		200.00	15121.74
17/10/2019	15/10/2019		Clerk's Salary and expenses	404.44		14717.30
18/10/2019	15/10/2019		SSE Lighting inv no 890888	80.35		14636.95

Outstanding Entries

Cashbook Date	Reference	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
21/05/2019		Queen Charlton village hall hire	8.00		-8.00
15/10/2019		PAYE 06 Sep to 5 Oct month 6	9.60		-17.60

Reconciliation

Closing Bank Balance	14636.95
Outstanding	-17.60
Closing Bank Balance + Outstanding	14619.35
Cashbook Balance	14619.35

Transactions to 19/11/2019

Transactions since Statement

Cashbook Date	Reference	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
19/11/2019		SLCC for Clerk's Manual inv ORD506844	52.30		14567.05
19/11/2019		SSE Lighting Maintenance inv 895315	26.78		14540.27
19/11/2019		Town & Parish Council Websites	978.00		13562.27
19/11/2019		PAYE 6th Oct to 5 Nov month 7	9.40		13552.87
19/11/2019		Clerk's Salary & Expenses	496.32		13056.55

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Performance against Budget

Name	Description	Budget	Actual	Difference	Variance
SALARY	Clerk's Salary	5298.32	3325.78	-1972.56	-37.23%
EXPENSES	Clerk's Expenses	71.19	46.88	-24.31	-34.15%
PAYE	Clerk's PAYE	206.00	116.00	-90.00	-43.69%
AUDIT	Audit Fees	463.50	200.00	-263.50	-56.85%
SOLICITOR	Solicitor Fees	154.50	0.00	-154.50	-100.00%
DONATIONS	Donation	154.50	32.50	-122.00	-78.96%
GRANTS GIVEN	Grants Given	515.00	445.00	-70.00	-13.59%
GRASS	Grass Cutting	824.00	200.00	-624.00	-75.73%
HALL HIRE	Hall Hire	208.06	200.00	-8.06	-3.87%
ICO	ICO	36.05	35.00	-1.05	-2.91%
PH INSURANCE	Parish Hall Insurance	555.77	1122.38	566.59	101.95%
SUBS	Memberships and Subs	416.00	135.00	-281.00	-67.55%
SIGNS	Signs Notice boards	1421.40	0.00	-1421.40	-100.00%
MOBILE	Mobile Top Up	61.80	30.00	-31.80	-51.46%
POSTAGE	Postage	33.00	22.82	-10.18	-30.85%
SUPPLIES	Office Supplies	112.34	1.99	-110.35	-98.23%
KIOSKS	Telephone Kiosks	0.00	0.00		
SL ELEC	Street Light Electricity	482.11	227.46	-254.65	-52.82%
SL MAINT	Street Light Maintenance	289.67	223.20	-66.47	-22.95%
TRAINING	Training	169.95	325.50	155.55	91.53%
WEBSITE	Website	0.00	990.00		
TOTAL	Total for year to date	11473.16	7679.47	-3793.69	-33.07%

How to report an emergency to B&NES Council

The Council defines an emergency as *'a sudden, unexpected or impending situation that may cause injury, loss of life or damage to property that requires immediate attention and remedial action'*. The Council has a statutory obligation to provide access to certain Council services in cases of emergency, regardless of opening times. There is further information on the website, with examples of what might be deemed an emergency and who to contact, [here](#).

If there is an emergency during working hours then it is best to call Council Connect on 01225 394041 to discuss it with them, so they can assess how urgent the matter is and refer it appropriately.

For out of hours reporting in an emergency only call 01225 477477.

This information is also on the Parish Toolkit, along with contact details for organisations regularly working on the Highway. The Parish Toolkit can be found on this [webpage](#).

If you feel that a matter reported either via Council Connect or FixMyStreet has not been addressed in a timely or appropriate way, you can contact any member of the Community Engagement Team who will follow up.

Mark Hayward – Community Engagement Officer Tel: 01225 396975 or e-mail mark_hayward@bathnes.gov.uk

Alison Wells – Community Engagement Officer Tel: 01225 396539 or e-mail alison_wells@bathnes.gov.uk

Dave Dixon – Community Engagement Manager Tel: 01225 396532 or e-mail dave_dixon@bathnes.gov.uk

Sara Dixon – Locality Manager Tel: 01225 396594 or e-mail sara_dixon@bathnes.gov.uk



**LOCAL MAYOR'S, LEADERS & CHAIRMAN OF TOWN & PARISH COUNCILS TO TAKE THE
LEAD IN VE DAY 75 CELEBRATIONS
8TH - 10TH MAY 2020**

Mayor's, Leaders and Chairman of town and parish councils throughout the UK are to take the lead in local celebrations marking the 75th Anniversary of the end of the war in EUROPE on the 8th May 2020. (**VJ Day will be commemorated on the 15th August 2020**). After years of fighting, the end of hostilities was officially announced on the 8th May 1945 by Prime Minister Winston Churchill, from the Cabinet Office, 10 Downing Street, London, that date has since become enshrined in history as VE Day.

The VE Day 75 weekend of 8th - 10th May 2020, will be an international celebration of peace – a time to remember, reflect and pay tribute to the millions at home and abroad who played such a vital part in achieving it. This includes the Armed Forces personnel from many countries who gave their lives or were physically and mentally injured; the hard-working women and men who kept the factories, mines, shipyards and farms operating throughout the years of turmoil; the ARP wardens, police officers, doctors, nurses, firemen, local defence volunteers and many others safeguarded the home front.

SSAFA the Armed Forces Charity - which has been supporting service personnel, veterans and their families since 1885 - is the charity partner for this series of VE Day 75 commemorative events.

The planned activities over the weekend are as follows, please go to the VE Day 75 website – www.veday75.org to see the complete overview for this anniversary:

- The Playing of Battle's O'er & VE 75 Years.
- The 'Nation's Toast to the Heroes of WW2.'
- The 'Cry for Peace, around the World.'
- Churches & Cathedrals 'Ringing out for Peace.'
- Street parties and parties in pubs, clubs, Hotels, on town and village greens and in halls etc.
- Services of commemoration and celebration in churches, including the reading of the 'Tribute to the Millions' and the playing of the Last Post

From a central location of their choice, Mayors, Leaders and Chairman of town and parish councils are being encouraged to lead them in the 'Nation's Toast to the Heroes of WW2', paying 'tribute' to those from their local communities that gave so much to ensure we all enjoy the freedom we have today by undertaking the following ceremony at **3pm on Friday 8th May** next year. (The wording of the 'Toast' can be obtained from the DOWNLOAD page of the VE day 75 website – www.veday75.org).

2.55pm: Source and arrange for a local Bugler, Trumpeter or Cornet player to play the Last Post followed by Reveille. (These can be obtained from local cadet forces, school, brass and silver bands and other organisations such as the Salvation Army etc).

3pm: Source and arrange for a local Piper to play Battle's O'er and VE 75 Years, the new tune especially written for this occasion. (This music can be obtained from the DOWNLOAD page of the VE day website – www.veday75.org).

3pm: To coincide with the Piper playing Battle's O'er, Mayor's, Leaders and Chairman of council, accompanied by invited guests, along with the members of the general public, raise a glass of refreshment of their choice and undertake the attached 'Nation's Toast to the Heroes of WW2.' (**The refreshment does NOT need to be alcoholic as we want the event to be inclusive and not exclusive involving people of all ages, races, creeds, colour and religion in the VE Day 75 celebrations next year.**)

7pm: Encourage your local church to ring their bells as part of the nationwide 'Ringing out for Peace' that evening too.

We believe the above will provide every town and parish with a very short, simple, reflective and meaningful VE Day 75 event on the 8th May 2020, that is easy to organise and will be appreciated by all.

You will be interested to know that the complete short ceremony above, including all elements and timings, will also be taking place at **3pm** on the **8th May** next year, on the top of the four highest Peaks throughout the United Kingdom – BEN NEVIS – Scotland, MOUNT SNOWDON – Wales, SLIEVE DONARD – Northern Ireland and SCAFEL PIKE – England.

All those taking part are being asked to register their involvement on the VE day 75 website – www.veday75.org to enable us to keep in contact with them, along with informing the media of their involvement nearer the time. (IMPORTANT: Those councils etc, already registered, do NOT need to do so again)

My warmest regards,

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Parish Hall Report

November 2019

The management committee of the Hall is indebted to all the villagers who have lent a hand in preventing flooding during the recent periods of heavy rain. Flooding is a constant threat but for this year, at least, most of the leaves are now off the trees and this lowers the rate of blockage of our two anti-trash grids which, in turn, lowers the risk of the Hall flooding.

It is also my pleasure to report this month that the Hall has benefited from a generous donation of £200 from the Compton Dando Art Group. We are very grateful.

John Dottridge

NOTES ON THE PARISH LIAISON MEETING 30TH OCTOBER 2019

Main points:

- A range of updates will be going live within the next few weeks on FixMyStreet
- Will Godfrey, the new Chief Executive of B&NES Council, intends visiting parishes – you can invite him
- Leader of the Council, Dine Romero, is looking at better engagement with the communities and this will be embedded in the Corporate Strategy
- Clean air Zone Consultation has gone to the Gov. and is due to be discussed on 13/12/2019 (or not)
- A series of events have been arranged for the Climate Emergency to look at what can be changed
- Hoping to start Council lead housing development

- 82% of the Budget is now needed for Adult and Children care service
- There is a predicted drop in commercial income and the income from parking has dropped by ½ million
- The Public Works Loan board has recently doubled their interest rates to 2.8% for BANES loans
- Hope to establish a water refills project in conjunction with Wessex Water. Bristol Water are the supplier for part of B&NES. The project is initially focussing on Bristol
- Encourage people to register for Discovery Cards
- Rail timetables change on 15th December
- Electrification of the railways is back on the agenda
- Hoping that the West of England Mayor will produce a Bus Strategy
- NALC have updated many of their regulations
- Looking again at the JSP and also the infrastructure requirements although these are being carried forward by the JLTP, but continuing with the Local Plan
- Prior Approval applications do not go to Committee due to time deadlines which mean approval would be given automatically if a decision was not taken in time
- If prior approval is given for e.g. barn to dwelling and the barn can't be converted, prior approval is lost and planning approval will not be given
- £700 per year to empty litter from one bin
- Litter picking of rural verges is done once per year starting in February when the vegetation has died back so that the litter can be seen. This will involve Stop/Go signs as it is dangerous, and will take 6-8 weeks
- Erica Davies of the Wombles is happy to be contacted about bags/equipment
- A National Litter Strategy is expected to go ahead in 2021 for a deposit/return system on bottles/cans
- There is a new Home Page on B&NES website
- Feedback was requested on the new terms of reference for Parish Liaison Meetings

17. ITEMS OF REPORT TO BE CARRIED FORWARD TO THE NEXT MEETING

DATE OF NEXT MEETING IS 17th DECEMBER 2019 AT 8.00PM IN COMPTON DANDO PARISH HALL

THE MEETING CLOSED AT

Minutes prepared by: Susan Smith (Clerk)

Agreed as a correct record on.....

Signed (Chairman).....

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