

COMPTON DANDO PARISH COUNCIL

(Serving Burnett, Chewton Keynsham, Compton Dando, Queen Charlton and Woollard (East))

Present: D Drury (Chair), P Paget (PP), A Dawes (AD), T Butler (TB), C Willows (CW), H Maggs (HM) and B ter Haar (BT)

Notes on the Annual Meeting of the Parish of Compton Dando

Held on the 17th May 2022

1. **Apologies for absence:** None.
2. **To receive the notes of the previous annual meeting held on Tuesday 4th May 2021 – minutes were not produced as they do not belong to the Parish Council, so cannot be approved by the Parish Council**

Received and noted.

3. **Matters arising**

None.

4. **Chairman's report (appended)**

Received and noted.

5. **Parish Hall report (appended)**

Received and noted.

6. **Presentation of the 2020 to 2021 accounts (appended)**

The Clerk reported that the accounts were currently with the internal auditor and therefore could be subject to change.

7. **Annual neighbourhood watch report**

Received and noted.

Thanks were given to Sarah Wilson for being the NHW representative and for the detailed report.

8. **Summary of issues raised at the village meetings (appended)**

Received and noted.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2022 – RECITED AT EVERY VILLAGE MEETING.

Thank you for so many of you joining this annual Parish village meeting, it is lovely to see you. As we go into Spring it is great to be able to get out and about without so many restrictions relating to the COVID pandemic, but we must not drop our guard and be vigilant as another variant BA2 that hits the South West, increasing hospitalisations. It is great our Councillors can now undertake site visits and physical meeting in the Parish Hall.

For those of you who have not attended an Annual Parish meeting previously, I will just explain about this meeting and format of our Parish Council meetings and for those of you that have heard this before, I apologise.

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 in order that they can be discussed. 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) and a précis version in the Pensford and Publow Parish Magazine. 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 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 20 planning applications (11 more than the previous year).

There are several planning enforcements matters that are still being investigated by Bath and North East Somerset Council.

2. The Parish Council has reported to the BANES Council (through Council Fix My Street B&NES) local issues such as potholes, fly tipping, flooding, water leaks, blocked drains & gulleys, damage to verges and damaged road signage. The Parish Clerk monitors the action or progress of these reported matters. Members of the Parish may also report problems via Fix My Street B&NES. They can also check that matters have been reported and follow the progress of a reported problem via this platform.
3. The Parish Hall is open and many of the regular activities that are held in this facility have resumed. As Trustees of the Parish Hall the Councillors attend regular meetings with members of the Parish Hall Committee to ensure all that is well.
4. Our Parish Precept is used by the Parish Council to pay for local services including: -

Streetlighting, grass cutting, maintenance and running of the Parish Council website and the services of a Parish Clerk.

We have also used some of the Precept for essential training for Councillors.

This year, the Parish Council voted to increase the precept from £13,290.72 to £13,615.35 (2.4%). This increase was felt necessary due to cover increases in our costs and to assist with the maintenance of the Parish assets.

B&NES Council budget 2022/23 was considered at their February meeting.

- ❖ B&NES Council has for a second year has risen by 1.99% and there is a 1% rise in the Adult Social Care portion of the bill. This represents a total increase of £45.73 (88 pence per week) for a Band D property,

The Parish Council will be again awarding s137 grants.

Some of the issues that the Parish Council have dealt with include: -

1. The Parish Council is supporting the PCAA in legal challenge against Bristol Airports appeal to expand.
2. Definitive Map Modification Order (DMMO) for Park Copse (Bluebell Wood) Compton Dando
3. Overhanging vegetation on verges throughout the Parish.
4. The Parish Council is part of a collective of other local Parish Councils looking at rural transport issues.
5. The Parish Council continues to support Zero Carbon Compton in respect of their Climate Change Emergency initiatives including the installation of a public electric vehicle charging point in Compton Dando.
6. In the past year, the Parish Council have produced new and reviewed existing policies in order to keep compliant with regulations.
7. The Parish Council has responded to numerous B&NES and WECA consultations throughout the year.
8. Finally, the Parish Council would like to thank Sue for her service as Clerk to the Parish Council.

Thank you for your time and for listening to this Parish Council report and we would welcome any questions that you may have.

**Compton Dando Parish Hall
Chairman's address
2021 / 2022**

For the second year running, the dominant feature of the last twelve months has been Corona Virus and all its implications.

The month of May 2021 saw us partially reopened with our core activities of Pilates, yoga, table tennis and music groups all prepared to suffer open windows and chilly draughts as a price worth paying for the restoration of the participants' sanity and physical wellbeing.

We were grateful in early summer when Truespeed, our local internet provider, included us in their free Wi-Fi for schools and community buildings scheme. The inclusion of Wi-Fi means the Hall is attractive to many new hirers who need this facility.

It was only in the Autumn that we were fully open again when it was extremely gratifying to see the return of the full range of our hirers with their associated activities and, purely coincidentally but seeming very serendipitous, the Compton Dando Community Association presented the Hall with a wonderful collage of the residents of the village to display on our walls.

Whilst on the subject of artwork adorning our walls, we would like to thank Heather Maggs for very generously presenting us with a second, beautiful painting, this one is a view of the village from the top of Telegraph Hill, or thereabouts, and attracts much admiration.

In November we commenced an examination of the energy efficiency of the Hall. Previous enquiries had already established that the position and orientation of the Hall do not support the installation of photovoltaic panels and a relatively new and highly efficient boiler renders replacement with air source heat pumps inappropriate at present but we have surveyed our heat losses and have engaged in a program of rectification which is ongoing.

I started this report saying that Covid was, yet again, the dominant feature of the year and this is only too true because, as the winter 2021 hardened, the Omicron variant raised its ugly head and we were back in full protection mode. Fortunately, the relative mildness of Omicron and the success of the vaccination program meant that, with the precautions already in place in the Hall, we were able to stay open but there was no doubt that people's caution led to a drop in bookings.

As I write, we are pretty much back to a new post-Covid normal and we are working our way back to a practical maximum capacity. May I thank everyone who has contributed to the functioning of the Hall over the last year: Cheryl and Chris Cooper who were very adaptable in approaching the complicated cleaning schedules around semi-Covid hirings, Ian Collings who faced similar disruption to his bookings service, as well as everyone who kindly offered themselves as formal members of the flood watch rota and all those informally helping us when the need arose and finally, of course, the Hall committee, itself, who selflessly worked through the complexities of the everchanging Covid regulations to keep the building functioning.

John Dottridge
28th April 2022

CDPC Bank reconciliation for 31st March 2022					
Name of smaller authority:	Compton Dando Parish Council				
County area (local councils and parish meetings only):	Bath & NE Somerset Council				
Financial year ending 31 March 2022					
Prepared by (Name and Role):	Susan Smith Clerk/RFO				
Date:	10/04/2022				
				£	£
Balance per bank statements as at 31/3/22:					
	current account			11,634.1	
					11,634.1
Petty cash float (if applicable)					-
Less: any un-presented cheques as at 31/3/22 (enter these as negative numbers)					
	1608			(665.36)	
					(665.36)
Add: any un-banked cash as at 31/3/22					
					-
Net balances as at 31/3/22 (Box 8)					10,968.8

Annual Return 2021-22

Description	2020-21	2021-22	Difference	Variance
1. Brought Forward	6066.49	7680.14		
2. Precept	12641.00	13290.72	649.72	5.14
3. Other Receipts	2198.59	2537.53	338.94	15.42
4. Staff Costs	6022.53	5664.65	-357.88	-5.94
5. Loan Repayments	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6. Other Payments	7203.41	6874.96	-328.45	-4.56
7. Carried Forward	7680.14	10968.78		

Variations over 15% require an explanation:

3. Other Receipts exceeded 15% because the Parish Council received a VAT refund of £284.82 and a cheque for £9.60 had not been presented by HMRC and therefore written off which amounted to £294.42 which now makes a variance of 2%, which does not require an explanation.

Compton Dando Neighbourhood Watch Annual Report for Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 17th May 2022

Crime - A relatively quiet time in terms of crime affecting the villagers of Compton Dando. Although sadly there was a house burglary in March 2022 which was very distressing for the owners. Thieves broke in and stole several items from the house and garden. The police attended and were extremely thorough in their investigation – however as far as I know, no one has been held accountable. On that same day in March further attempted break-ins were reported - one to a villagers shed and another to a stable – where sadly a horse was also injured.

NHW Alerts & Crime Prevention - The neighbourhood watch co-ordination team at police headquarters continue to provide alerts which are then circulated to the villagers who have requested emails. Whilst the main focus is reporting crimes which have happened in around the area (usually Keynsham & Saltford) and asking for the public's help, there are also other topics covered, for example crime prevention advise and scamming alerts.

NHW Communications – Alongside the email alerts, we have set up two Compton Dando WhatsApp groups, one for social chats, initially this was extremely helpful sorting out grocery deliveries during lockdown and generally sharing help and support. The second group is used just for emergencies and helps us spread news quickly. Some examples of the topics shared on this WhatsApp over the past year, warnings when Nottingham Knockers are in the village, illegal camping, suspicious vehicles, lost dogs, livestock on the roads, injured pets, road closures because of accidents to name but a few.

Newcomers to Compton Dando - receive a welcome booklet which has all the information of the various groups and amenities available in the village and this includes Neighbourhood Watch contacts and how to report fly tipping, potholes etc through fix my street. Alison ter Haar has done a fabulous job co-ordinating this booklet which is now also available on the CD website COMPTON DANDO VILLAGE (compton-dando.org)

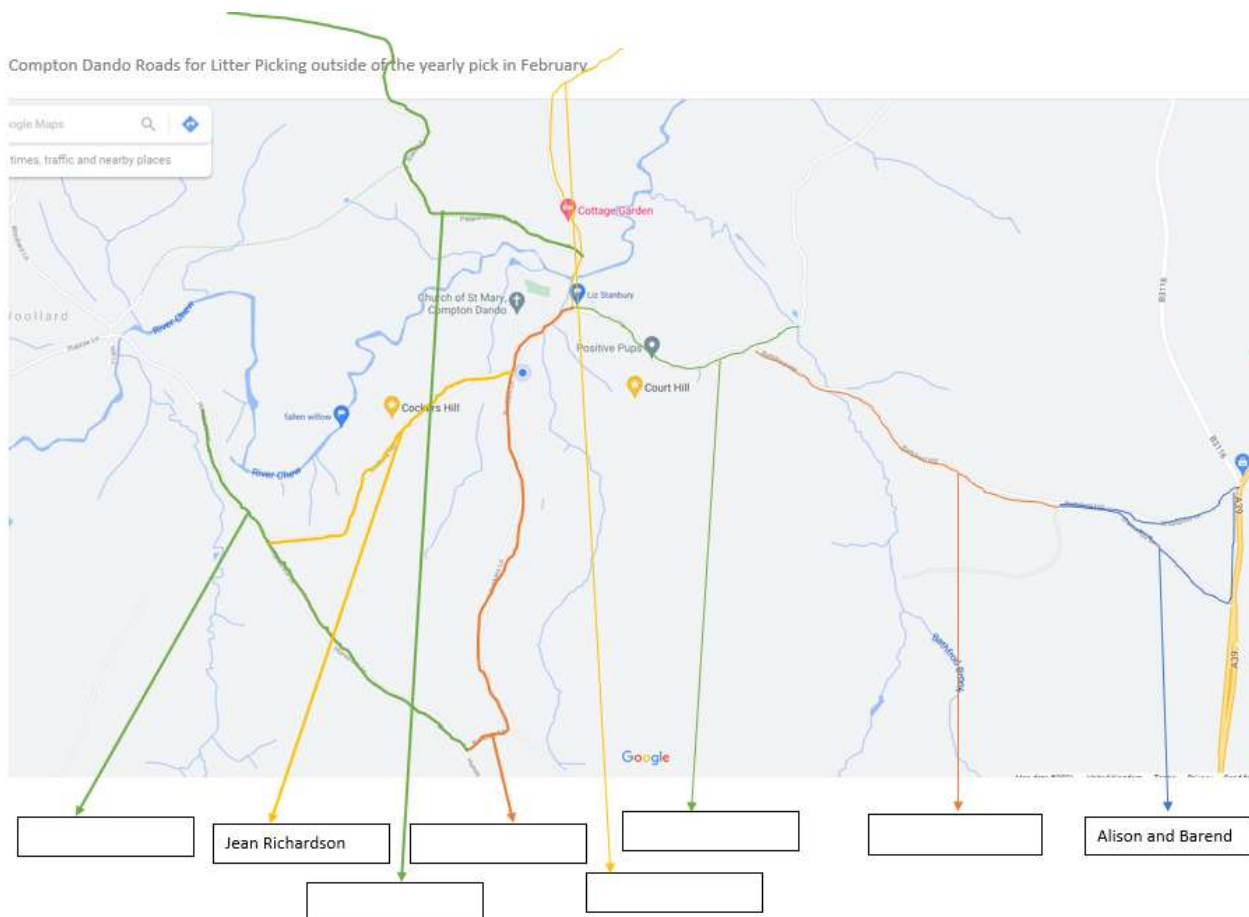
Speeding traffic through the village can still be an issue, but sadly we were unable to make any progress getting the road signage sorted so we cannot set up a Community Speed Watch. Despite repeated requests to get the road markings sorted (so that the painted road sign says 20 to match the metal signs, currently it says 30 in several places). To be honest the impetus has gone out of this initiative as we tried alongside Chewton Keynsham to get this sorted out, but we have pretty much given up - our initial discussions started in Dec 2018!! Delays with both the police and the council seem to be insurmountable.

Fly-tipping/litter

Fly-tipping - is still an issue, however when reported, B&NEs remain very quick to respond and clear legally tipped rubbish very efficiently when reported. Reporting has been improved through with the use of the fix my street webpage where it is easy to report issues and see progress.

Annual Litter Pick-up - We had planned the first pick-up for two years to take place on Sunday 20th February. However, the weather was so appalling (tail end of storm Dennis) we had to cancel. We re-arranged for Sunday 1st May 2020. We no longer get our litter picking equipment direct from the Council, we borrow from Erica Davies, Keynsham Wombles. We had a really good showing for a particularly wet Sunday morning - 15 villagers came to help. The first wet day for weeks, so no one was complaining. We covered all the lanes in and out of Compton Dando and

we were finished by midday. Along with the usual assortment of bottles, cans, take away packaging we also found car mats, an industrial sized roll of fibre optic cable (we have contacted Truespeed to see if it is theirs) and a mattress. 2 | P a g e Huge thank you goes to everyone that joined us, to those who litter pick year round, to Gary Pearce, Simon Kinnersley and Chris Daubney who provided the transport to get us and the litter backwards and forwards throughout the morning. Litter picking year-round – We are very lucky in the village as many people when out walking regularly pick-up litter in an effort to keep the lanes clear of rubbish. We have also noticed that there is considerably more litter since the pandemic (maybe due to more visitors to the village). Alison ter Haar has kindly come up with the idea of villagers adopting a section of road and collecting litter on a regular basis, throughout the year. And villagers have been asked if they want to get involved - see map below.



Report compiled May 2022 by:

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Summary of issues raised at the village meetings

Burnett

Report from Ward Councillor Singleton

An amount of £215,000 has been allocated to Highways for work on the Wellsway and Burnett Hill.

The Parish Council's Airport Association (PCAA) will not be appealing against the Inspectorate's decision to override the refusal by North Somerset Council. However, Bristol Airport Action Network (BAAN) has decided to challenge the decision and a QC has been instructed to act for them.

- **Concerns over lack of notification of neighbours of planning applications.**
- **Burnett as a Conservation village** - a request to look into making the village a conservation village again was made.

Ward Councillor Hounsell reported that there had to be a consensus from the village to make the application. It was not for a conservation officer to state that the village should be made a conservation village.

It was reported that applying for a Conservation Village should be a matter for the residents of Burnett village, and would only go to Compton Dando Parish Council as part of the B&NES Council process if the village chooses to make a formal request to B&NES.

- **Traffic turning left out of Gypsy Lane** – concerns were raised about HGVs coming out of Gypsy Lane on the brow of a hill, as they have to go onto the opposite side of the road to complete the turn, which could lead to an accident. A request was made that making this safer could be done with some of the £215,000 of funding.
- **White line position at junctions from Burnett onto the B3116** – a request was made for the white line to be put in the centre of the B3116, rather than off centre as it currently is. If this was done, cars pulling out of the village could move further out to gain better visibility. However, this would also need traffic calming measures to protect the vehicles leaving the village.

Compton Dando and Woollard East

No-one from the villages attended.

Chewton Keynsham

- **Connecting to the mains sewerage** – currently there 5 households interested. Wessex Water will investigate if 2 or more are interested. The support of the Parish Council was requested.
- **Manor Farm Stables run off** – BANES did some work and it improved. It is thought that some silting up has occurred or the run-off has found a different route.
- **Uplands Lane** – it is currently unpassable for pedestrians and no improvements have been made during the last year.

Ward Councillors update:

- **Resourceful Earth** have 6 months to appeal against the refusal of [21/00419/EFUL](#)
It is uncertain if the enforcement notice that has been issued against the application [13/04126/MINW](#) will be enforced now or held in case they appeal against the refusal of 21/00419/FUL.
- **£7,000 in the budget for 20mph speed limit implementation**
- **£7,000 in the budget to sort out the confusing signage of the speeds in Compton Dando**
- **Community Speed Watch** - when the above speed limits are sorted then this may be organised.

- **The run-off from Redlynch Lane stables has been sorted**
- **Manor Farm Stables run off** – is less but occurs intermittently but would be a serious problem should the weather turn very cold and it froze. BANES did some work on this but it has either some silting up as occurred or it has found a different route.
- **Liveable Neighbourhoods** – this is currently undergoing a ‘co-design’ between BANES and the community and should also address the dangerous junction where Redlynch Lane joins Charlton Road.
- **Blocked Drains and gullies** – there is more money in the budget for this and should increase the frequency of cleaning by 50%.
- **Public Consultations on Traffic Regulation Order** – the Ward Councillors asked for public participation so that their comments are considered.

Queen Charlton

Report from Ward Councillor Singleton

- **Liveable Neighbourhoods application**

Ward Councillor Singleton reported that the initiative was ongoing and the ‘no left turn’ out of the Whitchurch development and the dangerous junction from Charlton Lane and Redlynch Lane onto Charlton Rd would hopefully be addressed as well.

- **Resourceful Earth** - Ward Councillor Singleton reported that the Resourceful Earth planning application had been refused and that they had 6 months to appeal to the Independent Planning Inspectorate. The vote to refuse was unanimous, and it is hoped that this would help should an appeal go ahead.

The Parish Council have requested that BANES follow through with the enforcement notice on the approved application.

- **Bristol Airport** - Ward Councillor Singleton reported that Bristol Airport had won their appeal for expansion and the Parish Councils Airport Association (PCAA) will not be appealing against the Inspectorate’s decision to override the refusal by North Somerset Council. However, Bristol Airport Action Network (BAAN) has decided to challenge the decision and a QC has been instructed to act for them.
- **Rat Running** - Ward Councillor Singleton reported that money had been allocated in the BANES budget to reduce the speed limit through Chewton Keynsham to 20mph and this may help reduce rat running.

An item mentioned by residents:

Connection to mains sewerage – an interest in the nearest mains and cost was raised. The Clerk will look into the location.