



## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held Online via Zoom on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021.  
Commencing at 7:02pm.

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**Members Present:** Councillor Dave Aldis, Chairman  
Councillor Linda Moss  
Councillor Keith Simms  
Councillor Jude Cunningham  
Councillor Rebecca Pinfold  
Councillor Alison Strong

**Members Absent:** Councillor Dan Neate  
Councillor Ian Tong

**Officers Present:** Sarah Marshman, Clerk/RFO

**In Attendance:** Carolyne Culver, District Councillor  
Henry Graham, Henwick Manor  
Chris Prosser, Headteacher of The Downs School  
Shelley Bowdery, Compton COVID-19 Volunteer Group  
4 members of the public

### Minutes

- 1. Apologies for absence**  
Apologies for absence were received from Laura Farris, MP, and Councillor Ian Tong.
- 2. To approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020**  
Those present agreed the minutes of the last meeting be accepted as a true record. The minutes will be signed at the first opportunity the Council has to meet face to face.
- 3. Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020**  
There were no matters arising.
- 4. To invite Laura Farris, MP, to address the meeting**  
Laura Farris sent her apologies to the meeting as she was now scheduled to speak in Parliament.

## **5. To invite District Councillor Carolyne Culver to address the meeting**

Carolyne has approached Officers within West Berkshire Council regarding the condition of the road on Wallingford Road. She has been advised that there has been no contravention of planning conditions but is waiting to hear from the Street Works and Rights of Way teams.

Carolyne continues to hold regular meetings with the local volunteer groups assisting during the COVID-19 pandemic. Carolyne also wished to thank Shelley and the Compton COVID-19 Volunteer Group.

## **6. Parish Council Reports:**

### **6.1 Reports from the Chairman and Parish Councillors**

The Chairman gave his report:

As I write this report, we are still in very strange times, due to the Pandemic. Hopefully, there is now light at the end of the tunnel as the vaccination programme gains momentum and relaxing of the lockdown comes closer. The Parish Council has experienced some difficulties during the past year, the biggest of which is the inability to hold normal, face to face meetings. This has resulted in some of us having to learn more about the use of technology!

However, given the difficulties, the Council has continued to discharge its' functions as well as can be expected. We have completed the refurbishment of the sports pavilion and this is ready to use, with new showers, toilets and serving hatch. Unfortunately, it will remain closed until Government Legislation allows its' normal use. We are currently reviewing the operation of the facility and how its' use will be charged and organized.

The MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) remains closed, and I ask Parishioners to observe the Regulations. It is, however, likely to re-open on March the 29<sup>th</sup>. We are going to install new bins and some picnic tables in the Recreation Ground and are looking to improve the seating in the shelter. CCTV will eventually be installed covering the Recreation Ground and the car park. There remains some Anti-Social Behaviour in this area and we ask that incidents are reported to the Police immediately by calling 101 or, if 999 if there is any threatening behaviour.

The prompt reporting of incidents by individuals is key to obtaining a Police response - don't ask a Councillor to do it when you remember or simply ignore it. You do not need to leave your name on 101, so we urge you all to help.

We are currently in the process of evaluating the replacement of the footway lighting with greener, solar powered lamps as one option. We may trial these at a few locations to gauge their effectiveness before rolling out a larger programme in the future. This is because our contractors are unable to obtain replacement lamps for the Sodium lights.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan is close to submission for official appraisal, and we are grateful to all the people who have been involved with this substantial document.

The Parish Council asks that residents of Gordon Crescent stop driving over the grassed areas, which are now Parish Council property. Unless the situation improves, we may be forced to consider preventing vehicular access.

Once again, the water has risen in the fields along the Ilsley road and I would like to record our thanks to the Flood Warden, Peter McGeehin, who has retired from the post. It is due to his

diligence and work that the water now flows well through our Parish. We are currently looking to recruit a replacement for him.

We were sorry to see Mark Birtwistle leave the Council and we thank him for all his work over the years that he was a member. The vacancy is to be advertised. We also welcome Jude Cunningham, our latest recruit.

Sadly, due to COVID, the VE Day celebrations were cancelled but we are now looking at events for the Queens' Platinum Jubilee in 2022. Another effect of the lockdown has been an increase in litter and particularly, dog waste around the village. All waste should be placed in the appropriate bins or taken home.

Covid however, has seen the village and volunteers rise to the various challenges presented by it and we must congratulate Shelley Bowdery and her team for their hard work. This has resulted in Shelley being awarded Covid Volunteer of the Year 2020. The group continues to provide much support for the Parishioners in need.

We are very grateful to Pam, the Compilations editor for her continuing work and the allotment managers for keeping the allotments well subscribed.

We must also record grateful thanks to Compton Shop for keeping going through the pandemic and also the Foinavon, for their takeaway service, both providing vital facilities for our village.

To end, I would like to thank all the Councillors for their hard work throughout the year, Carolyne for her support at District level and, finally our Parish Clerk, who does so much hard work to keep us organized!

## **6.2 Financial Report from the Clerk to the Council**

The Clerk presented her report which is at Attachment 1.

## **7. Presentation of local reports have been invited from/on:**

### **7.1 Compton COVID-19 Volunteer Group**

Shelley Bowdery presented her report which is at Attachment 2.

### **7.2 The Downs School/Compton Primary School**

Chris Prosser presented reports on The Downs School, Attachment 3, and Compton Primary School, Attachment 4.

### **7.3 School Road Allotments**

Councillor Jude Cunningham presented her report which is at Attachment 5.

### **7.4 Scouts**

Councillor Keith Simms noted that all 3 sections have continued to meet online each week during the pandemic, even including some of the school holidays. This has worked very well for some attendees, but not all. Whilst numbers are only down by 4%, revenue has reduced by 60% as fees have been reduced and have been optional which may present challenges going forwards.

## **7.5 Other Organisations**

The following organisations provided written reports but did not attend to present their report. Their reports can be located as follows:

Village Hall – Attachment 6  
Compilations – Attachment 7  
Autumn Group – Attachment 8  
Guides – Attachment 9  
Downlands Sports Centre – Attachment 10  
Compton Players – Attachment 11

It was noted that the Council are currently attempting to recruit a new Flood Warden and so no report is presented.

## **8. To invite Henwick Manor to address the meeting**

Henry Graham spoke about the management of the land at Church Farm, which is mostly arable but will be used for some livestock also. As part of a DEFRA scheme, some hedges have been removed due to large areas being dead and diseased, with a plan to replace with native hedgerows.

Henry indicated he would be willing to engage with the Parish Council regarding the footpaths that cross the land at Church Farm.

## **9. Questions from members of the public**

There were no questions.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7:58pm.

## Attachment 1



## Annual Finance Report 2020/21

The finance report for Compton Parish Council for the financial year 2020/21 is presented. Please note that as the financial year is not yet completed, all figures are provisional and will be subject to audit.

### Income

The total income received from all sources of funding was £63,995. Significant figures included in this total are:

- Precept £49,050
- VAT refund £2,448
- Compilations advertising fees £1,983
- Grant funding for the Neighbourhood Development Plan £4,500
- Grant funding for the Sports Pavilion £5,000.

### Expenditure

The total expenditure for the year was £81,308. Some of the significant figures included in this total are:

- Redevelopment of the Sports Pavilion £18,251. It should be noted grant funding of a total of £9,740 has been received or is expected for this project so the overall cost to the Council from reserves is £8,216.
- Grounds maintenance £5,427
- Allotments expenses £1,683
- Insurance £923
- Compilations printing costs (offset by advertising income of £1,983 above) £2,833
- Footway lighting electricity and maintenance £6,353
- Footway light replacement £1,251
- VAT (reclaimable in the next financial year) £4,420
- Neighbourhood Development Plan £5,290

- New picnic benches for the Recreation Ground (yet to be installed) £4,200.

### Grants and Events

Grants of £820 were provided to various organisations within the Parish of Compton.

The following organisations benefited from the grants process: Royal British Legion, Compton Archery, Autumn Group and St Mary & St Nicholas Church.

The Council is aware that this figure is reduced from usual due to the COVID-19 pandemic and - invites applications from groups to assist with any costs involved in restarting activities once they are able to do so.

### Looking Forward to 2021/22

The Council has ensured the precept will not increase in 2021/22 and so remains at £49,050. A Band D household will continue to pay a total of £74.94 in the year, or just £1.44 per week.

It is expected that large items of expenditure will continue to include grounds maintenance, street lighting electricity and maintenance, and employment costs.

The Council has agreed to trial the installation of solar powered footway lighting and it is possible the Council will seek to roll this programme out further if it is successful.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan is close to submission and may result in further costs to the council.

The burial ground work has yet to be started and may result in costs to the Council from its reserves to begin the necessary works.

## Attachment 2

### COMPTON COVID-19 VOLUNTEER GROUP

Shelley Bowdery & Jane Gartshore – This report is so we can give a huge shout out to every Volunteer in the village as they have worked tirelessly to support the vulnerable of the village.

Start – At the start, the biggest problem was Information. We quickly gathered names of 98 volunteers and 68 Isolating households by using Facebook, Compilations and door drops, and we buddied them up. One volunteer per 'At Homer' household. The buddy would contact the At Homers most days at the start, and if they were unable to help, they could post on the volunteer WhatsApp group and within minutes the task was allocated.

We researched and sent out almost daily updates for the first two weeks and a team of volunteers helped us gather the information, but this settled down to once a week quite quickly. These are sent to all Volunteers and Isolators. Those isolators not online or having no email had printed copies delivered to their door. This continues today.

The information included the local shops/post office opening times, takeaway outlets and menus, supermarket updates, medical issues and drug facilities. We were the prime disseminator of information from the Downlands surgery, the police and the Berkshire Hub, passing information from them to the village, on safety issues etc, or sending in our updates for them to use. Every activity in this village was checked by the Hub before we embarked on it. The sunflower seeds ended up with a letter from the Home office giving us permission!

Volunteer Vetting – Then came the task of vetting all our volunteers, recording phone numbers, names addresses, looking at any DBS forms they had them and seeing photo ID

Volunteer Group Liaison - We also teamed up with all the other local volunteer groups through our Councillor Carolyn Culver. These meetings still happen most weeks even now.

We quickly realised we had a problem with the Isolators running out of cash and couldn't pay for things. Julie at the shop was amazingly quick to set up remote ordering and payment of goods so our volunteers could collect food for isolators and deliver it.

Scrubs - We had a massive group of ladies making of scrubs, hats, pyjamas for NHS and free face masks for all who needed them through Sue Walsh. We also made and provided many plastic mask attachments.

Village food bank collection for the Hermitage Food Bank– originally two locations- now just one central one at Bramley Cottage. We always take more food than we collect Every week we still collect and distribute to families in need in the village. 5 households have been helped in this way.

Compton Foods – we also set up a new business called Compton Foods (Amelia Jonas) so each of these families gets a home cooked meal each week from a team of volunteers. We have also fed several families who have been struck with debilitating COVID symptoms, supporting some daily for several weeks.

Surgery Support - We also became great Drug Barons – linking with the surgery, delivering prescriptions, 40/50 medicine drop offs a week in the first lockdown. This still continues doing emergency deliveries for those who are isolating in this lockdown.

Free School Lunches One of our Volunteers (Jude Cunningham) also set up a free lunch facility in the October Half term. Many thanks to the pub and the shop again for their support.

Lifts - As the DVG had to shut down, we did many 'unofficial lifts' to our new found friends in the village to antenatal care, emergency dentists, and hospital appointments and more recently COVID Vaccinations. Another new business would have been required for this to become official, and this proved too impossible.

Sanitiser - Huge thanks to Hawkridge Distillery, in the village for providing free sanitiser for all our volunteers.

IT Support – We sent out information and gave 1:1 help to all those trying to get online/use WhatsApp or zoom

Home Schooling/Single parent Help- suitable online resources were sent out and updated and buddies supplied for those not coping or any that needed help

What else did we help with? An eclectic mix of Wasps nests, Vet needs, cat consumables, cat care when someone was in hospital, dog walking, newspaper deliveries, providing Gin and tonic when required, fixing an outside tap, mending a wall, finding a plumber, fixing a heating system, fixing dentures, watches and clocks and helping people find help with their debt through the CAP (Christians Against Poverty) group in Newbury. A particular mention must go to the three volunteers who have helped three Compton residents in their end of life care (not from COVID). They have been true heroes.

Our main support in the first lockdown was to the 70+ age group of Isolators. In recent lockdowns it has been more about helping those who have had to isolate as they have contracted COVID or due to track and trace.

Fun Stuff – very quickly we became aware that we not only needed to try and meet the physical needs of the people of Compton but to also try to help their mental wellbeing and spiritual needs too. This was really helped by the Buddy system as everyone, who signed up, had a friend who they could ask for help or just chat to every day. Also, most weeks a Christian message was also sent out to be an encouragement to all. Prayer support and offers of a friendly chat were regularly sent out.

Book and Puzzle swap was set up at the pub – thanks Connie- which has now moved to 4 Wee Libraries in the village

Compton Streets of London Song. This was produced by Alan Garmonsway raising nearly £1000 for the surgery in Compton – to go towards setting up a specific room for Community Nursing

Compton Quiz – David Sheppard has run this in each of the lockdowns. The 4th 10-week quiz has just finished with the 5th and last starting after easter

A Daily cartoon – Produced by Dave Hawkins is distributed to all who want it. A new book has been published of all the first and second lockdown cartoons and is available in the shop. All profits to go to the foodbank.

Flowers for Easter – every At Homer had a basket of potted bulbs for Easter courtesy of Hilliers, plus a few others who hadn't signed up. (80 were sent out)

Easter Cards – children from the primary school made cards for all the At Homers plus a few others who hadn't signed up (90 were sent out)

Then there were the weekly challenges. These were sent to the Primary School, the preschool, the At Homers, the Volunteers and were posted round the village and on facebook. These were aimed at the whole village

1. Putting a rainbow in your window
2. Putting a teddy bear in your window
3. Painting easter Eggs for children to go on an Easter Egg Hunt
4. Craft kits were provided to all At Homers and others so people could make felt bunting for their front door.
5. We sent out a paper Time Capsule Kit asking people to make a COVID Capsule
6. Sent out 15 nature Activities for the children of the primary school and preschool over Easter, but sent the link to our At Homers too.
7. Sunflower seed distribution- thanks to David Sheppard to the whole village so all could grow sunflowers in their front garden in the summer. We have already started this again this year with all At Homers receiving their dwarf varieties already. There is enough for every household to grow some this year. Please join in.
8. Making Tinsects ie Insects out of baked bean tins and hanging them up outside. Eg the Cannapillar and the Tinachnid
9. Then came the cardboard people on the school fence and elsewhere. Captain Tom being the most admired.
10. Then came 75th Anniversary of VE Day Celebrations. We encouraged the whole village to set up a table outside the front of their house and join in with an afternoon tea. The volunteers made 98 iced and decorated fruit cakes for our 'At Homers' (and any other 70+ people we could think of) and delivered them so they could enjoy some cake with their tea. So many in the village joined in.
11. In June we sent out a pack of information with mental health help sheets and Covid guidelines to every house in Compton.
12. We constantly sent out heat wave information in summer and extreme cold information in winter and grants.

So when things opened up in the summer we encouraged our volunteers to keep in touch with their isolators especially the Shielded, which proved useful when we went back into lockdown again.

13. In the summer came the painting of stones in our gardens and spotting of the sunflowers with prizes for the best awarded and a scarecrow competition on the allotments
14. In the Autumn came the liaison with the primary school over the Scarecrow competition in the village thanks to Kayt Daugharty and the painting of memorial stones in the churchyard.

15. Then at Christmas came to coordination of the Elf trail for the preschool, and the usual Christmas Community group sorted the Pub Christmas Tree and nativity scene, Santa letters for the children and the best ever Christmas Lights Competition. Every child in the primary and pre-school received a Christmas story book from the church and 'Messy Church in a bag' was delivered across the village. We even managed to distribute 12 Christmas Day Lunches.
16. More recently we have held a zoom craft evening to make snowflakes for our windows. We have made and delivered 92 Mini Hampers containing a Book of Hope, a hub update, a Volunteer Group village update, sunflower seeds, materials to make a pom-pom bird, speciality tea bags, some shortbread, a gingerbread man, a piece of chocolate brownie and a bag of home-made fudge. This gave us a chance to catch up with our volunteers and our At Homers and to give them some encouragement.

It has been a tough time for all.

It was a great honour, when recently our Volunteer Group was voted to be the best in West Berkshire.

PS - Please be aware that our Post Lockdown Celebration that was to happen on September 17th 2020, was only postponed. It will go ahead – one day! We will have our party and we will say thanks to God. At Easter last year God promised me, that because we had been praying over the village, that He would protect us from COVID deaths and I went out on Easter day with my Boom Box to tell the village of this promise. To my knowledge, we still have had zero deaths from COVID-19 in Compton. (Official data only available up to the end of December)

Praise God he kept His promise.

## Attachment 3

### The Downs School

This year, The Downs School is celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, a milestone event in the life of our school. Before the arrival of the pandemic, we had several events planned to mark the occasion, the climax of which was to be a Summer Festival featuring local music, food and entertainment. Although these plans had to be put on hold, once we return to a normal way of life, we look forward to celebrating the success of our school within our local community, students and teachers from the past and present.

This year we have 1,303 students on roll, and we are currently contacting all the parents of the 210 students who will join us in September, putting plans in place for their transition as and when we will be allowed. This has been a year like no other, presenting unprecedented challenges for the school's Senior Leadership Team, teachers, support staff, our students and their parents. I am so proud of how the whole school community has come together, particularly our teachers who worked tirelessly to ensure that the transition to online learning ran smoothly. Students embraced using Microsoft Teams, and we worked hard to ensure all online lessons offered a 'live' element and interaction with the class teachers. We were also very mindful of the wellbeing of our students, introducing various initiatives including reducing lessons from 1 hour to 50 minutes, allowing students regular screen breaks.

We are now operating an on-site testing facility where students and teachers self-administer the rapid results test. Thanks to our fantastic team of trained volunteers, made up of support staff we can give out results within 35-40 minutes of the test. We are very proud of how our students have coped with this, and in line with our school values they have shown true resilience and courage. I would like to thank my staff and the testing volunteers for all their hard work.

At the end of 2020, we opened our new Food Technology classroom, the culmination of a project that began last summer with the re-roofing of the building that houses our Art, Technology and Food Technology faculties. Thanks to grants from West Berkshire Council and the Wolfson Foundation, we have extended and renovated the Food Tech classroom, fitting new extraction systems and added new sink and storage areas alongside the cookers which were replaced last year. We have also added a moveable hob and sink for students with disabilities or in wheelchairs to access equipment safely and fitted new lighting and flooring. We now have a state-of-the-art facility, which all students across the school can use and enjoy.

In January we secured a decarbonisation grant which involved fifty LED lights in 80% of the school, solar panels and new windows in the Sixth Form block. All of this has to be completed by 31 March which is a huge challenge, but as it The Downs way, we have risen to the challenge and all the work is progressing well.

Our students have continued with their charitable endeavours, raising almost £5,000 for local charities through the annual Christmas Jumper Day and non-uniform days. Our key fundraiser, a 10k walk along the Ridgeway was unable to go ahead in the Autumn term, but students still raised an incredible £7,000 for the school by undertaking their own physical challenges at home, ranging from bike rides to walking challenges.

We have celebrated various successes across the year, with over 80 students awarded their Duke of Edinburgh Awards just before lockdown one began, and have won District and County Awards in the recent Berkshire Games. Parents' evenings have been successfully moved online, and received many positive comments from parents asking us to continue with this method into the future.

Finally, with our Year 13 students beginning to receive their university offers, we are delighted that five students have been given provisional offers to study at the Oxbridge universities in subjects ranging from Music to Biomedical Science.

## Attachment 4

### Compton CE Primary School

Our school roll is currently at 188 pupils. The majority of children reside in the village yet an increasing number choosing to travel in from other West Berkshire and Oxfordshire villages and towns.

We are very grateful to West Berkshire Council who have supported us with a new school roof. This project was completed in October 2020. Work continues to improve the children's outdoor spaces and children have been working hard to plant sensory garden areas around school. Our annual bring a bulb day continued as usual. All classes have areas to maintain and we are now enjoying seeing spring flowers around the site. We upgraded our playground markings in Autumn 2020 to support our children in their active playtimes and PE lessons. Our plans to improve our Early Years outdoor learning area using Section 106 funding are with the Local Authority for approval.

This has been a very unusual year for us all. Staff and pupils continue to work hard and strive to achieve the very best we can. Everyone has worked tirelessly with blended learning which we designed to meet the needs of the children at home, the children in school, families' ICT capacity and teacher workload. This has been a mix of video content, learning packs and live class catch-ups. Over the course of the lockdowns, hundreds of resource packs have been prepared and collected from school and the level of engagement in home learning has been very high. We are proud to have been awarded a special spirit of the games award for an exceptionally high level of participation in the Paula Radcliffe 2:15 activity challenge designed to keep children active during lockdown. This term our pupils are enjoying keeping active with the Get Set Travel to Tokyo challenge. School remained open to the children of keyworkers throughout the pandemic with robust Covid measures put in place. We are thankful for a supportive school community who have worked hard to support learning at home and have followed our mask wearing, social distancing and staggered start and finish times. We eagerly await the return of all of our pupils on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

During the first lockdown period, lunch parcels were provided for families who needed them, and we have been providing Edenred vouchers since January. We have seen a marked increase in the number of children needing Free School Meals support over the last school year. Laptops and tablets have been lent out to families and printed packs of work have been provided on request. We have been fortunate to receive 9 Windows tablets and 5 ipads from the DFE Help with Technology scheme, along with a generous donation to fund 30 Kindle tablets from Greenham Common Trust and a further 4 Kindles donated to us by a friend of the school.

Links with the Church continue to be strong and we have been pleased to work in partnership with the church during lockdown. We enjoyed being involved in the rainbow trail and sunflower events and most recently, children enjoyed asking questions about lent. We have ensured our school collective worship has continued – virtually – and we have really enjoyed having parents and carers joining in with their children from home.

We are very grateful to our Friends of Compton Primary School team who work tirelessly to fundraise on the children's behalf. Every classroom now has a new interactive panel in place of the old whiteboards which has enhanced learning for our children. Over the course of every school year, they organize a range of events for our children. They have continued to do so throughout the Covid

pandemic hosting bubble film nights for all children and organising our first Compton Scarecrow Trail which was enjoyed by many. We are very grateful to local businesses for their support with this.

We continue to work with the “Downland Alliance” to improve outcomes for all children in West Berkshire. Joint training days have been organised for staff in First Aid, Maths and PE. Through the Downland Alliance, three of our teachers, who are Specialist Leaders in Education, have contributed to the training of newly qualified teachers and subject leaders across West Berkshire, albeit over Zoom this year! At both Compton and Beedon Primary Schools, we are proud to be hosting Downland Alliance trainees and they are set to become great teachers.

## Attachment 5

### School Road Allotments

Occupancy again is full, with a waiting list of 4. I have not heard of any movement so unfortunately the wait may be long. We again had a tidy up of the hedge and verge and a temporary DIY repair to the main gate as it was badly scarping on the ground. The post needs replacing. We cut back the brambles from the gate to enable safer access.

We have had couple of woodchip deliveries which has helped with some of the muddier paths.

Unfortunately, due to avian flu the chickens also had to go into lockdown, they are still under restrictions and we don't have a release date yet.

Tree works carried out brought much needed light back into plots along the school field border. A skip was provided by the parish council to help clear some rubbish as there was a ban on bonfires, this was greatly appreciated and welcomed annually.

Thankfully during all the Covid restrictions we have been able to tend our allotments which has proved to be a God send to all. We had the most amazing weather from Easter onwards, which was great for growing but challenging as supplies of seeds and compost was limited. Lots of people participated in the village sunflower growing and we had a scarecrow competition which was a lot of fun and judged by Shelly and Jane.

The old compost plot that was a real struggle to maintain has been let as a plot and very successfully transformed by the new tenants.

We were not able to have our annual coffee afternoon last year so looking hopeful to restrictions being lifted and that we can make up for it safely this year.

## Attachment 6

### Compton Village Hall

Due to lockdown we have had our ups and downs, these include:

Bookings being down significantly compared to last year. Some exercise classes were in briefly between lockdowns.

We were unable to hold the village fete in 2020, which is under review for 2021

Luckily the Preschool have managed to continue running.

We were lucky to receive a small business Covid-19 Grant of £10,000.

Mick Pinfold our Chairman stepped down and was replaced by Emma Hoyle.

Dave Morris as secretary was replaced by myself, Clare Morris. Dave has stayed as one of our trustees.

We have had trouble holding our AGM in 2020, we are planning to have ours as soon as we are allowed a group of 6 in the hall at one time and any guests will be invited over zoom.

## Attachment 7

### Compilations

This year has been a good one for Compilations.

Despite the lockdown local groups have continued to keep prominent profiles and keep the villagers up to date with information. They are beginning to appreciate that people do read about them and want to know what is happening. Some groups need more reminders than others, but it all comes together in the end. They now also know that the deadline is just that!!!!

The advertisements have continued to offset the costs of the magazine, which is very pleasing in the current conditions.

I am particularly pleased with articles from individuals. These have been unsolicited and show that there is interest in the magazine. Some have needed drastic editing, but it has been worth it as their inclusion has generated more interest.

The feedback has been very positive and comments such as 'I look forward to reading Compilations with my cup of coffee' and 'I keep it on the side in the kitchen with the phone numbers' are rewarding. Interestingly, I have had several phone calls from people who want information from back copies that they have thrown away.

I must mention the printers. They have been as good as ever. They not only produce top quality print work, but they are amazingly accommodating. Many's the time they have printed our magazine before other work that they have had to do. They are a pleasure to do business with. (It is also a two-way thing as they appreciate the working relationship we have.)

Finally, I would like to thank the Parish Council for their continued support and trust in me.

## Attachment 8

### Autumn Group

The Autumn Group is based at the Wilkins Centre, behind Compton Village Hall and up to the start of the pandemic met every Monday and Tuesday afternoon. We have members from Compton, East and West Ilsley, Chilton and most other surrounding villages.

In normal times we have regular speakers and outings.

Cat Protection, the police re spam, Hording Disorders, Guide Dogs and Dyson.

Our outings included visits to the Bicester, the New Forest as well as a delightful barge trip on the Kennet and Avon Canal. A terrific lunch at the Foinavon (Compton) and a lovely garden party.

Unfortunately, with this awful pandemic, we have had to stop our meetings and find other ways of operating.

We have produced a regular members newsletter which includes various suggestions of things to do, articles of what members have done plus a competition with a small prize which is posted out once a month.

Obviously, this all comes at a cost and we are incredibly lucky to receive the support both in grants, kind and donations from yourselves and others.

As yet we have not spent the grant, we were kindly awarded by yourselves as the Government Lockdown restrictions presented us with significant difficulties in the purchasing and managing of the equipment. However, things are now looking much brighter.

We managed to repeat our successful lunch that we hold on Christmas Day for people on their own by replacing it with a delivery service.

There is hope that we will be able to resume near normal operation this year subject to the availability of the Wilkins Centre. Although we do have the option of the Village Hall if guests want to attend.

As a Management Committee we are **READY TO GO!!!**

## Attachment 9

### Compton Guiding

Since Covid-19 lockdown was introduced in March 2020, Compton Rainbows, Brownies and Guides have been meeting virtually once a week during term time. Compton Rainbows managed a few weeks of socially-distanced, face-to-face meeting outdoors from September to the beginning of November, and Compton Guides had one face-to-face meeting in September. The numbers of girls taking part in virtual meetings have dropped over the year, and Compton Brownies have not met since December 2020 due to leader's illness.

Leaders have adapted the programme so that the girls can carry on with badge work, and four Compton Guides achieved their Gold Awards. In addition, all sections have enjoyed lots of activities other than badge work such as scavenger hunts, quizzes, games, crafts, on-line escape rooms, and cooking, all done using Zoom or Google meet.

Unfortunately, the Guide unit camp planned for the end of May 2020 had to be cancelled, and WINGS 2020, an international camp in July to which several Guides were going, was postponed to 2021, but has now also been cancelled. However, Compton Rainbows, Brownies and Guides joined over 100 other members of local Guiding to take part in an Easter Sleepover challenge in 2020, which involved them sleeping for at least one night somewhere that was not their bed.

One of the leaders joined the local branch of the British Legion at the socially-distanced Act of Remembrance in West Ilsley in November 2020 and laid a wreath on behalf of Compton Rainbows, Brownies and Guides.

Girlguiding was the official partner of BBC Children in Need in 2020 and Compton Guides undertook sponsored activities related either to their own age, or the age of the unit (45 years for Compton Guides), and raised money for Children in Need.

On 20<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> February 2021, several members of Compton Guides took part in a virtual sleepover to celebrate World Thinking day (WTD). WTD is a celebration of 10 million members of the Guide movement worldwide that has taken place on every 22<sup>nd</sup> February since 1926. February 22<sup>nd</sup> was chosen as it was the joint birthday of Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the Scout & Guide movement, and his wife Olave, who served as Chief Guide. The weekend included a Promise renewal at sunrise, an international campfire featuring songs and videos sent by members from across the World, and a variety of activities from each of the five World Centres, which are in London, Mexico, India, Switzerland and Africa.

## Attachment 10

### Downlands Sports Centre

The Downland Sports Centre has been closed for the last year because of the Covid pandemic and issues around making it Covid safe for the community during the brief spell when centres were able to re-open with precautions in place (e.g. the gym is too small a space to make it a viable option – larger gyms are running at about 50% capability to allow for social distancing and there is not a safe reception area for staff and customers).

Apart from this there is nothing to report at this stage until we see the full guidelines that will support the re-opening of facilities from no earlier than April 12<sup>th</sup>.

## Attachment 11

### Compton Players

We have not been able to present any productions during 2020 - we are working on a zoom production as I write, and hopefully we will be able to give our loyal patrons something to enjoy in the not-too-distant future. I know that income for the Village Hall must be at rock bottom, as are our finances so anything to raise awareness of the plight of village halls and amateur dramatics must be a good thing.