

COMPTON DANDO PARISH COUNCIL

Warner's Cottage,
Chewton Keynsham,
Keynsham,
BRISTOL.

3rd November, 1954.

Rev. F.W. Cresswell,
The Vicarage,
Compton Dando,
NR. BRISTOL.

Dear Mr. Cresswell,

The suggestion that the Compton Dando Parish Council might take over the Compton Dando Village Hall from the present Trustees was fully discussed at a Council Meeting held yesterday evening, and I was instructed to make the necessary arrangements regarding the Council's legal position in the matter and submit a report at the next Meeting.

I will write you further as soon as there is any more news.

Yours sincerely,

Clerk to Compton Dando Parish
Council.

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I thought it best to advise you of the position and would be extremely grateful for any help or advice you may be able to give as regard procedure for taking over the Hall and future management of it. I assume that all Hall funds would have to be kept separate from rate funds.

Yours faithfully,

Clerk to Compton Dando Parish
Council.

The Hon. County Secretary,
Somerset Association of Parish Councils,
St. Margaret's, Hamilton Road,
Taunton, SOMERSET.

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The Clerk,
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Westgate Buildings,
BATH.

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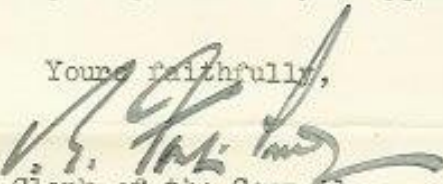
27th January, 1955.

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your letter of yesterday's date, and find it quite impossible from the information given to advise you in any detail on the procedure to be adopted consequent upon the request of the Trustees of Compton Dando Village Hall made to your Council to take over the Trusteeship. Presumably the Charity Commissioners will come into the picture, and I feel the Parish Council would be better advised to engage a solicitor to act for them in the matter.

In reply to the concluding paragraph of your letter, if the Village Hall is eventually taken over by the Parish Council, then the management and all expenses, etc. in relation thereto will form part of the Parish Council's expenses and should be dealt with accordingly, and not kept separate as you appear to assume.

Yours faithfully,


Clerk of the Council.

Mr. M. W. Vowles,
Clerk to the Compton Dando Parish Council,
Warners Cottage,
Chewton Keynsham,
Keynsham,
Near Bristol.

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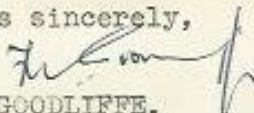
Dear Sir,

Compton Dando village Hall.

Thank you for your letter of 26th January. I can see no reason why the Hall should not be conveyed to the Parish Council provided that the Deed of Conveyance is made out correctly. We have a model Trust Deed for this purpose and I can send you a copy of it for your information if you wish it (price 5/-). This Model Trust Deed gives you valuable information of the formation of a Management Committee.

All the Hall funds would be kept separate from rate funds and should I suggest form their own bank account and should be controlled by the Management Committee and not necessarily by the Parish Council. Is there any chance of your coming to the Meeting of the North Area Committee of the Parish Councils Association at Druid's Hall, Ferry Rd, Bristol at 7.p.m. on Friday February 11th, as we might be able to have a talk on this matter if that would be helpful to you.

Yours sincerely,


F.A. GOODLIFFE.
General Secretary.

M.W. vovles Esq.,
Warner's Cottage,
Chewton Keynsham,
BRISTOL.

COMPTON DANDO PARISH COUNCIL.

"Warner's Cottage",
Chewton Keynsham,
Bristol.

28th January, 1955.

F.A. Goodliffe Esq.
Somerset Rural Community Council
St. Margaret's,
Hamilton Road,
Taunton,
Somerset.

Dear Sir,

Compton Dando Village Hall.

Thank you for your letter of the 27th. I enclose
Postal Order 5/-d and will be glad if you will send the
Model Trust Deed which you mention.

Yours sincerely,

FAG/JM/VH

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Nr. Bristol.

WBT/SR.

22nd July, 1955.

Dear Mr. Vowles,

Compton Dando Village Hall.

I now enclose the engrossment of the Conveyance for execution by the surviving Trustees and Sealing by the Parish Council, and eventual return to me for Stamping purposes.

Please see that the date is not inserted in the Conveyance.

If you would prefer it, I could send the Conveyance to Mr. Clifford Brooks for his signature.

I expect the signatures of the other Trustees can be fairly easily obtained.

Yours sincerely,

Rowes Taylor

M. W. Vowles, Esq.,
Messrs. Gibbons and Vowles,
Chartered Accountants,
6, High Street,
KEYNSHAM,
Bristol.

NWV/AA

29th July, 1955.

Rev. F.W. Cresswell,
The Vicarage,
Compton Dando,
Nr. Bristol.

Dear Mr. Cresswell,

Compton Dando Village Hall.

I enclose the engrossment of the Conveyance of the above to the Parish Council in the hope that you will be able to obtain the signatures on it of the surviving Trustees. If however, you will not be seeing Mr. Clifford Brooks I will be willing to send the Conveyance to him for his signature. The signature should be placed where indicated opposite the seals and should be witnessed in each case. If you will then return the Conveyance to me as soon as possible I will have it sealed by the Parish Council.

Yours sincerely,

COMPTON DANDO PARISH COUNCIL.

"Warner's Cottage",
Chewton Keynsham,
Nr. Bristol.

12th August, 1955.

F.W. Cresswell Esq.,
Compton Dando Vicarage,
Bristol.

Dear Mr. Cresswell,

In reply to your letter of the 11th the Trustees ~~who are parties to the conveyance must not witness each others~~ signatures, but there is no reason why you should not witness all of them if necessary. Persons acting as witnesses should not be a husband or wife of the party signing or under 21 years of age.

Yours sincerely,

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COMPTON DANDO PARISH COUNCIL.

VILLAGE HALL.

I set out below a short report on the suggestion that the Parish Council should be responsible for the upkeep and general management of the Village Hall.

1. Powers - The Council have power to take over from the present Trustees though it is probable that the consent of a Parish Meeting properly convened would have to be obtained.

2. Finance - I am informed that at present Monies in the hands of the Trustees are as follows:-

(a) Post Office Savings	- approx	£20	
(b) Special Bank A/c	- do-	£20	Westminster, Keynesham
(c) Current A/c Bank	- do-	£26	Not Prov, Keynesham

Income of the Hall is £40 p.a. received from the County Council Education Committee and about £20 p.a. from other sources and annual expenditure amounts to about £40 including Rates, Heat, Light, Insurance, Cleaning Wages and small repairs.

There is therefore an annual surplus of about £20 out of which a repairs fund would have to be maintained. The Hall itself seems to be in a good state of repair and the monies accumulated by the present Trustees should be ample cover for any repairs likely in the next few years.

The legal Transfer of the Hall to the Council will involve costs which presumably would be payable out of the Hall Funds but this is not likely to be a very large item.

The Hall finances would have to be kept quite separate from the

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Rate Fund though it seems probable that any surplus on the Hall Fund not required could be used for general Parish expenditure or relief of the Rates.

3. Management - I suggest that the Council should delegate the day-to-day management of the Hall to a Committee which might operate as follows:-

- (a) A suitable number might be three Councillors with power to co-opt two outside persons - a Councillor should be Chairman with a casting vote.
- (b) The Committee would deal with such matters as short term lettings, cleaning, caretaker etc., and could delegate certain powers to any member of the Committee.
- (c) The Committee Chairman would report at each Council Meeting on any matters likely to be of interest.
- (d) The Parish Council would receive all monies, pay Accounts and generally control all financial matters.

Rules.

The Rules of the Hall at present constituted seem somewhat out of date and require attention.

- (a) No intoxicating drinks to be brought on to the premises except for approved occasions ^{if Council are satisfied} (in writing).
- No gambling except competitions for games prizes.
- No use after 11-45 on Saturdays.
- No use for entertainment on Sundays or any festival of a religious character.