

Denby Village Conservation Group

Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on the 4th of February 2017 at 11 am in the George Inn

In Attendance

Ken Bellamy (Chair), Dean Wyatt, Christine Figg, Jane Raistrick, David Raistrick, Shelagh Uden, John Wiltshire, Joan Inman, Brian Inman, Paul Clarke, George Parsisson, Vera Bell, Anne Middleton, Joyce Jones, Lynn Watts, Martin Watts and Diane Brown (Secretary.)

Agenda

1.17 Apologies

Were received from June Cook, Paul Jaworski, Jan Howard, Neil Howard and Charlie Savage.

2.17 Minutes from the last Meeting

It was agreed that the minutes of the last meeting held on the 3rd of December 2016 were an accurate record of the matters discussed.

3.17 Village Greens, Village Walks and Denby Allotment

David and Ken have met with James Hodgson regarding improved landscaping on both Greens. Ken went through the costs and it was agreed that it would be a good idea providing that we can get grant monies to fund it. Ken will provide more information for the next meeting.

Ken updated the meeting regarding the compilation of new walking guides there will be two new circular walks which will start in Upper Denby. There will be the established heritage walk and the Denby Dawdle which will be the walking version of the Denby Dash. The Denby Dawdle will have two versions a long and shorter walk one being approximately three miles the other being five. There is funding from the Walkers are Welcome Group and it will be nice to have our own walk in a leaflet for the phone box. It was agreed to press ahead with it.

Ken will meet with John Hislop regarding the allotment and will report back to the next meeting.

4.17 Welcome developments, repaired pavements and new bus service.

It is encouraging to see that our lobbying has resulted in the pavement being repaired next to the main green. Ken has contacted Kirklees Council regarding the state of the pavement on Falledge. We are also pleased about the new bus service and our thanks go to Cllr Graham Turner for his work on our behalf. There were some queries as to the start date of the service, whether the stops on the timetable were the fare stages only and if concessionary fares were available, clarification will be sought and members informed.

5.17 Denby Village History Board

David updated the meeting as to the latest developments and orders for work will be issued by Ken today.

6.17 Finance Issues

Dean updated the group as to our financial position and there is £2,186.83 in the bank.

7.17 Fundraising 2017- Christmas cards and calendar

Since the last meeting the photo competition has been launched the closing date is the 1st of July 2017 so that all calendars and cards are ready for sale at the Dash. Christine was added to the list of judges so there are now three, Pat Smith, Ken and Christine. So get snapping everyone! Everyone can enter with the exception of our three judges of course!

8.17 Planning Applications.

Ken has completed the very complex on line process for the consultation on Kirklees Local Plan. Consultation has now closed so at the moment there is nothing more that we can do. There are three current planning applications, a new one which is the very welcome extension to a

classroom at our school and two previously discussed planning applications. It is understood that the Parish Council has objected to one of those.

9.17 Facebook

Since our last meeting we have agreed three more moderators for our Facebook page, Paul J, Jane and Paul C so we now have a total of 5. It has been fairly peaceful recently for which we are thankful. There was an issue regarding Back Lane and the problem of horses using it, the responses made to the post put on by Paul J regarding the safety of pedestrians was unhelpful. It was agreed that whenever possible we would ignore “unhelpful” comments. The Council are aware of the problem on Bank Lane and will hopefully put in measures to improve safety.

10.17 Any Other Business

Items discussed included

- The usual litter pick will take place Sunday, the 12th of February at 10.00 am in the George Inn car park.
- Vera mentioned the problem of speeding and how difficult it is to cross Denby Lane. Unfortunately Kirklees have not engaged with the Community Speed watch Programme but Cllr Turner has said that we are on the list for the mobile speeding sign. There were two of mobile signs but one has been stolen. Ken will contact Cllr Turner to see where we are on the list.
- John C has had the old litter bins prepared for painting, he is to deliver them this week and John W and Ken will repaint and site as discussed.
- Christine asked about the street cleaning service that was once weekly, it was agreed to ask the council about this.
- Anne stated how her neighbour had contacted her regarding the damage to Denby Delph. This was once an area of natural beauty but now is scarred with builder’s rubble. Ken and David are meeting Dave Wilde next week our new and proactive Countryside Officer. They will discuss it with him and also contact Jeff Lunn from the Garganey Trust who owns the land. Martin has had some involvement in the past on this topic and updated the meeting regarding the history of it.
- We need to complete the process of the purchase of the lawn mower, Dean and Ken to progress.
- Joan and Brian said that there were two more instances of cold calling in the last few weeks. We are a cold calling area and Diane to contact PCSO Sharon Rostron to discuss.
- Ken said that he had seen Keep Britain Tidy Hi Viz vests in his walking magazine and would investigate. It was agreed that having vests with such a logo was a good idea.

11.17 Date of the Next Meeting

Our next meeting will take place on the 4th of March at 11 am in the George Inn.

The meeting closed at 12.00 pm.

Signed by the Chair..... Date