

Denby Village Conservation Group

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

In Attendance

Ken Bellamy (Chair), Dean Wyatt, Christine Figg, Jane Raistrick, David Raistrick, Joan Inman, Brian Inman, Paul Clarke, Charles Crossland, June Cook, Neil Howard, Jan Howard, David Cook, John Cook and Diane Brown (Secretary.)

Agenda

12.17 Apologies

Were received from Paul Jaworski, Lynn and Martin Watts, Vera Bell, Shelagh Uden, George Parsisson, Anne Middleton and Joyce Jones.

13.17 Minutes from the last Meeting

It was agreed that the minutes of the last meeting held on the 4th of February 2017 were an accurate record of the matters discussed.

14.17 Denby Allotment

Owing to members being busy there is no-one currently available to help with this. Diane is to contact John Hislop to see if he is willing to advertise this on our Facebook Page.

15.17 Denby Delph

The Group is saddened by the current state of Denby Delph this is an area of natural beauty and environmental interest. The nesting birds, flora and fauna have all declined in recent years and there is a rumour that the Garganey Trust may shut the permissive footpath. This area has become an area for professional dog walkers who let their dogs off the lead and the dogs are scaring the nesting birds and fouling the area. There should be a way of resolving these problems with effective and positive dialogue and Dave Wilde our new country side officer is to help us on this issue. David and John Cook gave some historical background they have faced with this issue. Garganey Trust is willing to meet with us and Ken asked for volunteers to attend an initial meeting and Anne, Neil, John and David Cook will attend the meeting with Ken and Dave if they are able.

16.17 Denby Village History Board

David updated the meeting as to the latest developments and orders for work have now been issued. We have had our first invoice and Diane will contact the Parish Council to see if they will release some of the agreed grant monies. David passed round the details of the current content of the board. It was agreed that there were certain items that should be included such as all the listed buildings in Denby. It was agreed that a sub group was needed to ensure that the content was as complete as possible. Items that we cannot include owing to lack of space could be included in a leaflet. Ken, David, Neil, Dean and Charles will form the sub group. It was agreed that the lettering on the top of the board would be completed in black. Diane has applied for funds from the Denby Dale Environmental Trust to pay for the erection and heritage flagging around the History Board.

17.17 Finance Issues

Dean updated the group as to our financial position and there is £2,156.86 in the bank.

18.17 Cold Calling

Diane contacted PCSO Sharon Rostron regarding cold calling and had emailed the advice given to all members. Sharon had also issued information regarding information sharing with the Police which was also shared. In West Yorkshire generally there has been an increase in car thefts and

this advice was also shared. It was agreed that the Group would look into erecting cold calling signs around the village. Ken will look into this.

19.17 On- going Village Improvements

John Cook has kindly sand blasted the three litter bins at his own expense thanks to John for this. Ken and John Wiltshire have painted two of the bins and need to purchase more paint to complete the third. The bins will be placed in the dog fouling hotspots as previously agreed and John C will provide flags for them to stand on. Thanks again John.

20.17 Planning Applications.

David updated the Group on this subject and there are currently no new planning applications. Anne who unfortunately could not attend the meeting sent details of a planning appeal notice relating to residential use of agricultural land off Denby Lane beyond Denby Delf. This issue was discussed with some of our members already being aware of this issue. It was agreed that as a group it was not appropriate for us to get involved as it appears to relate to ongoing planning control issues outside of our remit though sympathy was expressed for the plight of the affected householder and his recent bereavement.

21.17 Any Other Business

Items discussed included

- The usual litter pick will take place Sunday, the 12th of March at 10.00 am in the George Inn car park.
- Keep Britain Tidy have given us some hi Vis vests free of charge.
- Brian and Joan volunteered to replant the planter next to the phone box at their own expense. Thanks to Brian and Joan for this.
- Diane mentioned the Great Get Together which will take place on June 17th at 2.30 at the Church. *By asking people to come together for street parties, picnics and bake-offs, we hope to create the biggest street party since the Jubilee, and send a message to everyone. That there is more that unites than divides us.* If everyone could spread the word and get everyone together to join in.
- We are still having problems with our FB page that we are ignoring. Jane distributed an article about minding your manners when using Social Media. As the article stated it is always worth remembering, if you would not feel comfortable behaving a certain way face to face, then it's best to avoid it in cyber space. Wise words!
- In her absence Anne left a note regarding the start of the process for the 2017 Denby Dash. The first meeting has taken place and she has already sought permission for access from some local land owners. The next meeting of the Denby Dash subcommittee will be on the 13th of March.
- Offer of free picnic bench for the main Village Green this was accepted as can be lifted for grass cutting.

22.17 Date of the Next Meeting

Our next meeting will take place on the 1st of April at 11 am in the George Inn.

The meeting closed at 11.55 pm.

Signed by the Chair..... Date