

Denby Village Conservation Group

Draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 1st of December 2018 at 11 am in the George Inn

In Attendance

Ken Bellamy (Chair), Dean Wyatt, Dave Wilde, David Raistrick, Jane Raistrick, Shelagh Uden, June Cook, Chris Ruddlesdin, Christine Figg, Vera Bell and Diane Brown (Secretary.)

Agenda

88.18 Apologies

Were received, from Paul Jaworski, Paul Clarke, Paul Edwards, Cheryl Butcher, Martin Conlon, Joyce Jones, John Cook, Neil Howard, Jan Howard, Julie Martin, George Parssison, Anne Middleton, David Cook, Bill Jones, Martin Watts and Lynn Watts.

89.18 Minutes from the last Meeting and Matters Arising.

It was agreed that the minutes of the last meeting held on the 3rd of November were an accurate record of the matters discussed. At this point it was agreed that Win's Memorial bench event last Saturday was a success and spookily was on the same Saturday a year ago when we unveiled the History Board! Ken said that the old bench when it was removed was unsafe, so the installation of a new bench had probably averted a mishap.

90.18 Denby Dash

Anne was not at the meeting but asked that the Christmas Fuddle be mentioned. It will be held on the 22nd of December at 2 in the George and everyone is welcome. Anne asked if we would all supply something for the buffet. Dean suggested that we make a note on the attendance sheet of who was bringing what.

91.18 Denby Delf

Martin was not at the meeting but had updated Diane as to the latest position. Martin has been able to obtain grants amounting to £1.5k, the Garganey Trust is to provide £2.5k and the remaining costs of about £1.5k will be financed by our Group. The interpretation boards will be ready in the Spring and its unveiling will be part of a celebration of this beautiful asset with a George Inn spring walk with pie and peas. Owing to the popularity of these walks there will be the need to split into 2 groups. Dave W also said that there will be another Bat Walk in the Spring too.

92.18 Planning Issues

David R updated the meeting, there have been no new planning applications. There was further news on 126 Denby Lane, the Conservation and Design Officer from Kirklees Council has agreed with one of our comments that all wall materials used in the extension should match those used in the original building. The extension will now use matching brick. The householder concerned has also stated that they intend using matching materials for the re-roofing of the entire house, so it will then all be of blue slate.

93.18 Finances

Dean updated the meeting regarding our finances. We have paid the invoices for the bench and display board which leaves £3,755.19 in the bank. This amount does not include the calendar sales.

94.18 Friends of the Church

The Greatest Showman event planned in the Church will now go ahead in February 2019. Ken asked for volunteers to help clear the leaves in the churchyard and would let everyone know of the date agreed when known. It was good news that the church had obtained grant funding for a

new boiler though work has yet to start.

95.18 Other on-going matters

Notice Board Lower Denby- Nothing, has happened on this yet and as the funding is available for a new one in this financial year action is needed. Dean will ask John C for an update.

Neighbourhood Watch- Diane updated the meeting regarding the progress on this matter.

Local Bus Service- Ken and Diane have met with Richard Brooke and agreed that the ideal solution would be to have a shuttle bus which connects us to the local railway stations. In recent years our bus services have been set up to fail with a service which is not fit for purpose. There followed a discussion as to what we could do including paying for transport ourselves. We would need to ascertain the support for this. Paul C has been in contact with West Yorkshire Transport regarding their erroneous roadside timetable information which they have promised to rectify. The issue of transport will be a future standing item.

Footpath Quaker Bottom- Thanks to Dave W for supplying the markers and to Paul E and Vera for putting them up. Dave said if we need any more just ask as he has plenty.

Advertising on Facebook Page- Ken has not completed this task yet.

Display Board- The display board was on show in the George. It did cost a little more than expected at £218. Everyone was pleased with the purchase which is available for hire for a donation. Dave W said that Kirklees operated a sharing items portal called Camoodle which put organisations together to share items. Our display board will have its first outing at the School Fayre next Saturday.

96.18 Please support your local library campaign.

The library at Denby Dale has each year to find £4k for running costs. A raffle has been organised to help raise funds and each property in Denby should get a flyer as to how to purchase tickets. A collection point for the raffle is with Dean at the George.

97.18 Any Other Business

Items discussed included

1. Dave W updated the meeting regarding activities with the school gardening club and progression of Eco School Awards.
2. Friends of Churchfield Cake and Carols with Skelmanthorpe Brass Band tomorrow.
3. Carols around the Christmas Tree tonight at 5 at Ingbirchworth with Shepley Brass Band.
4. Our Christmas Tree event on the 14th on the Green at 6. Plus, every Sunday in December there is Christmas singing in the George starting promptly at 12.40!
5. David R said that on the work plan he would now stain Wins Bench as well as the one on the village green. It is Shelagh's turn to clean the phone box in December.
6. The next litter pick will be next Sunday the 9th.

98.18 Date of the Next Meeting

There will be no meeting in January and our next meeting will be Saturday the 2nd of February 2019, 11 am in the George Inn.

The meeting closed at 11.35 am. Ken thanked everyone for their attendance.