

Denby Village Conservation Group

Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on the 6th of February 2016 at 11am in the George Inn

In Attendance

Ken Bellamy (Chair), Dean Wyatt, Vera Bell, George Parsisson, Christine Figg, June Cook, Paul Clarke, Shelagh Uden, Jane Raistrick, David Raistrick, John Cook, John Beaumont, Charlie Savage, Anne Middleton, John Wiltshire, Graham Walsh and Diane Brown (Secretary).

Agenda

10.16 Apologies

Were received from Jamie Dickson, Lynn Watts, Martin Watts, Jan Howard and Neil Howard.

11.16 Minutes from the last Meeting

It was agreed that the minutes of the last meeting held on the 9th of were an accurate record of the matters discussed except that the amount in the bank is incorrect and needs amending.

12.16 Feedback from the Phone Box opening.

It was agreed that this was an excellent event which was well attended and covered in the press. Well done to everyone.

13.16 Defibrillator and VETS training.

Defibrillator training will take place on Tuesday the 9th of February in the Church at 6pm. VETS training will take place in the George on the following day the 10th at 4pm. Members who have volunteered for VETS are;

Jane, Anne, David, Dean, Shelagh, George, John, Charlie, Diane and Ken.

Dean is to publicise this service in the George Newsletter.

14.16 Kirklees Local Plan- going forward

David updated the meeting, we raised awareness of this issue and the targeted distribution of the flyers and template of a letter sent out to all households had an excellent response with many of our residents sending in letters to Kirklees Council supporting their plans. The deadline for the response has now passed and the final consultation for the plan will take place in October/ November 2016. We have also established that there are currently no plans to develop the Barnsley side of our boundary and consultation on the Barnsley Local Plan is to continue to the autumn. There is a duty of co-operation between the local councils which is helpful. David also said that there are currently no new applications for planning in the village. This will continue to be a standing item on the agenda so that we can monitor any developments.

15.16 Finance Issues

Dean updated the meeting we have had a donation from A. Nicholls of £50 and after our recent expenditure we have £1,362.55 in the bank.

16.16 Denby Dash

This initiative has a separate subcommittee which met prior to this meeting; Anne is the Lead of the subcommittee and updated the meeting. This is to be a community event with a five mile senior race which will be with our local terrain a challenging course. There will be a race trophy in the memory of Steve Robinson which will be given to the first local past the post. There will be refreshments at the George and landowners on the identified route will be contacted for the necessary permissions. The date currently being considered is Sunday the 29th May which is a bank holiday. The subcommittee will complete a safety assessment and members will be asked to volunteer as stewards. All local running clubs are invited, it was agreed that £5 per head for seniors and £2 for children would be a good price to charge. We need to maximise income generated on the day with a raffle, BBQ and tea and coffee etc., June and Christine volunteered

to organise the tea and coffee and Dean was given the responsibility of ensuring good weather. This will be discussed further at our next meeting.

17.16 Work plan

Ken updated the meeting; there is still work to do on the phone box with the silicon application to the windows however we need good dry weather for this task. Once water tight the leaflet holders will be fixed in for local literature. Ken is doing the weekly CAD check for the defibrillator and volunteers are needed for this for when Ken is on holiday. George and Shelagh volunteered and Ken will show them what to do. We also need volunteers to keep the phone box clean, Shelagh, Vera and Jane volunteered for this task.

The village greens will continue be cut weekly in the growing season by Ken, George and Ian. We would like to remove the top two bollards on the larger green and we are looking into getting a grant from the New Homes Bonus for this. We agree that providing a history board for the larger green is a good idea and local historian Chris Heath has offered to help. We need to look into whether permission is needed from Highways.

Footpaths, we will start this work once the weather improves. John C said that Walkers are Welcome are looking into putting cobbles on the end of Bank Lane and are currently getting quotes. This will hopefully be completed in 2016.

Benches, all benches will be re-stained in 2016; this will have to be an annual job due to the weather.

Litter bins, the new bins have not arrived as yet, Ken is to pursue. We have not heard as yet about the additional dog poo bag dispensers which will be sited at Lemonacre, Back Lane and the smaller green. Jane said that there is a real problem with dog fouling outside Falledge House so we could put up one of our signs there? There is also a lot of dog fouling outside the Dentists so one could be sited there too. Dean said that he was currently looking at the erection of the dog fouling posters and getting prices. We are to refurbish two old bins but we will have to empty them ourselves.

Weed killing and grubbing, Ian Robson will help us as he has a weed killing license and we will with the grant we received for equipment purchase some grubbing equipment. This is a hard job and hopefully the use of the proper tools will make it easier.

Planters and flowers, we need to consider where we will place them and will need to bolt them down so that they are not stolen.

Litter picking will continue as usual the next one being on the 14th of February.

After finding the hypodermic syringe on the last meeting we will need to consider a sharps bin.

18.16 Any Other Business

No other business

19.16 Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place at the George Inn at 11 on the 5th of March 2016. The meeting closed at 11.55. Ken thanked everyone for their attendance.

Signed by the Chair..... Date