

Denby Village Conservation Group

Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on the 5th of March 2016 at 11am in the George Inn

In Attendance

Ken Bellamy (Chair), Dean Wyatt, George Parsisson, Christine Figg, June Cook, Paul Clarke, Shelagh Uden, John Cook, Charlie Savage, Anne Middleton, John Wiltshire, Jan Howard, Neil Howard, Chris Harris, Paul Jaworski and Diane Brown (Secretary).

Agenda

20.16 Apologies

Were received from Jamie Dickson, Lynn Watts, Martin Watts, Vera Bell, Jane Raistrick, David Raistrick, Margaret Lee and Graham Walsh.

21.16 Minutes from the last Meeting

It was agreed that the minutes of the last meeting held on the 6th of February were an accurate record of the matters discussed.

22.16 VETS Scheme Update

Ken updated the meeting we have now got a number allocated though we are waiting for the mobile number option which is needed before we can go live. In the meantime David has completed a sterling piece of work mapping all addresses in the village which will be shared at a later date. The scheme at first will cover cardiac issues at first extending to other emergencies as we develop. The number we have been allocated is not particularly memorable and we may consider changing it so that it is easier for everyone to remember. Once the service is live we will do a leaflet drop. Dean said he would include it in the forthcoming George Inn leaflet.

23.16 Planning Issues.

Most people should now have had a letter from Kirklees Council regarding our support to their rejection to the initial plan. Some members have not received a response as yet. This will continue to be a standing item on our agenda. John C outlined the planning consultative process from the Parish Council point of view and promised to update our group regarding planning issues in the village.

24.16 Denby Dash

Anne updated the meeting; the original date of the 29th of May has been discounted because so many people are away. It is crucial that we set a date so that we can get on with the organisation of the event. One date that has been suggested was the 5th of June however some of our group are away on this date. We cannot set a date that is suitable for everyone but it needs to be a date on which we can maximise both competitors and helpers. As we are to have a junior race we will need to ensure that it is well marshalled to ensure it is safe. Until we set a date we cannot inform the 12 landowners through which the Dash will traverse. Some of the landowners have already given their verbal agreement but it would be better to have the agreements in writing. George has completed a reccy of the footpaths and said that they need some work in order to be safe, brambles etc. will need to be cut back and this will take time. The footpath will use Back Lane and that needs to be improved and is one of our priorities for this year. It needs to have all work completed on it before the Dash. One suggestion was that we have the Dash in September. Diane will email all members for their views on this but deciding a date must be done as soon as possible.

25.16 Finance Issues

Dean updated the meeting we have £1,332.55 in the bank after payment of the £30 to hire the Church for the defibrillator meeting. There is £45 to pay in which is a late payment for windows; some of this will be used as petty cash for small expenditure.

26.16 Work Plan

Ken updated the meeting and went through the tasks outlined in the work plan. 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 has shown George how to complete it; this information will be cascaded to Shelagh who also volunteered for this task. We have now had permission from the Highways Department of Kirklees Council to site the Information/History Board on the large Green. Chris Heath is to put some ideas together for members to approve; David has photographed a few from other villages which were shared with the group. We will need to cost the project and then to fundraise. The removal of the bollards were discussed and the road safety aspects of them that Ken is to look into. There are still some footpaths closed and have been for some time now. Members cannot see the reasons for the closures as very little work is being done on them to warrant the closure. It was asked if the Parish Council could look into this.

John C outlined the plans for the footpath improvement at the end of Bank Lane. Since the last meeting we have had two new litter bins installed in the village by Kirklees Council, unfortunately not in the places specified by our group. However one site is acceptable and is next to a lamp post on which we can fix a dog poo bag dispenser. The other next to the bungalows is not situated as we would like so this will be discussed again at a future date. The Parish Council have said that we can site the Dog Poo Bag dispensers ourselves and George, Ken and John W will collect from the Parish Council Offices. Walkers are Welcome have offered some wooden poles on which the dispensers can be erected.

27.16 Any Other Business

Diane stated that she had been contacted by a retired person in the village with a disabled husband she was finding it difficult getting reputable local workmen. It was agreed that this would be a good idea to have a useful register of reputable local workmen and something we would work to for the future.

Jan said that on the recent litter pick she was surprised at the amount of fast food debris particularly from MacDonald's. She thought it a good idea to contact them and explain how we are affected. It is realised that McDonalds are not to blame but there is some morale culpability for them to consider and McDonalds themselves are aware of this problem and has been helping groups like ours with funds for litter pickers etc.

Chris stated that the Elite Riders will now not go through Denby which is a shame but there will be a race on the weekend of the 12th of March around this general area.

Paul J updated the meeting regarding his, Deans and Kens meeting with the new vicar Joyce Jones. Joyce is very keen to open the doors of the Church to all and would like to come to one of our meetings. The Church is an important landmark in the village and it was agreed that we would like to work in partnership to keep it, it must be stressed that our group is not religious our intentions are purely based on retaining the Church and helping to improve the fabric of the building and grounds. Joyce's inauguration takes place in the Church on the 20th March and Paul asked if members would attend to support her.

Christine mentioned the lack of a bus route to Penistone and Barnsley as a result of Tate's going out of business. South Yorkshire Transport has got their act together but unfortunately West

Yorkshire has not. Something needs to be done about this and the group decided to take this forward.

28.16 Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place at the George Inn at 11pm on the 9th of April 2016. The meeting closed at 12.20. Ken thanked everyone for their attendance.

Signed by the Chair..... Date