

## Denby Village Conservation Group

### Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March at 11 am in the George Inn

#### In Attendance

Ken Bellamy (Chair), Dean Wyatt, Dave Wilde, Christine Figg, Jane Raistrick, David Raistrick, Martin Watts, Lynne Watts, David Cook, George Parsisson, Anne Middleton, June Cook, Shelagh Uden, Paul Clarke, Martin Conlon and Diane Brown (Secretary.)

#### Agenda

##### **11.18 Apologies**

Were received, from Joyce Jones, Paul Jaworski, Neil Howard and Jan Howard.

##### **12.18 Minutes from the last Meeting and Matters Arising.**

It was agreed that the minutes of the last meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February were an accurate record of the matters discussed with the slight amendment requested by David on the Planning Matters.

Ken welcomed our newest member Martin Conlon who has already helped on the February litter pick.

We are sorry to hear that two of our valued members Brian and Joan Inman are leaving the village, we will be sad to see them go and Diane shared the lovely comments that Brian and Joan had made regarding the improved looks to the Village. They said that due to our efforts the Village had never looked so nice in the 30 years they had lived here.

The Speed Indicator Device is not on the Agenda and Diane updated the meeting, although disappointing at least we have some idea of the problem the village faces with regards to speeding whereby 44.5% of traffic is going over the speed limit with 11% doing in excess of 36 miles per hour. This information has been passed to the Police via Cllr Graham Turner and Diane has also passed the details of our last meeting with regards to road safety particularly around the School to PCSO Jo Payne.

##### **13.18 Denby Dash**

Anne updated the meeting, all landowners except one have formally gave permissions and Anne is currently compiling the flyer for this year. As with last year the on line entry forms will be available at the end of March. Note to Diane to check re insurance.

##### **14.18 Planning**

David R updated the meeting regarding the latest planning issues regarding the application for the erection of a dwelling on Coal Pit Lane we were told that this had been withdrawn at the last meeting however David had ascertained that the reason it had been withdrawn was that the application was invalid. However there was no further information available as to why the application was invalid. The retrospective application for a new vehicular access to Low Fold Court is still ongoing and there is a new application at 1 Smithy Hill number 2018/62/90216/E. This application is to demolish the current property and erect a new building. There are some queries regarding this application there is no notice outside the property and there is little information on the plans themselves as to where the materials listed were to be used. The application includes wooden cladding which is not in keeping with the Conservation Area. David is to contact Kirklees for clarification on these matters. The closing date for comments currently is the 16<sup>th</sup> of March.

##### **15.18 Finance Issues**

Dean updated the meeting and we currently have £2,116.93 in the bank. He is to pay £336 into the bank the profit from the sale of calendars. Hopefully members will have snapped some nice snowy ones!

**16.18 Initiatives for 2018**

Going forward in 2018 it will be great to continue to further improve the village. We have requested another dog poo dispenser near the school. We are to have a new anti-dog fouling campaign and once the good weather arrives we will start a programme of footpath clearance. We have committed ourselves to some expenditure though the amount is not yet known to help fund signage at Denby Delf. The Denby Delf subcommittee is to meet after this meeting and will keep us informed as to matters discussed.

Ken said he would complete a new work plan for our April meeting.

**17.18 Any Other Business**

Items discussed included

- Our next litter pick is the 11<sup>th</sup> of March
- More grit boxes needed, the recent weather has really brought the lack of bins into focus, and more bins are needed especially on Bank Lane and Fairfield’s. Ken to look into this.
- Notice board at Lower Denby needs replacing and perhaps the one in Upper Denby could be replaced too?
- The Neighbourhood Watch flyer has now gone to print. Diane will email members for help to deliver them
- The Friends of the Church Group is to hold an Open Gardens day on 16<sup>th</sup> of June 2018. This had been raised by our group some time ago but that the time there was not the enthusiasm for this. However the Friends Group has now suggested it and anyone wishing to open their garden would be appreciated. Funds to be divided between both our groups. Anyone interested should contact Holly Hampshire on 07789771874 or email [hollyemery82@hotmail.com](mailto:hollyemery82@hotmail.com). Vera and Diane are opening theirs on the day so please join in. Hopefully this could lead to other events such as joining in the Village in Bloom competitions in which Denby used to feature.
- Dave W said that the Walking Festival will take place in the last week of June and that there was to be a Healthy and Safe week taking place in liaison with the School. More details to follow.
- Diane said there will a Penistone Arts week in March with famous authors and lots planned. Diane asked if this could be put on our FB page as it was a nonprofit organization.
- The funeral of Kate Green –Jaworski will take place on Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> of March at 10 am and afterwards at Denroyd Farm. All welcome.
- Paul J has asked if a planter could be installed in memory of his daughter, this was agreed and again our condolences to Paul and Jill and their family.

**18.18 Date of the Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will be Saturday the 31<sup>st</sup> of March at 11 am in the George Inn. Ken thanked everyone for their attendance. The meeting closed at 11.40 am.

Signed by the Chair..... Date .....