

## Denby Village Conservation Group

### Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February 2018 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, Brian Inman, Joan Inman, June Cook, John Cooke, Chris Ruddleskin, Joyce Jones and Diane Brown (Secretary.)

*Before the meeting started Joyce updated everyone regarding the tragic events of the previous weekend where our dear friends and fellow members of this group Paul and Jill Jaworski tragically lost their daughter Kate in a car accident. Joyce asked for volunteers to help in the Church the following day where a book of condolence will be available for everyone to sign in memory of Kate and this will be passed to her little daughter Lydia as a keepsake when she is older. Our thoughts and prayers go to Jill and Paul and their family at this sad time.*

#### Agenda

##### **01.18 Apologies**

Were received from Vera Bell, Paul Clarke, Shelagh Uden, Paul Jaworski, Neil Howard and Jan Howard.

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

It was agreed that the minutes of the last meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December were an accurate record of the matters discussed.

Anne came to the meeting later as she was attending a Denby Dash Meeting and would update the meeting before the meeting closed. There was also a meeting of the Denby Delf subcommittee after this meeting and therefore it was not on this agenda.

##### **03.18 Planning**

David R updated the meeting regarding the latest planning issues; Wheel cottage and 87 Denby Lane have both been approved. The new entrance to Low Field Court is still ongoing, the application for a new build opposite Coal Pit Lane was discussed and whilst in discussion we heard that the application had been withdrawn.

##### **04.18 Finance Issues**

Dean updated the meeting and we currently have £2,189.93 in the bank. He is to pay £296 into the bank the profit from the sale of calendars. We have sold 205 and ideas to better promote their sale in 2018 were discussed.

##### **05.18 Neighbourhood Watch**

The final draft was approved and will be printed and distributed to all addresses in Denby.

##### **06.18 Speed Camera Update**

Since our last meeting the Conservation Group's lobbying to have the mobile speed device installed has been successful. We now have a speed indication device albeit for only three months. It was agreed via email in between meetings that we would carry out speeding checks and volunteers were requested. Volunteers have collected data which Anne's husband Peter has kindly collated for us. It raised interesting facts 44.5% of cars going through our village are travelling over the speed limit with 10.9% of those are speeds in excess of 36 miles per hour. Other road safety initiatives were discussed.

- Contacting the Road Safety Unit- John C outlined his recent meetings regarding this in his capacity as a parish councillor.
- New Denby sign with a please drive carefully logo on it

- Problems with the junction on Denby lane particularly with parking near the school
- Are the school signs in prominent places and where are they?
- 20mph speed limits around schools

Diane will look into these and report back.

### **07.18 Dog Fouling**

There has been a huge rise in the amount of dog poo on our streets. Ken contacted Kirklees and there is no longer a dog warden and residents have to report instances. It was agreed that we need a new campaign which will be discussed at our next meeting. Ken has looked into the post put on our Facebook page about a machine which digests dog poo and generates energy. He has lodged our interest in being a pilot scheme; another benefit of this scheme is that it uses paper bags rather than plastic.

### **08.18 Denby Dash**

Anne updated our meeting, there are to be some changes to the course which will improve it. The prices will remain the same, it will be promoted primarily online the adult entry numbers will remain the same but consideration is being given to increasing the numbers that can enter for children. We are to use a different ice-cream supplier but we will still have the flapjack. Landowners permissions are going well and we will continue the promotion of volunteers being the race makers. This could be added to our flyer which is going out shortly.

### **09.18 Any Other Business**

Items discussed included

- Our next litter pick is the 11<sup>th</sup> of February
- David C said that he had an accident a few years ago when an uninsured driver hit him outside the church. This is a strange junction and in summer the give way sign is obscured by the foliage on the trees. Could the give way sign be on Falledge? We could look into this as part of item 6.18.
- The lack of a school signs outside the school. Could we have flashing lights on all three approaches? Again this will be addressed under 6.18. If members could also look at this before the next meeting with a view to seeing what there currently is and what improvements could be made.
- Vera was not at the meeting but she had passed on a message that she would clean the phone box.
- David R said that he had the piece of wood on which to fit the Jubilee Plaque so this will be completed soon.
- The notice board at Lower Denby is in a sorry state and needs replacing. It was agreed to get quotes and we would apply for a grant to the parish council to fund the cost.
- Our Facebook page was discussed and the problem over Christmas with regard to advertising. Our group is a community group whose aim is to improve our environment for all our residents. If we have advertising we would have to ensure that the products and services on offer were trustworthy and we do not have the time to do this. A vote then took place as to whether to allow advertising and the vote was unanimously against. There will therefore be no advertising on our web site for profit organisations only community based ones. Ken will put something on our page to that effect.

### **10.18 Date of the Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will be Saturday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March at 11 am in the George Inn. Ken thanked everyone for their attendance.

The meeting closed at 11.55 am.

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