

## Denby Village Conservation Group

### Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2017 at 11 am in the George Inn

#### In Attendance

Ken Bellamy (Chair), Dean Wyatt, Christine Figg, Jane Raistrick, David Raistrick, Martin Watts, Lynn Watts, Vera Bell, Brian Inman, Joan Inman, June Cook, Paul Clarke, David Cook, Dave Wilde and Diane Brown (Secretary.)

#### Agenda

##### **55.17 Apologies**

Were received from Shelagh Uden, Anne Middleton, George Parsisson, Chris Ruddlesdin and Joyce Jones.

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

It was agreed that the minutes of the last meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> of May 2017 were an accurate record of the matters discussed.

*At this point Ken introduced Dave Wilde to the Group. Dave is the Country Side Officer for our area.*

##### **57.17 Denby Village History Board**

The History Board has now been on display in the Gorge Inn for almost two weeks and has received plenty of positive feedback. David R said that he had put plans in place to improve the clarity of the map as it is a little fuzzy when enlarged. Dean said it needs a "you are here" point on the map.

We can now start the preparation work for the ground works in the triangle formation suggested by Dean.

Apparently the quarry at the Sovereign has donated slabs for the memorial stone at Ingbirchworth, it was agreed that Dean and Ken would pursue this to see if we can get some too. We now need to talk to James re a timescale, thanks to everyone for their efforts on this.

##### **58.17 Denby Delf**

Dave W said that Jeff Lunn from the Garganey Trust is to attend one of our future meetings but is currently busy with another project. This was welcomed; Dave also gave feedback on his recent successful bat walk where two species of bats were seen. Dave is also currently working with the school and is organising visits to Denby Delf for the children. This project has included making a bug hotel. As previously discussed we need to work in partnership to provide information boards in the Delf to increase awareness.

##### **59.17 Finance Issues**

We currently have £2,617.47 in the bank; there are some invoices to pay which will result in £2,589.01 remaining.

##### **60.17 Planning Applications**

The planning applications noted at the last meeting are still ongoing. There is one new application on Gunthwaite Lane, application number 2017/92137 which was discussed. David R outlined the issues with this development with it being in a high profile location on the edge of the conservation area. It was agreed that our group should not comment as a body but individuals are of course free to do so.

Ken and Diane expressed an interest in this as this development is a neighbouring property to theirs.

##### **61.17 Work plan**

Owing to Ken and George being on holiday the Village Greens have not been cut. Kirklees Council have completed some further weed killing on pavements but the application has not been consistent. Chris R has rubbed down two benches and there are three more to be done. Ken and George have stained the two benches which Chris rubbed down. Martin asked Dave W if there was any help available from Kirklees for the upkeep of footpaths. Dave said that Bob Comer was a useful contact and would provide more details.

Whoever has strimmed Back Lane has done a very enthusiastic job unfortunately taking out plants which we intended to retain? Dean is to ask John Hislop for help in identifying the useful plants when they start to grow again, we do want to keep the hedgerows for wild life. Dave W also said that Andy Wickham was providing bedding plants for organisations like ours and would get us some more details about this initiative.

### **62.17 Denby Dash**

We need volunteers again for this event which will take place on August the 28<sup>th</sup> of August. Joan and Brian said that they were available and had contacted Anne without a reply as yet. Dean said that we were to provide traditional games such as a Coconut Shy Hook a Duck and Tin Can Alley and asked everyone to think how this can be managed.

### **63.17 Any Other Business**

Items discussed included

- Christine reminded everyone that we need to get snapping for some good local photos for our competition. June said that the closing date was the 1<sup>st</sup> of July for photos (this is correct!). We need to get a move on with this and get quotes for the production of the calendars and for the judges to meet and decide the winning entries. It was agreed that a first batch of 200 would be commissioned with more produced if needed. We do not have enough photos for Christmas cards so will do them another year. The calendars are to be on sale for the Denby Dash so action needs to be taken.
- Diane distributed an email from Brendan Cox the husband of the murdered MP Jo Cox thanking the village for their help in the Great Get Together where we raised £400. Thanks to the Friends of the Church Group and Denby Ladies for their help with this.
- Brian asked Dave W about the reduction of the numbers of bats seen about and Dave said he would contact the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust to ask if this is the case and what reasons for the decline in the bat population were.

### **64.17 Date of the Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will take place on the 5<sup>th</sup> of August at 11 am in the George Inn.

The meeting closed at 11.50 pm.

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