

Denby Village Conservation Group

Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on the 7th of May 2016 at 11am in the George Inn

In Attendance

Ken Bellamy (Chair), Dean Wyatt, Christine Figg, June Cook, Anne Middleton, John Wiltshire, Neil Howard, Vera Bell, Jane Raistrick, Martin Watts Brian Inman, Joan Inman, George Parsisson, John Cook and Diane Brown (Secretary.)

Agenda

41.16 Apologies

Were received from Lynn Watts, David Raistrick, Paul Clarke, Jan Howard, Chris Harris and Shelagh Uden.

42.16 Minutes from the last Meeting

It was agreed that the minutes of the last meeting held on the 9th of April were an accurate record of the matters discussed.

43.16 History Board

Ken updated the meeting as to progress, we need a joiner to help make the board and possibilities were discussed.

44.16 Planning Issues.

In David's absence Jane said there were no issues to report.

45.16 VETS Scheme Update

Good news on this front as Ken has received confirmation from the Community Heartbeat Trust that we can use mobiles. We will use dedicated phones and purchase pay as you go sim cards.

46.16 Churchyard Clear up 14th of May

Volunteers are needed to help tidy the Church grounds. We will meet at 10 am at the Church on the 14th of May.

47.16 Denby Dash

Anne updated the meeting as there had been a Denby Dash Meeting prior to this one. The date for the Denby Dash will be the 29th Of August. More details will be ready for our next meeting as to the flyer and numbers of volunteers needed.

48.16 Community Speed Watch

There has not been any progress on this issue despite Ken's efforts and he will continue to pursue.

49.16 Loss of Bus Service

Currently there is no bus service which serves the village to Penistone. Since the demise of Tate's although all other routes have been picked up this service has not. As suggested at our last meeting Ken has contacted Stagecoach to request that the service is extended to Upper Denby. They have replied to say that there is no funding available so will not extend their service. Ken has now contacted both MP's Paula Sherriff and Angela Smith to ask what can be done. He has not had a response as yet.

50.16 McDonalds Response Re Litter

Jan was not at the meeting but Neil updated the meeting stating that McDonalds are willing to help fund our litter picking efforts. We are to request funding from them for litter pickers, gloves and litter sacks. Neil and Jan will keep us informed as to developments.

51.16 Finance Issues

Dean updated the meeting we have £1,218.33 in the bank. We have received a kind donation from The Denby Village Show whose account has not been used for some time and so has

closed. The monies from the account have been shared between the Church and our group. Our thanks go to June for facilitating this.

52.16 Work Plan

Ken hopes that the windows will be sealed next week in the phone box. Shelagh has completed one clean of the box; Jane is to do the same this month and Vera in June.

The village greens will continue to be cut. It was discussed if the Tesco Community Bag Scheme could be used to secure funds for taking the bollards off the Green and to help pay for the History Board. Diane and Ken will pursue this.

The footpaths need to be cleared in readiness for the Denby Dash; this will be discussed further at the next meeting. The post for the dog poo bag dispenser on Lemonacre will be put up next week. John Cook updated the meeting with regards to the resurfacing of the footpath at the end of Bank Lane.

The first application of weed killer has been applied on the pavement near to the main green, more will be applied in other parts of the village and we will need grubbing volunteers.

We have bought two planters, one is to go on the main green and George and Sue will plant.

Joan and Brian will plant the other one to be sited next to the phone box.

June said she will look after the existing planter near the phone box as it could do with some TLC.

On the dog fouling problem the posters are ready to go up on all our dog fouling hot spots.

Hopefully they will make a difference but we need to find who the culprits are.

53.16 Notice of the AGM

Our next meeting will be the AGM which will take place on the 4th of June.

54.16 Any Other Business

Other business included

- 25th of June Denby Ladies Fundraiser Extravaganza at the George Inn.
- Moving the bin on Fairfield's/Coal Pit Lane Denby, we have asked both the Parish Council and Kirklees to move this bin. If it is not moved we will do it ourselves.
- Diane met with Giles Cheetham of Kirklees Council with regards to an unsafe stile and missing footpath sign, action has been promised on both issues.
- Diane mentioned the footpaths that are not on the definitive map to Giles and informed him that Paul Clarke of our group is to take one forward. The other is being managed by Pat Smith. The reason that Pat wants her footpath listed is owing to an historic Bosville stone being sited there. It was suggested that a picture could be taken of the stone for inclusion in the History Board?
- Pat also suggested that new people to the village could be welcomed with a card detailing the groups like ours and Denby Ladies. It was agreed that this was a good idea and we could use one of Pat's cards? Diane to contact Pat.
- The next litter pick will be the 15th of June. David and Jane are not available that day but will do a litter pick on the Saturday on Falledge Lane.

55.16 Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place at the George Inn at 11pm on the 4th of June 2016.

This will be our Annual General Meeting.

The meeting closed at 11.50 Ken thanked everyone for their attendance and flapjacks!

Signed by the Chair..... Date