

## Denby Village Conservation Group

### Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November 2016 at 11 am in the George Inn

#### In Attendance

Ken Bellamy (Chair), Dean Wyatt, Christine Figg, Paul Jaworski, Lynn Watts, Martin Watts, Jane Raistrick, Shelagh Uden, Anne Middleton and Diane Brown (Secretary.)

#### Agenda

##### **92.16 Apologies**

Were received from George Parsisson, Vera Bell, June Cook, Brian Inman, Joan Inman, Chris Harris, David Raistrick and Paul Clarke.

##### **93.16 Minutes from the last Meeting**

It was agreed that the minutes of the last meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September were an accurate record of the matters discussed.

##### **94.16 Denby Village Lifeline**

At the last meeting it was discussed whether we should extend the remit of the Lifeline to include helping the elderly of the village by clearing snow etc. It was agreed that we did not have the capacity for this work and that at present we would leave the service as it is. Dean has agreed to include details of the Lifeline in the next George Inn Newsletter. It was further agreed that a paragraph of helping your elderly neighbours particularly in winter should be included to remind people of the importance of community spirit.

##### **95.16 Denby Village History Board**

Diane has applied for a grant of £1,500 from the Parish Council. We will hear whether we have been successful or not on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November. We can then hopefully press ahead with it although the oak frame cannot be built in the winter months to prevent warping so the history board will not be completed until spring 2017.

##### **96.16 Finance Issues**

Currently we have £2,186.83 which includes a very kind donation of £100 from Margaret Risely. We have taken advantage of the Kirklees Natural Insurance Scheme. We will have to pay a small premium for tools, we currently have only a strimmer but it is hoped to purchase a second hand lawn mower off Matt Smith for the spring.

##### **97.16 Cold Calling**

Since our last meeting there have been instances of aggressive cold calling in the village. Brian and Joan contacted PCSO Sharon Rostron who helpfully called at their home and left some cold calling stickers. The stickers were distributed at the meeting with spare ones being left on the bar at the George. Diane is to put this on the Facebook page.

##### **98.16 Planning Issues.**

All those who wrote to Kirklees regarding the Local Plan should have had a response; the consultation process starts next week. All members are urged to look at this to ensure that it is in line with the Local Plan we support.

There is a planning reapplication of an outbuilding at Laithes Farm; apparently there is not a planning notice on the highway which is the usual process. Jane said that David would find out why.

##### **99.16. Denby Dash Christmas Get together in the George**

We need to organise a date for this, it will be mid-week. Dean to look into providing hot beef sandwiches and we could provide the mince pies? On the topic of the Denby Dash it was noted that not many locals ran the race and Ken updated the meeting regarding having keep fit

sessions in the Church. Hopefully this will help more people to get fit in readiness for the 2017 Dash! Currently there is a Friends Group being formed of the Church the aim of which is to keep the Church as a viable community asset. Paul J updated the meeting regarding the latest developments on this issue and how we can better use the Church as a building for community use. We also need to improve our web site for the Dash and have on line entries; this will be a future agenda item. Jane updated the meeting regarding the Broadband improvements Phase 2 of the rollout will start in the summer of 2017.

**100.16 Winter Jobs around the Village**

- The phone box needs a clean; Jane said she is next on the cleaning rota.
- The Rotary Club via Richard Wynne has donated 500 crocus bulbs which we need to plant. Suggestions of where to site them was discussed. We will need volunteers to do this.
- It was mentioned again about Back Lane not being a bridle way. It was suggested that in the first instance we contact Kirklees Council to request that a sign is erected.
- Paul asked for help painting the Church gates, John Wiltshire and Ken will help, Paul said he would provide the paint.

**100.16 Any Other Business**

Items discussed included

- The usual litter pick will take place Sunday, the 13<sup>th</sup> of November at 9.45 am in the George Inn car park. To start a little earlier as it is Remembrance Sunday.
- Thanks to PCSO Sharon Rostron for getting the car moved on Bank Lane.
- Ken updated the meeting regarding the production of a Denby Village Conservation Group Christmas cards. It was agreed that this was a good idea and any unsold ones this year could be sold next year. We need 3 good Christmassy photos and we need to action this as soon as possible.
- Bank Lane is looking a mess at the moment with a mixture of horse manure and mud from tractors.
- Other fundraising ideas were discussed to both promote community cohesion and to raise much needed funds.
- No joy with the buses it was suggested that we could liaise with Denby Dale Centre and hire a bus service for the Thursday market day and hopefully residents could make doctors and dentists appointments for that day.
- There has been another fall owing to the poor state of our pavements. The person concerned reported her fall to June. Ken will contact Cllr Turner in another attempt to get some action on this worrying issue.

**101.16 Date of the Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December at 11 am in the George Inn.

The meeting closed at 12.05 pm.

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