

Denby Village Conservation Group

Draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 3rd of November 2018 at 11 am in the George Inn

In Attendance

Ken Bellamy (Chair), Dean Wyatt, Martin Watts, Lynn Watts, George Parsisson, Anne Middleton, Bill Jones, David Raistrick, Chris Ruddlesdin, Julie Martin, Christine Figg, Paul Edwards and Diane Brown (Secretary.)

Agenda

79.18 Apologies

Were received, from Paul Jaworski, Paul Clarke, Shelagh Uden, Vera Bell, Cheryl Butcher, June Cook, Martin Conlon, Joyce Jones, Jane Raistrick, John Cook, Neil Howard, Jan Howard, Dave Wilde and Sylvia Steele.

80.18 Minutes from the last Meeting and Matters Arising.

It was agreed that the minutes of the last meeting held on the 6th of October were an accurate record of the matters discussed.

81.18 Denby Dash

Anne asked if we were to repeat the successful Christmas get together at the George Inn of all the people who each year make the event a success. It was agreed that this was a good idea. Anne also suggested that we make it a joint do with the Church Friends Group. This idea was met with enthusiasm and Dean will look at his events diary for a suitable date. We will provide the buffet as we did last year.

82.18 Denby Delf

Martin updated the meeting; he and Lynn have been working on the mock ups of the boards to ensure that they are correct. They have also met with the Men's Shed project to decide the best way of displaying them. The boards will need to be as weather proof as possible and a decision will be made to see whether a combination of metal and wood should be used. There is a Delf meeting directly after this one where this will be discussed further. Martin also updated the meeting regarding grant applications to help fund the costs. He has also been looking into the production of publicity flyers for our Group and is to work with Helen on this when time permits. The mock up of the boards and the supporting information will be put on the website for general comment.

83.18 Planning Issues

David updated the meeting regarding the latest planning developments. 28A Smithy Hill has been approved, 126 Denby Lane has been approved with conditions. As David previously reported the extension which is in the Conservation area was to be rendered with a blue slate roof. The extension will now not be rendered but will now have to be built of brick, to match the existing house. the blue slate roof is still to be used.

84.18 Finances

The finances were discussed at this point and Dean updated the meeting. We have paid the £500 donation to the Church and we currently have £4,765.59 in the bank. This amount does not include the calendar sales.

85.18 Other on-going matters

Notice Board Lower Denby- Men's Shed Project- The notice board has been taken down and is currently with John C. Martin said he had asked about this when he visited the Men's Shed Project recently. Robert Barber from the project said that he would see John and get the measurements and hopefully then produce a quote for a new board. The Parish Council has

stated that they would fund this but that we would have to make a grant application before they could release the funds.

Friends of the Church- This is now a standing item. Unfortunately, Joyce was unable to attend the meeting but had left an update via Ken. The Friends Group is still awaiting news from the grant applications and the film night is to go ahead showing "The Greatest Showman" on the 1st of December and encouraged everyone to buy tickets. Dean wondered if it would be better if this event could be held after Christmas and he would be better placed to help. He said he would contact Joyce and suggest this. There will be short service in Church at 9.30 am for Armistice Day and at 6pm at St Pauls Shepley there will be the annual Memorial Service when we remember our loved ones who have died in the past year and everyone is welcome to attend.

Neighbourhood Watch- Diane updated the meeting regarding the progress made when she recently met with Alison Brook who oversees this area. It was agreed that we would purchase more Neighbourhood Watch stickers for distribution.

Wins Bench- The bench will be installed on the 21st of November with the unveiling ceremony on the 24th of November. Wins grandson Lloyd Fothergill is travelling from London to unveil the bench. Ken is to organise the plaque for the bench in the next week. The inscription for the bench has been agreed with Lloyd.

Armistice Day 11th November – There will be a short service in our Church at 9.30 am during which the Ingbirchworth Plaque will be dedicated. This will be followed by ceremonies at Ingbirchworth War Memorial at 10.50 am and Denby Dale Memorial also at 10.50am, The Denby Dale Memorial includes names from the other village memorials as it is for the whole of the former Urban District.

Local Bus Service- Ken and Diane had planned to meet with Richard Brooke regarding this but had not been able to do this before this meeting. This will be a future agenda item.

86.18 Any Other Business

Items discussed included

- The next litter pick will take place on the 18th of November rather than the 11th as it clashes with Remembrance Sunday.
- The siting of the Denby Ladies Silver Jubilee Plaque hopefully on the wall next to the Parish Council Planter as it was agreed that this was a suitably prominent place within the village.
- Advertising local services on our Facebook page. We would create a separate page for a directory of services, advertisers would need to be local and could only have entry. Ken will investigate actioning this.
- We will need a volunteer to help us to sell calendars at the School on the 8th of December. Ken, George and Diane will do this.
- It was agreed that £150 would be a suitable amount to pay for a display board. Ken and Dean to take this forward.
- In June's absence Christine put forward an issue for her regarding the problem of a lack of a footpath to Quaker Bottom. She and a friend had recently walked it and found it difficult to traverse. Ken to contact Walkers are Welcome as this is one of the footpaths in their leaflets. Paul E said that he would also investigate this.
- November cleaning of the phone box will be completed by Diane.

87.18 Date of the Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be Saturday the 1st of December 11 am in the George Inn.

The meeting closed at 11.45 am. Ken thanked everyone for their attendance.