

Denby Village Conservation Group

Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on the 2nd of December at 11 am in the George Inn

In Attendance

Ken Bellamy (Chair), Dean Wyatt, Christine Figg, Jane Raistrick, David Raistrick, Martin Watts, Lynne Watts, David Cook, George Parsisson, Anne Middleton, Brian Inman, Joan Inman, Joyce Jones and Diane Brown (Secretary.)

Agenda

96.17 Apologies

Were received from Dave Wilde, Vera Bell, Paul Clarke, June Cook, Chris Ruddleskin and Shelagh Uden.

97.17 Minutes from the last Meeting and Matters Arising.

It was agreed that the minutes of the last meeting held on the 4th of November were an accurate record of the matters discussed. Brian gave the group details of a recent press article regarding section 215 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 with regards to the property on Denby Lane discussed at the last meeting.

98.17 Denby Village History Board

It was agreed that the recent launch of our History Board had gone very well. It had been a hectic week to get everything in place for the 25th of November but we had succeeded. Well done to everyone in particular David who had originally come up with the idea in January 2016. David stated that the project had been a real community effort with everyone pulling together and how fortunate we are in Denby to have so much local talent. When the weather gets warmer we will ensure that the wood is treated to protect it.

99.17 Denby Dash

Anne updated the meeting as already we have had interest for the next dash which will take place on the August Bank Holiday which this year falls on the 27th. We will of course have to get the necessary land owner permissions again. Racebet has been contacted and their charges are the same as last year, Anne stressed the importance of our lovely supportive volunteers and that they are the race makers. She suggested having a little do for everyone involved it was agreed that it would be on the afternoon of the 16th of December from 3 onwards. If everyone could bring something for informal buffet, mince pies, sausage rolls etc. It will be called the Dash Do. David C said that he had some hopefully positive news re the slippery steps down to Quaker Bottom and that work could be carried out to improve this for next year's race. Anne stated that a risk assessment had been carried out on this area in preparation for last year's race and David was asked to keep us informed.

100.17 Denby Delf

Martin said that he had a lot of information for the information boards. Ken said that after Christmas he would arrange a meeting to progress this. David C explained that there was very little physical evidence left of quarrying at the site and it may be better to consider a more generic explanation of quarrying in the general area. It is hoped that we could involve the excellent history board team in the design and making up of the boards. Martin mentioned the Mosley family and how he used to talk to Reg Moseley. Denby Delf used to be called Moseley Roughts and was owned by this family. Christine said Reg's daughter Brenda still lived in the area and if she could she would have a word with her to see if she had any useable information.

101.17 Planning Applications

David updated the meeting; 2 Coal pit Lane remains undecided with no Parish Council objections, 87 Denby Lane is the same. 7 Gunthwaite Lane has been approved with conditions.

The outline permission for a new property on Coal pit Lane has yet to be decided and the Local has sought comments from 6 different consultation groups which need to be considered before a decision can be made. The Parish Council has stated that it has concerns regarding drainage.

There are 2 new applications 98 Denby Lane new vehicular access and Southdale House Denby Lane, demolition of existing conservatory to be replaced with a single storey side extension and a first floor side extension over the existing east wing, together with formation of a new gated entrance (within Conservation Area). David had to contact Kirklees Planning Department as the plans were not timely uploaded to the web site for comment and consequently an extension of time has been put in place.

David said that he had found out that, as a matter of course Planning Officers don't undertake post-construction site inspections to ensure planning conditions have been met, but only when brought to their attention that there could be a breach, will they then involve their Enforcement Officer. This is a worrying development.

102.17 Finance Issues

Dean updated the meeting after paying for all elements of the History Board we have £2,210.33 in the bank. This does not include the income from the calendars.

103.17 Neighbourhood Watch

Before the meeting Diane had distributed the format for the two sided flyer to be distributed to all properties in Denby. One side would be the Neighbourhood Watch information and the other information about our group. Anne asked if the Neighbourhood Watch logo could be added. It was agreed that the final format would be emailed out to everyone in January for their final approval before printing and delivery.

104.17 Any Other Business

Items discussed included

- Our next litter pick is the 10th of December
- It was agreed that we would launch the calendar competition for 2019 and if we do it now we may get some festive ones to produce Christmas cards.
- Joan said that she thought the Christmas tree was poor with few lights. Dean explained that many villages are not happy with the service delivered by Kirklees and that this was being looked into by the Christmas tree committee.
- Christine asked about the Jubilee plaque that used to be on the old bench on the Green. This is being cleaned and will be put on the bench next to the phone box.
- Diane said that the phone box needs a clean and David and Jane R volunteered to clean it. It would be nice to decorate the phone box for Christmas. We would need some battery lights and we will look into this.

105.17 Date of the Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be Saturday the 3rd of February at 11 am in the George Inn. Could members please note that there will be no January meeting. Ken thanked everyone for their attendance.

The meeting closed at 11.55 am.

Signed by the Chair..... Date