

Denby Village Conservation Group

Draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 6th of May 2017 at 11 am in the George Inn

In Attendance

Ken Bellamy (Chair), Dean Wyatt, Christine Figg, Jane Raistrick, David Raistrick, Joan Inman, Brian Inman, June Cook, Neil Howard, Jan Howard, John Cook, Martin Watts, Lynn Watts, Shelagh Uden, Anne Middleton, Chris Ruddlesdin, Paul Clarke, Chris Harris and Diane Brown (Secretary.)

Agenda

33.17 Appointment of Officers

- Ken was re-elected as Chair
- Diane was re-elected as Secretary
- Dean was re-elected as Treasurer

34.17 Chair's Report

Ken's report for 2016/17 was received and noted. This has been another good year for our group so well done everyone!

35.17 Management Committee for 2016/17

Shelagh, Christine and June were re-elected as the Management Committee Members.

36.17 Annual Accounts

Dean presented the accounts for 2016/17 which were approved; at the year-end we had £2,634.11 in the bank.

37.17 Apologies

Were received from Paul Jaworski, Charles Crossland, Vera Bell, John Wiltshire, Dave Wilde, George Parsission and Joyce Jones.

38.17 Minutes from the last Meeting

It was agreed that the minutes of the last meeting held on the 1st of April 2017 were an accurate record of the matters discussed.

39.17 Denby Delph

Ken updated the meeting regarding positive developments on this issue. Dave Wilde had organised a meeting for us with the Garganey Trust. We have said that we will work positively with the Trust. Steve Slater also attended the meeting and is to repair the paths. Dave Wild is to arrange guided walks in the future and members are asked if they are interested to let Ken know. This will be a future agenda item.

40.17 Work plan

Ken distributed an updated work plan, Sheila, Jane and Vera will continue to complete monthly cleaning of the phone box. Ken asked for help for the cutting of the Greens and Dean said he would help him. We will need help with the footpaths as Kirklees are no longer clearing them, Walkers are Welcome want local organisations to adopt footpaths and there are 4 going down to Lower Denby that we could keep clear in liaison with the Churchfield Group. Anne and her husband Peter, Brian, Martin, Lynne, Diane, Ken and Shelagh volunteered. John C updated the group regarding grants and that there was some money available from Kirklees to repair stone stiles.

We have two new benches kindly donated by Steven Slater and we need volunteers to re stain other benches. Ken needs to rub them down first and Chris R volunteered to help on this too. Once ready for re-staining Christine and June said that they would help.

Two refurbished litter bins have been installed on Bank Lane and Lemonacre. Ken reported that already they were being well used. There is one bin remaining which needs refurbishment which Ken will do.

On the weed killing and grubbing front Ian Robson has kindly said that he will help on this. Speeding traffic, there have been no developments on this issue from Kirklees and this may be something that we would like to address in the future. The purchase of speeding signs is expensive and this could be a future project for the group.

41.17 Planning Issues

David updated the meeting The Kirklees Local Plan has now been formally submitted to the Secretary of State. The planning applications on South Croft, Denby Lane and Bank Lane are still pending. The planning application at Windy Ridge has been approved with conditions; John C outlined the reasoning behind this decision. There is a new application for an extension on 7, Greenfield Close and a new stable has been erected on Denby Lane which was discussed.

42.17 Denby Dash

Anne updated the meeting regarding the Denby Dash which will take place on August Bank Holiday the 28th of August. It will be the same format as last year except that the timing of the junior race will be changed. We now have an on line entry set up and the details are on our web site, we will need lots of volunteers for delivering the information leaflets, marshalling etc. We also need more help this year to help clear up after the race. We also need flapjack makers, everyone should contact Anne. Hopefully Shepley Band will be available for our event and the Denby Dash subcommittee will continue to push ahead and will report progress.

43.17 Denby Village History Board

David updated the meeting and Helen a local graphic designer is helping with this. David passed around the latest mock ups which were agreed. There is to be an exhibition in the George Inn with half size replicas of both sides of the board for public display. The History Board subcommittee will need to meet again to arrange this.

44.17 The Great Get Together

Diane updated the group on this, it will be held at three o'clock at the Church on the 17th of June. The group has paid a third towards the banner erected outside the Church in partnership with the Church Friends Group and Denby Ladies. This will be a free event for the community so if we could have volunteers for baking goodies this would be appreciated.

45.17 Any Other Business

Items discussed included

- The usual litter pick will take place Sunday, the 14th of May at 10.00 am in the George Inn car park.
- Good news that the community bus is still being well used.
- Broadband improvements in July- fingers crossed!
- Jan asked about adopting the planter and keeping the grass trimmed around it on Falledge, it was agreed that we would do this. We will need local residents to water.
- Martin said that as a group we were doing well and thanks were due all round.
- Diane has tickets for the Gospel Choir event at the Church, so if you need some let her know.

46.17 Date of the Next Meeting

Owing to Dean's holidays our next meeting will take place on the 27th of May at 11 am in the George Inn, this is in place of our June meeting.

The meeting closed at 12.05 pm.

Signed by the Chair..... Date