

Denby Village Conservation Group

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 2nd of March 2019 at 11 am in the George Inn

In Attendance

Ken Bellamy (Chair), Dean Wyatt, David Raistrick, Shelagh Uden, Christine Figg, Martin Watts, Julie Martin, George Parsisson, Vera Bell, Anne Middleton, June Cook, Chris Ruddlesdin, Martin Conlon and Diane Brown (Secretary.)

Agenda

11.19 Apologies

Were received, from Paul Clarke, Paul Edwards, Cheryl Butcher, Martin Conlon, Joyce Jones, Jane Raistrick, Lynn Watts, Dave Wilde, Bill Jones and Paul Jaworski

12.19 Minutes from the last Meeting and Matters Arising.

It was agreed that the minutes of the last meeting held on the 2nd of February were an accurate record of the matters discussed. At this point Martin W said that a grant of £250 had been confirmed from the Parish Council for the new notice board for Lower Denby.

13.19 Denby Dash

Anne updated the meeting; the Race Best charges are to remain the same as last year at 50p per entry. She asked for members views regarding an increase in the entry costs for adults. Various options were discussed including £6 pre-entry and £8 on the day. The Dash Sub-Committee will take this forward at their next meeting. Anne is currently progressing permissions with the land owners.

14.19 Denby Delf

Martin updated the meeting, there has been a further meeting with the Garganey Trust and the design of the interpretation boards have been approved. The final proof is being worked on and will be uploaded on to our website. Martin is to pass Helen's invoice to Dean/ Diane for payment. Jeff Lunn of the Garganey Trust is to do a guided walk on Friday the 28th of June which is at the end of the Peak Walks Festival.

15.19 Work Plan

Ken has rolled last year's workplan over, we need to add the bench at the top of the cobbles to the refurbishment list. Chris R, June and Christine will do their usual benches. David R will add Win's bench to his tasks. The old bench that was replaced by Wins has now been refurbished and will be put on the entrance to the Delf. We need to get the Jubilee Plaque on the wall on Denby Lane as agreed, Ken will speak to the home owner to ask permission. We continue to have a problem with the dog bag dispenser next to the phone box with people taking handfuls at a time. It is filled and can be emptied within days. Anne said that Churchfields have a similar problem and have put up a sign which Ken will investigate replicating. Ken, John W and George are emptying the dog bins weekly, they are well used. Ken to contact Kirklees and ask them not to spray next to the Greens as last year they killed more than weeds! George said that the Ginnel onto Denby Lane needs spraying. The planters will remain the responsibility of the usual people. Rachel McHale has refreshed the WI planter, it looks very pretty and thanks to her for this.

16.19 Planning Issues

David R updated the meeting, there is one new application 21 Bank Lane, application number 2019/62/90265/E. This is for the erection of a design studio for digital design and printing within the Conservation area. The consultation period for this application ends on the 15th of March. The only issue raised by the group for this application was that of parking, if extra parking was required for this business as Bank Lane struggles to facilitate current parking arrangements.

The Local Plan has now been accepted by the Council and David has looked through the approved submission documents. There are two proposed housing sites nearest us in Denby Dale, one to the north of Barnsley Road (H233) and the other to the west of Inkerman Court (H634) have been specifically accepted by the Inspectors for housing by being released from the Green Belt. One piece of good news is that the designated Local Wildlife Site just to the north of Denby Delf, will be extended westwards to now overall provide 9.63 hectares from the original 7.10 hectares. Once accepted a Local Plan lasts for 15 years so for this time period there will be no large- scale housing developments in Denby.

17.19 Finances

Dean updated the meeting regarding our finances. We have £5,509.19 in the bank, this includes ring fenced grant monies. This includes the money from the calendar sales.

18.19 Friends of the Church

Paul J was not at the meeting, but Vera updated the meeting regarding the public meeting on the 7th of April asking for volunteers for door knocking and the distribution of leaflets. Chris R volunteered to do Denroyd Barn area, Anne volunteered for Greenacre and June and Christine will do Fairfield's with Diane and Ken doing parts of Gunthwaite Lane. Diane asked members to buy tea towels and tickets for the Greatest Showman event next Saturday.

19.19 Other on-going matters

Neighbourhood Watch- Diane will contact Alison for an update before the next meeting.

Local Bus Service- No progress on this yet but it will remain a standing item.

20.19 Any Other Business

Items discussed included

The next litter pick will take place on Sunday the 10th of March.

Chris R is to be our reducing speeds in Denby champion. It is dangerous that parts of our area have speed limits of 60mph. There is reduced visibility in many parts of the village which makes speeding particularly dangerous. From the information gained from the use of the Speed Indicator Device last year we are aware that the 30mph speed limit is not being adhered to, so action needs to be taken.

21.19 Date of the Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be Saturday the 6th of April 2019 ,11 am in the George Inn.

The meeting closed at 11.45 am.

Ken thanked everyone for their attendance.