

## Denby Village Conservation Group

### Draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May 2018 at 11 am in the George Inn

#### In Attendance

Ken Bellamy (Chair), Dean Wyatt, Martin Watts, Lynn Watts, George Parsisson, Anne Middleton, June Cook, Joyce Jones, Vera Bell, Martin Conlon, John Cook , David Cook, Christine Figg, Paul Edwards and Diane Brown (Secretary.)

Prior to the start of our AGM Peter Middleton gave a presentation and display of our new web site. It was decided at our last meeting to pay for an improved web site. It was agreed that the new web site was a great improvement and approval was given for Peter to go ahead.

Holly Hampshire from the Open Gardens Event also spoke to our group requesting volunteers. The funds from this event are to be shared with our group and the Friends of the Church Group. Martin C said that he would open his garden. Anne volunteered to help Vera with opening her garden. Christine and June are to help with teas and coffees. There were offers of baking and Diane is to check with our Insurance as we currently have event and public liability insurance. Holly was thanked for her attendance.

#### Agenda

##### **29.18 Appointment of Officers**

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

##### **30.18 Chair's Report**

Ken's report for 2017/18 was received and noted. This has been another good year for our group so well done everyone!

##### **31.18 Management Committee for 2017/18**

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

##### **32.18 Annual Accounts**

Dean presented the accounts for 2017/18 which were approved; at the year- end we had £2,395.35 in the bank. The calendars made a £300+ profit so we it is worth repeating the photo competition and order 250 of them to be printed. Please get your photo entries in the closing date has yet to be decided but it will in early July so we can get them on sale in time for the Dash.

##### **33.18 Apologies**

Were received, from Paul Jaworski, Paul Clarke, Dave Wilde, Neil Howard, Jan Howard, Shelagh Uden, John Wiltshire, David Raistrick, Jane Raistrick and Chris Ruddleskin.

##### **34.18 Minutes from the last Meeting and Matters Arising.**

It was agreed that the minutes of the last meeting held on the 31st of March were an accurate record of the matters discussed.

##### **34.19 Mrs Wheable- Archer (Win)**

The day before our meeting the funeral of Win took place. Instead of flowers Win's family had asked that funds be given to our group. On the day of the funeral we collected £186 in cash. It was unanimously agreed that it would be a fitting tribute to have a new bench with a suitable inscription in place of the current one next to the phone box. It is expected that all monies raised

would pay for Win's bench. We will have to put the Denby Ladies Jubilee plaque on another bench and a discussion took place as to which bench would be used. Ken said that it is hoped that the current bench could be moved elsewhere. We will of course get the necessary permissions; John C said that this had also been discussed at the Parish Council. If we are replacing a bench with one of a similar size then this should not be a problem.

### **35.18 Denby Dash**

Anne updated the meeting; we don't have to pay for the hire of the recreation ground which is good news. She outlined the publicity already carried out including news that two new families moving to the village have asked to help. There are to be two lots of leaflets which need distributing the first have been produced and Anne asked for volunteers to deliver them.

### **36.18 Planning**

David R was not at the meeting but had sent his comments to Ken for discussion. 120 Denby Lane is still undecided, 99 Denby Lane and 26 Fairfields have been approved. Amended plans have been submitted for 1 Smithy Hill and comments have been extended till the 10<sup>th</sup> of May.

### **37.18 Work Plan**

Ken distributed the work plan for 2018. It was agreed that the phone box would have an allotted person to clean it each month. Those persons on the list will be Shelagh, Vera, David and Jane and Diane.

Cutting the village greens will be George, Ken, Martin C and Dean.

Footpaths, Ken has produced a numbered footpath plan which he will distribute. Volunteers are needed and we need to ensure that they are trimmed back in time for the Dash. Martin W suggested that we also do an earlier clean up so it's not too much to get the paths in shape well before the Dash. It was also suggested that we advertise a litter pick / clearance for the July litter pick. This could be advertised on the Facebook page. Lynn said that there was a new trend called plogging where you run picking up litter at the same time.

It was also agreed that this may be the time to ask if Churchfield are still interested in a joint footpath project.

Village benches all need treating; David R is to varnish the History Board and Bench on the Green. June and Christine will stain the benches on Gunthwaite Lane. The Phone Box bench will be left for now. Ken, Martin and George will stain the remaining benches.

Ken asked for volunteers to empty the litter bins. These are the ones we have to empty ourselves and are in dog fouling hot spots. There were not any volunteers for this disgusting task and Ken, George and John W will continue to empty.

It was agreed to buy off the shelf weed killer and kill the weeds ourselves around the pavement edges.

With regards to the planters, George and Sue will continue with the one on the main green, Diane will do the one next to the phone box. June the Parish Council one though Diane will water it. Jill and Paul J will do the one on the smaller green in memory of their daughter Kate. It is hoped that a new planter will be placed on Falledge and Neil and Jan will be asked to look after it.

### **38.18 Denby Delf**

Martin W updated the meeting regarding the subcommittee and the progress made. We have established a good working relationship with the Garganey Trust. Progress is being made with the information boards and there will be a Denby Delf subcommittee meeting directly after this meeting closes. There should be a mock-up of the Information Boards shortly.

### **39.18 Web Site**

This was discussed at the beginning of our meeting.

#### **40.18 Any Other Business**

Items discussed included

- John C stated that the Parish Council has approved another dog poo bag dispenser to be sited near to the school. One of the parish councillors is compiling a spreadsheet of the dispenser sites and Ken will give him the details of ours.
- John C also stated the Men's Shed Project is to make a new notice board for Lower Denby. The old one which is very dilapidated will be taken down. John C will keep the householder informed.
- Vera mentioned the garages again and ideas were put forward to disguise them, perhaps we could have a banner? Further discussion is needed for this.
- Diane said that Brian and Gil Renshaw of Gunthwaite Lane had kindly donated a cheque for £100. The Group is very appreciative of this kind gesture.
- Martin C has spare tomato plants free to good homes. He lives at 1 Southcroft.
- Martin W asked about the unwelcome bikers on the field next door to the pirate ship. The noise is very intrusive to every area of the village. We think that this is unauthorised as the bikers do not have the key to the gate to the field. If they are seen again please ring 101.

#### **41.18 Date of the Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will be Saturday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June at 11 am in the George Inn.

Ken thanked everyone for their attendance.

The meeting closed at 12.04 pm.

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