

## Denby Village Conservation Group

### Draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 6<sup>TH</sup> of August 2016 at 11 am in the George Inn

#### **In Attendance**

Ken Bellamy (Chair), Dean Wyatt, Christine Figg, June Cook, George Parsisson, Neil Howard, Jan Howard, Anne Middleton, Paul Jaworski, Brian Inman, Joan Inman, Charlie Savage, Reverend Joyce Jones and Diane Brown (Secretary.)

#### **Agenda**

##### **71.16 Apologies**

Were received from John Wiltshire, Lynn Watts, Martin Watts, David Raistrick, Jane Raistrick, Shelagh Uden, Vera Bell, Jill Jaworski and Paul Clarke.

##### **72.16 Minutes from the last Meeting**

It was agreed that the minutes of the last meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> of June were an accurate record of the matters discussed. At this point Reverend Jones informed the Group of the creation of a Friends of Denby Church Group and anyone wishing to join should contact Paul J after the meeting.

##### **73.16 Village Greens**

Owing to recent unfortunate events we have lost the help of Ian Robson with the cutting of the Greens. Ken is now borrowing Alan Fletchers lawn mower and has cut the greens with the help of George. George will be unavailable later in the month and Paul has offered to help Ken whilst George is away. Andrew McHale has also offered to help via a message from his wife Rachel. Everyone concerned is thanked for their help on this and thanks go to Ian for his kind assistance in the past.

##### **74.16 Refurbishment of the Phone Box**

Leaflet holders have now been fitted in the phone box and leaflets for local walks and activities will be placed in them.

##### **75.16 Denby Village Lifeline (VETS)**

Ken updated the meeting regarding the positive news that the VETS system is now live, the number is 599899. It needs to be tested and Ken outlined the process. At the moment it can only be used for cardiac emergencies but it is hoped that in the autumn it can be rolled out to other areas such as helping the elderly. A discussion as to how we can publicise this service took place which included placing a notice in the phone box and notice boards. Paul is to complete a flyer for the Friends of the Church Group and said that he would include a note about VETS.

##### **76.16 Denby Dash**

Anne updated the meeting on the excellent progress made by the Dash sub-committee which will take place in a few weeks. There has been a lot of publicity with all householders receiving a leaflet and the entries are now coming in but most runners will apply on the day. The only element we cannot control is the weather so we have to cross our fingers for that! There are three races and there will be a lot of activity also going on at base camp at the George. Dean has organised a balloon man, there will be a band playing from 12.30. Refreshments will be available and Vera in her absence said that it may be a good idea to contact the Denby Ladies to see if they could bake cakes for the event? Christine and June will be the main organisers of the refreshments and there will be a separate meeting for this. Rather than a raffle there will be guess the winning times for the race and therefore prizes are needed for this. Everything is going in the right direction with over 40 volunteers now in place though we do need more. Donation of

prizes will be appreciated; bottles of wine are great and should be brought to the George the Friday before the race. The trophies were discussed including the Steve Robinson Trophy in honour of a much respected local runner and patron of the George who sadly died of cancer earlier in the year. It is hoped that the event will be successful and will be a future annual event. Anne and the sub-committee were thanked for all their hard work.

**77.16 Denby Village History Board**

This project is also going well the costings for the board have now been completed and it will cost £2k so we will need to fundraise for this. All households around the Green have been contacted and all are very supportive of the project. It will be made of oak and will when complete be a focal point of the village. Work has started on the board on a good will basis and it is hoped that the Denby Dash will help in getting the funds together to pay for it.

**78.16 Finance Issues**

We have £1,262.21 in the bank which includes a kind donation of £50 from George and Kathy the sister and brother in law of the late Steve Robinson

**79.16 Planning Issues.**

In David’s absence Ken updated the meeting regarding two current planning applications in the village.

**80.16 Any Other Business**

Joan stated that the pavement next to the Green is not fit for purpose and that it is a hazard for all particularly the elderly and disabled. Jan said that the pavements which were resurfaced on Greenacre are also of poor quality and are dangerous too. The Group has raised the pavement issue before with Kirklees Council and was told that the funds were not available. Ken suggested that we contact Ward Councillor Graham Turner to see if he will come to one of our meetings in order to get some action.

**81.16 Date of the Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place at the George Inn at 11pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September.  
The meeting closed at 11.55 am.

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