

## Denby Village Conservation Group

### Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of January 2016 at 11am in the George Inn

#### In Attendance

Ken Bellamy (Chair), Dean Wyatt, Vera Bell, George Parsission, Christine Figg, June Cook, Paul Clarke, Shelagh Uden, Jane Raistrick, David Raistrick, Jan Howard, Neil Howard, John Cook, Chris Harris, Elaine White, Andy Green and Diane Brown (Secretary).

#### Agenda

##### **54.15 Apologies**

Were received from Jamie Dickson, Lynn Watts, Martin Watts and Anne Middleton

##### **55.15 Minutes from the last Meeting**

It was agreed that the minutes of the last meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> of December 2015 were an accurate record of the matters discussed.

##### **56.15 Refurbishment of the Phone Box**

Ken updated the meeting regarding the phone box; we are still waiting for it to be registered on the Ambulance CAD system. Hopefully it will be live in time for the official opening next week (16<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 12 pm). A new light has been purchased for the phone box which will be fitted on the 10<sup>th</sup> of January. We have alerted the media to the event, we need to purchase ribbon for Mrs Wheable-Archer to cut. On the refurbishment we have not had any dry days as yet to silicone in the windows, once the weather improves this work will be done. We have a defibrillator sign and erection has been authorised by BT for the telegraph pole which will happen once the defibrillator is live. Ken and George will ensure that the phone box is looking its best for next Saturday's opening.

Ken distributed a list of those persons who have expressed an interest in the defibrillator and VETS training. We have not had an official date as yet from the Community Heart Beat Trust for the training although one of their staff is in Denby on the 15<sup>th</sup> of January and could deliver some training on that day. This is short notice and Ken will contact those on the list for their availability in the week if this is to happen

##### **57.15 Kirklees Local Plan**

David shared details of the accepted and rejected Local Plan site allocation options. The rejected plan included a large Gypsy/Traveller camp and large scale housing (235 new properties). A public consultation on the draft plan is now underway which will run until 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016. It was agreed that large scale commuter belt housing would spoil Denby and the roads around Denby are currently often gridlocked and more housing would adversely affect this further. It was decided that as a group that we supported the Council's proposal to reject the proposed development and a template for a letter to that effect would be agreed upon. We could then comment both as a group and individuals. It was agreed to have local planning developments/applications as a standing agenda item in the future.

##### **58.15 Denby 10k Run**

This will be our major fund raiser for 2016. It is envisaged that this will take place in May/June and be mid-week event. A sub –group will be set up to co-ordinate planning, Anne will lead on this and the sub –group will include Ken, Elaine, Jamie and Andy. Vera expressed an interest and will be on standby should anyone drop out.

##### **59.15 Finance Issues**

Dean updated the meeting on the finances we have £1051.33 in the bank after paying for the defibrillator. There are a few invoices to pay for the refurbishment which include the new light etc.

**60.15 Work Plan**

Ken distributed a draft list of items for next year, this was agreed and Ken will formalise the list into a work plan for the next meeting.

**61.15 Any Other Business**

1. Diane updated the group regarding two historic footpaths within the village that have been missed off the definitive map. A local resident Walter Crossley had in 2008 completed the Kirklees Council forms to formally list one the paths on the map. Unfortunately there had been a misunderstanding with Kirklees as to the amount of evidence needed. Also Mr Crossley has sadly died, it was agreed that Denby Village Conservation Group would now take this forward and Paul is to lead on it.
2. David suggested that we have a new notice board ( for clarification this would be a new board and would not replace the existing notice board as it has a different purpose) detailing the history and geographical map of Denby, this was agreed to be a good idea and will be added to the work plan.
3. Chris is a member of the Holme Valley Wheelers and each year there is an elite rider’s event which goes through Denby. It does not receive the publicity it should as it attracts famous cyclists and last year Laura Trott took part in the event. It was agreed that we would publicise it and put on our web site, face book pages etc.
4. The next litter pick will be the 17<sup>th</sup> of January meeting in the George Inn car park at 10 as usual. For the next meeting a calendar of meetings will be compiled for the notice boards which will include the litter pick dates.

**Calendar of Meetings and Litter picks please note**

<u>Month</u>	<u>meeting</u>	<u>Litter pick</u>
February	6th	14th
March	5th	13th
April	2nd	10th
May	7th	15th
June	4th	12th
July	2nd	10th
August	6th	14th
September	3rd	11th
October	1st	9th
November	5th	13th
December	3rd	11th

**62.15 Date of the Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place at the George Inn at 11 on the 6<sup>th</sup> of February 2016. The meeting closed at 12. Ken thanked everyone for their attendance.

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