

Denby Village Conservation Group

Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on the 1st of April 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, Charles Crossland, June Cook, Neil Howard, Jan Howard, David Cook, Vera Bell, George Parsisson, Martin Watts, Lynn Watts, John Wiltshire, Chris Ruddlesdin and Diane Brown (Secretary.)

Agenda

23.17 Apologies

Were received from Paul Jaworski, Shelagh Uden, Anne Middleton, Charlie Savage, Paul Clarke and Joyce Jones.

24.17 Minutes from the last Meeting

It was agreed that the minutes of the last meeting held on the 4th of March 2017 were an accurate record of the matters discussed. Under matters arising Ken said that the allotment discussed at item 14.17 had now been resolved with Jamie Dickson and Neil Travis now cultivating it.

25.17 Denby Delph

No progress as such but Dave Wilde is organising a suitable day for us to meet with the Garganey Trust.

26.17 Denby Village History Board

David updated the meeting we have now selected the photographs for the board, thanks to the history board subcommittee for this. It had been hoped that we would have a mock up for everyone to view at the meeting but Richard Nicholls is busy so there is a slight delay. Members will be informed when it's ready and a special meeting will be arranged so that everyone can see it. The bid to the Denby Dale Environment Trust was successful so the cost of the erection of the board with heritage flagging is covered.

27.17 Finance Issues

Dean updated the group as to our financial position, we have received £1,000 from the Parish Council towards the history board and Paul Heath has been paid £1,000 for work invoiced. We have purchased a second hand lawn mower at a cost of £200 and there is £2,577.87 in the bank.

28.17 On Going Village Improvements

Members are concerned regarding speeding through the village, Ken updated the meeting regarding his conversations with Cllr Turner on this topic and that we have a new Police Ward Manager. There is a long waiting list for the mobile speed camera and we do not know where we are on the list for this. Ken will contact the new manager for her thoughts on combating this problem. Diane is currently working with a parish council who are in the process of buying their own speed camera and she will share this experience with the group as it develops.

29.17 Planning Applications.

David updated the Group on this subject there are three new applications which were discussed one development is within the conservation area and there is a query on it that David will pursue. Of the three current applications two have been approved, the School and Laithes Farm and there is no progress on Windy Ridge.

30.17 Denby Dash

Anne is currently competing in a race and was unable to come to the meeting. Ken said that there was nothing to report and that we were still awaiting permission from a few land owners.

David C said that he had given permission for the race to go through his land, thanks David for this. He also said that the other landowners were in agreement. Just to remind everyone that the Dash will take place on the 28th of August. It was agreed that we do need to have more attractions for the spectators and members were asked to think about ideas. Ideas discussed at this meeting included a cake stall, bacon butties/ hot dogs/ craft stalls and dog show. So get your thinking caps on everyone!

31.17 Any Other Business

Items discussed included

- The usual litter pick will take place Sunday, the 9th of April at 10.00 am in the George Inn car park.
- The Great Get Together which will take place on June 17th at 3.00 at the Church. This is half an hour later than planned as there is a wedding that day at the Church.
- Jan to ask McDonalds for more litter picking equipment. We have enough litter pickers and vests but bags and gloves would be welcome.
- We need to get some weed killing completed around the village. Ken to ask Ian Robson if he would help on this.
- Vera asked if anyone wanted some pebbles as she had a surplus. George and Ken said they would be useful to refresh the area around the old boundary stone on the footpath off Denby Lane.
- There are brambles sticking out onto the pavement on Smithy Hill which is dangerous for pedestrians. Ken will get the strimmer out and sort.
- The conversation of who owns some land on Smithy Hill which is now looking very untidy was raised again and will be a future agenda item.
- At our last meeting we accepted the kind offer of free picnic bench for the main Village Green. Rather than lifting the bench each time for grass cutting we could invest in more heritage flagging.
- David asked if we could start completing the monthly work plans again as they were useful. Ken will start the process for the next meeting.
- Good news that the community bus is being well used.

32.17 Date of the Next Meeting

Our next meeting will take place on the 6th of May at 11 am in the George Inn. This will be our Annual General Meeting.

The meeting closed at 11.40 pm.

Signed by the Chair..... Date