

Denby Village Conservation Group

Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on the 2nd of September 2017 at 11 am in the George Inn

In Attendance

Ken Bellamy (Chair), Dean Wyatt, Christine Figg, Jane Raistrick, David Raistrick, Martin Watts, Lynn Watts, Vera Bell, Brian Inman, Joan Inman, June Cook, David Cook, Joyce Jones, Anne Middleton, Paul Jaworski, and Diane Brown (Secretary.)

Agenda

75.17 Apologies

Were received from Jan Howard, Neil Howard, Paul Clarke, John Cook, Chris Ruddleskin, Dave Wilde and George Parsisson.

76.17 Minutes from the last Meeting and Matters Arising.

It was agreed that the minutes of the last meeting held on the 5th of August were an accurate record of the matters discussed.

77.17 Denby Dash

It was agreed that this had been a fabulous event with Dean yet again organising good weather for us! Anne said that on the day we had over 60 people helping and thanks to everyone who joined in and made it a good day.

Anne was thanked by everyone as without her excellent organisational abilities the Dash would not be the great event it has become.

163 seniors signed up to race with 143 actually running and of the 165 children that signed up 159 ran, the race only in its second year is proving successful but we would like to keep it small and not get too large. More locals raced this year which is great and Emily retained her trophy with Grant last year's winner coming a close second to Steve Skidmore. On the day we raised £2,017.45 a whopping increase of £817.41 from last year. All areas reported increased revenue and thanks to the Denby Ladies for their help as always.

All feedback has been positive though there were some suggestions for improvement which the Denby Dash subcommittee will consider. They included;

Halfway markers around the course

The gate on the first part of the course is no longer there with just a stile which became congested

On line form numbering needed

Flapjack glut and how to control!

Thanks to James Rusby for the burgers.

Yummy Yorkshire ice cream issues we will try Maisy Moo at Cawthorne next year.

78.17 Denby Village History Board

David updated the meeting he had approached three local suppliers and had no response which is disappointing as we are a group wholly dependent on fund raising. We will now see at what price James can get the supplies and James as already said that he will supply his labour for free. We have generated more funds because of the Dash so will now push the project ahead. It was agreed that we will buy a new bench and put the Jubilee plaque on it. We would have liked to reuse the existing bench but the concrete is perishing and can't be moved without further damage.

We can go to print now and once the board is erected we will have an opening ceremony. All members were asked to think about how we can do this. Paul asked if the mock ups of the history board could be on display in the church for the Harvest Festival on the 15th of October.

79.17 Denby Delf

Ken has been talking to Dave Wide about the next tour of the Delf. It has been discussed rather than a meeting that we have a guided walk instead meeting at 10 am on the 7th of October. If this cannot be arranged we will have our usual meeting instead. Anne asked when the footpath after the pirate ship was to be repaired and reseeded and Ken thought this may be an autumn job.

80.17 Planning Applications

David updated the meeting, the ménage on Bank Lane and the extensions to 7 Gunthwaite Lane have yet to be decided.

There is a new application for outline planning off Coal Pit Lane for a detached dwelling which was discussed. The application is not within the Conservation area or green belt and will be built of stone together with stone roof tiles. There is not a planning notice on the perimeter of the proposed development and neighbouring properties appear not to have been informed. David agreed to contact Kirklees to ensure that this is done. The public consultation period for comments is from 22 August to 17 September

It has been noted that Kirklees are not complying with their statutory duty to ensure that notices are put up when required. It is a general concern that Kirklees do not appear to be consistent in their application of planning guidelines regarding display of public notices and information to neighbouring properties and concerns have been raised by members on this topic.

David updated the meeting regarding his communication with Kirklees regarding the recent application approval on Southcroft where if Kirklees Planning Officers consider after taking into account an applications planning history, that on very balanced decisions, if the level of harm to the amenity of neighbouring properties is not severe and if they then decided that they would not be confident in defending their decision at appeal, then this can assist in their decision making. Approval however could be subject to certain conditions to minimise the impact of any potential harm. This particular application appeared however not to warrant much concern to the Planning Officer regarding visual amenity. This is a general worry and it was agreed that a letter would be drafted to Kirklees highlighting this concern.

81.17 Finance Issues

Dean updated the meeting we have £2,187.33 in the bank and once all monies have been paid and the Denby Dash income paid in we will have £3,728.07 in the bank. The calendar monies are not included in the income as we are keeping it separate. Calendars are now on sale at the George and Dentists; we will also sell them at the Harvest Festival at the Church and the McMillan Coffee morning.

82.17 Work Plan

We have not updated the work plan but the phone box is looking very clean as it has been cleaned by Shelagh, Jane and David this month so thanks to them for doing this. It was agreed that Vera would clean it in October and Shelagh in November.

83.17 Any Other Business

Items discussed included

- Supply of Broadband we still have members being given conflicting information, Cllr Turner has written to all residents and Ken will contact him with our queries.
- June's picture in the calendar is headed up incorrectly it is the Bosville Stone not the Boswell Stone, thanks to Christine and June for pointing this out. It has been spelt correctly on the History Board so apologies to anyone who notices our mistake!

- We need to launch the calendar for 2019, a lot of people said that they were not aware of the photo competition and Dean agreed to include it in the George Newsletter.
- The state of the garages at the back of the George is a real eye sore and suggestions were made as to how they can be improved. It was agreed that we would talk to Kirklees council about them.
- Martin said that the letter sent out by Cllr Turner also mentioned the temporary speed camera that we have been trying to get for Denby, Ken said he would contact him to clarify.
- Our next litter pick is the 10th of September.

84.17 Date of the Next Meeting

Our next meeting should be on the 7th of October but this may be replaced by the Denby Delf guided walk. An email will be sent out so please keep checking your inboxes.

The meeting closed at 11.55 pm.

Signed by the Chair..... Date