

Denby Village Conservation Group

Draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 6th of October 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, Martin Conlon, David Cook, Bill Jones, Dave Wilde, Jane Raistrick, David Raistrick, Joyce Jones, Chris Ruddlesdin, Julie Martin, Sylvia Steele and Diane Brown (Secretary.)

Agenda

70.18 Apologies

Were received, from Paul Jaworski, Paul Clarke, Charles Crosland, Shelagh Uden, Vera Bell, Cheryl Butcher, Paul Edwards and Christine Figg.

71.18 Minutes from the last Meeting and Matters Arising.

It was agreed that the minutes of the last meeting held on the 4th of August were an accurate record of the matters discussed.

72.18 Denby Dash

Anne updated the meeting with a detailed post-race review. There were more volunteers this year a total of 72 race makers with 25 people baking and a record number of runners. Despite the damp conditions it was a resounding success and it was agreed that there will be another in 2019 which will be the 26th of August so please put it in your calendar. If you have a Denby Village Calendar it is already noted on it! If you have not got one already there are still some left! Our event is so successful because we have such a talented organiser so thanks again Anne! There will be some tweaks needed for next year which the Denby Dash Sub -Committee will take forward.

73.18 Finances

The finances were discussed at this point and Dean updated the meeting. He gave a detailed split of the money raised with an overall total raised of £1,567.65 which is less than the £2,017.45 we raised last year but we had had more outgoings this year which decreased our profit. However, in total we have £5,265.59 in funds which includes the ringfenced monies for Win's bench.

74.18 Denby Delf

The Denby Delf project is our big project for 2018. Martin W who is the project manager for this showed us the mock up boards which everyone agreed were both informative and eye catching. There have been two positive site meetings with Denby Dale Parish Environment Trust and The Garganey Trust. Both organisations are to hopefully help fund the project with funds of £1,000 and £3,000 respectively. Martin is to also apply to the small grants scheme at the Parish Council for £500. The end cost of the project will be between £5,000 to £6,000.

We need to publicise the benefits of our project and to get more people to visit it with the creation of leaflets and booklets. Dean said that we should ask Helen to do a flyer about the project to inform the community it. Martin said he would take this forward. It was agreed that we have come a long way in developing positive partnerships with all stakeholders from a difficult start. There will be a meeting of the Denby Delf Sub- Committee after this meeting closes. At this point there was a discussion as to what next years big project will be and that we need to consult the community, we have raised the purchase of a speed camera before and Diane said it would be nice to have flower beds and or planters to the Upper Denby Village signs as they have in Cawthorne.

75.18 Planning Issues

David R updated the meeting 9, Bank Lane has been approved, 28a Smithy Hill is still awaiting a decision, 1 Smithy Hill, David has spoken to the Planning Officer as the approval of this application is contentious as it includes material not in keeping with a building within the conservation area. This is disappointing as this sets a worrying precedent for future developments within the conservation area. There is a new application 126 Denby Lane again within the conservation area, the building in question is not compliant with the conservation stipulations but it was built prior to the area being designated as such. However, the extension is to be rendered with a slate roof which will mean that it will not match the existing property.

76.18 Other on-going matters

Notice Board Lower Denby- Men's Shed Project- The notice board has been taken down and Dave W said he would contact the Men's Shed Project for an update. We need to find out the costings so that we can apply for a grant from the Parish Council to cover the cost.

Friends of the Church- Vera had asked Ken to raise the issue of monies raised by the Open Gardens Event and that she thought that all monies raised should be given back. It was unanimously agreed that the event was carried out in partnership between the groups characterised by collaboration and generosity. It was agreed that after the success of the Dash that £500 be donated to the Church to help to cover heating costs. It was further agreed that the Friends Group would be a standing item on our agenda to ensure that we work together for positive outcomes for both groups and the community overall.

Wins Bench- Since our last meeting Win's family has donated a further £500 for the bench which will be a lasting memorial for her. The cost of the bench and associated groundworks will be £780. This does not include the plaque; the inscription will be decided by Win's family.

77.18 Any Other Business

Items discussed included

- The need for a portable display board, it was agreed that we would purchase one.
- Lynn asked if there were any plans to commemorate Armistice day and there are events planned in the area with one planned in the George and the Church. This will be an item on the November agenda.
- Dave R brought to the attention of the group a planning matter whereby a property has a roof of which the materials used is not in accordance to the plans. On contacting Kirklees David was told that there are no deadlines for completion so in theory a development could take up to 50 years with no censure.
- Sylvia mentioned the Neighbourhood Watch project and asked if it could be a standing item in future. Dean said that he was meeting with Alison Brook to progress and would update the next meeting.
- Joyce said that there is a Harvest Festival supper at the Church at 6pm tomorrow the 7th of October, all welcome.
- Our next litter pick will be the 14th of October
- The phone was cleaned by David and Jane in September, it will be Vera's turn in October.

78.18 Date of the Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be Saturday the 6th of November 11 am in the George Inn.

The meeting closed at 11.55 am. Ken thanked everyone for their attendance.

Signed by the Chair..... Date