

## Denby Village Conservation Group

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

#### In Attendance

Ken Bellamy (Chair), Dean Wyatt, Christine Figg, June Cook, Shelagh Uden, Anne Middleton, John Wiltshire, Jan Howard, Neil Howard, Paul Jaworski, Vera Bell, Jane Raistrick, Martin Watts Brian Inman, Joan Inman and Diane Brown (Secretary). In attendance were two officers from the Police Jayne Hall and Sally Baines.

#### Agenda

##### **29.16 Apologies**

Were received from Jamie Dickson, Lynn Watts, David Raistrick, Paul Clark, John Cook and George Parsisson.

##### **30.16 Minutes from the last Meeting**

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

##### **31.16 Community Speed Watch**

This item was a later item on the agenda but was discussed out of sequence so that PC Jayne Hall and Sally Baines could leave as soon as they had updated the meeting should they wish. Jayne informed us of the steps we could take to tackle speeding through the village. She suggested a three pronged methodology, firstly we could request from Kirklees Council solar powered speed indicators, and these can be placed around the speeding hot spots in the village. Secondly we could ask Kirklees Highways for 2 measure points on the road to measure the speed of motorists and thirdly is the speed watch scheme and Jayne stated that we should complete the first two steps first before signing up for the speed watch scheme. There are other initiatives too such as working with local organisations such as the school and generally raising awareness of the problems of speeding. We agreed to contact Kirklees Highways re points one and two and also discussing how we could get the speed limit reduced to 20mph through the village.

##### **32.16 VETS Scheme Update**

Ken updated the meeting we have had a response from the Community Heartbeat Trust regarding the use of mobiles and it will cost £45. This is very expensive and Ken has replied to them suggesting that dedicated pay as you go mobile phones would be a cheaper option but we have yet to get a reply. On a positive note David has mapped all the streets so that emergency responders know where to go, he will circulate so everyone has a copy.

##### **33.16 Planning Issues.**

In David's absence Jane said there were no issues to report.

##### **34.16 Denby Dash**

Anne updated the meeting as there had been a Denby Dash Meeting prior to this one. The date for the Denby Dash will be the 29<sup>th</sup> Of August. There will be junior and senior races which will be challenging but enjoyable and will take full advantage of our lovely scenery. Ann is to complete a risk assessment of the course. Not only will we need people to race we will need lots of volunteers so please prioritise this date in your diaries. We will need volunteers for Marshalls, race registration, timekeepers, trained first aiders, organisers at the pub for refreshments and we would like volunteers to make flapjacks for the runners. We will also need raffle prizes such as tins of biscuits and bottles of wine. A flyer will be compiled to alert people to the event and how they can help make it a success.

##### **35.16 Upper Denby Church**

Paul, Ken and Dean have met with Joyce the Vicar with regards to jobs which need doing at the Church. Joyce has thought about this and made a list that Paul had circulated prior to the meeting for members to consider. The jobs would perhaps take half a day or so and volunteers are needed. Ken said that this will be a two way arrangement whereby we help the Church and in return the building would better used for the benefit of the community. For example Paul is arranging for Huddersfield Gospel Choir to give a concert and hopes it will be well attended. Another idea would be to have an Art at the Altar event which is very successful in Penistone and Silkstone Churches. Perhaps we could have films in the Church again as this was something that used to happen. Whatever is decided for it to be successful we need to ensure that we support the events held. Paul will update each meeting and this topic will be a standing item on the agenda.

### **36.16 Bus Service**

Currently there is no bus service which serves the village to Penistone. Since the demise of Tate's although all other routes have been picked up this service has not. The cessation of this route is causing problems for our villagers who do not have cars. There has been some lobbying by members of councillors and our MP Paula Sherriff but nothing has happened as yet. Paula and Ward Councillor Graham Turner say they are looking into it so we need to keep pressure on them to deliver a resolution. Currently the bus turns around at Ingbirchworth and does not come to the village. As we are so close to the Barnsley boundary many of our residents use and prefer the services within Barnsley which will become even more important should Huddersfield A&E close. It was agreed that we contact Stagecoach directly and ask them to extend their service.

### **37.16 Finance Issues**

Dean updated the meeting we have £1,382.55 in the bank. This includes a kind donation from Win who has donated £50 from the sale of her poetry book to our group. Copies of the book can still be purchased at the bar of the pub.

### **38.16 Work Plan**

There has been some progress made on the history/information board for the village green, Ken David and Dean have met with Chris Heath re photos and maps. Ken has enlisted the help of Richard Nicholls from the book shop in Denby Dale for the graphics. Kirklees Council gave Ken the name of the contractor they use for their boards but they are very expensive and we will look for a cheaper though well-made option.

Ken went through the tasks outlined in the work plan, the work on the footpaths is important especially as they need to be bramble free for the Denby Dash.

Windows in the phone box need silicone application to ensure that they are water tight. A cleaning rota needs to be set up too, Vera, Shelagh and Jane to arrange.

Village benches need re-staining and volunteers are needed.

Since the last meeting two dog poo bag dispensers have been fitted, one of the new bins is in the wrong place but we need Kirklees Council to do this as they empty it.

Weed killing will take place soon so we need some grubbing volunteers.

Grass cutting will be done as in previous years.

We are to buy the first two of our planters, one for the larger green and the other next to the phone box. We have sourced two at £49 which we will buy shortly and plant them and take a consensus as to where to place others.

We still have a problem with dog fouling as some residents that are not picking up after their dogs. The dog fouling boards have now been ordered so will be situated in dog fouling hot spots soon so hopefully this may help.

**39.16 Any Other Business**

Jan has drafted a letter to be sent to McDonalds which she distributed to members for approval; it will go with the photo of the McDonalds litter. We realise it is not directly their fault but they do have some moral responsibility.

The litter pick will be the day after this meeting, the 10<sup>th</sup> of April.

Perhaps at the next meeting we could have a flapjack tasting in readiness for the Denby Dash!

**40.16 Date of the Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place at the George Inn at 11pm on the 7<sup>th</sup> of May2016. This will be our Annual General Meeting.

The meeting closed at 12.05 Ken thanked everyone for their attendance.

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