

## Denby Village Conservation Group

### Minutes of the Meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 11 am in the George Inn

#### In Attendance

Ken Bellamy (Chair), Dean Wyatt, Christine Figg, Martin Watts, Lynn Watts, George Parsisson, Vera Bell, Anne Middleton, June Cook, John Cook, David Cook, Paul Edwards, Paul Jaworski, Joyce Jones, Paul Clark, Martin Conlon, Bill Jones and Diane Brown (Secretary.)

#### Agenda

##### **22.19 Apologies**

Were received, from Cheryl Butcher, Jane Raistrick, Dave Wilde, David Raistrick, Shelagh Uden, Chris Ruddlesin and Julie Martin.

##### **23.19 Minutes from the last Meeting and Matters Arising.**

It was agreed that the minutes of the last meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March were an accurate record of the matters discussed. (With the exception of Martin C being noted as both in attendance and absent!)

##### **24.19 Denby Dash**

Anne updated the meeting; she is currently progressing permissions with the land owners. The medical cover has been sorted, as discussed at our last meeting the pre-entry fee will be £6 and £8 on the day. The advertising of the event will commence after Easter.

##### **25.19 Denby Delf**

Martin updated the meeting and produced the latest set of proofs for the interpretation boards. The content and text have been finalised. Each poster has a QPR code which link to the respective website and the links have been tested by Lynn and they work. There will be a guided walk on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June more details will follow regarding this event. It is hoped that the bench will be in situ for the unveiling and Ken said he would chase this up.

##### **26.19 Work Plan**

Ken updated the meeting as to the jobs to be completed in the coming months. The mower has been repaired and we can now cut the greens. Diane cleaned the phone box in March, and it will Shelagh's turn in April. We will need to complete some selective weedkilling around the village and Ken will ask Kirklees not to apply weed killer around the Greens as they usually kill most of the grass too. John C said that the leaves on the cobbles on Bank Lane need removing, the Churchfield project is to use them as compost. Ken said that he was liaising with Dave W on this and we will need volunteers to help once Dave lets him know.

##### **27.19 Planning Issues**

David R was not at the meeting but had sent a comprehensive note on current planning matters. Application 94123, detached house at Bank Lane/ Smithy Hill, there has been no decision from Kirklees yet though the Conservation and Design Officer has submitted a report saying that she is unable to support the application as the proposed dwelling does not fit the local traditional building style and appears to have been made to fit onto the site without consideration of the surroundings and conservation area.

Application 90265, new office/studio to the rear of 21 Bank Lane, the application was invalidated as it was considered that on the evidence currently available that the private amenity space does not constitute the curtilage of 21 Bank Lane as it is physically separated from the property by a shared courtyard. This application has been resubmitted No 2019/62/90769/E as a general application rather than a householder application. Public consultation ends on the 10<sup>th</sup> of April. A resident of Bank Lane who lives next to the proposed development spoke to our group and voiced her objections to it.

Land at 1 Smithy Hill has now been sold subject to contract, it is not known yet if this will remain as a single development or be changed to multiple homes.

Another item to note is that the Barnsley Local Plan has been approved and there is no apparent change to greenbelt land south of Upper Denby, but major and extensive housing development has been allocated for 2 adjoining areas of green fields from the back of Penistone Grammar School up to Halifax Road westwards to Wellhouse Lane and eastwards up to the railway line with proposed indicative allocations of 546 dwellings in total.

### **28.19 Finances**

Dean updated the meeting regarding our finances. We have £3,820.38 in the bank after our part of the Delf project and the repairs to the lawn mower have been paid.

### **29.19 Friends of the Church**

Paul J updated the meeting. Tomorrow the 7<sup>th</sup> of April is the date for the public meeting to save our Church and will be a litmus test of the community's desire to keep the church. There has been some confusion about the time, it is now 4.30 pm rather than the original 4.00pm so everyone who can please attend. There is also on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April a concert in the Church, The Huddersfield Gospel Choir. Tickets will be going on sale shortly.

### **30.19 Other on-going matters**

**Neighbourhood Watch-** There has been no developments.

**Local Bus Service-** Ken said that there has been a meeting with Metro, but no information has been received regarding this yet. We really need a bus that links up with the train service for any service to be fit for purpose.

**Speeding Vehicles-** This is a real problem in our village and action is needed. Chris R has volunteered to be the project leader for this. Chris was not at this meeting but will update us later regarding any progress.

### **31.19 Any Other Business**

Items discussed included

The next litter pick will take place on Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> of April.

Christine asked about the progress regarding the new notice board for Lower Denby. This is taking a long time and Ken said he would contact Men's Shed for an update.

### **32.19 Date of the Next Meeting**

Owing to holidays there will be no meeting in May, the next meeting will be the 1st of June and will be our AGM.

The meeting closed at 11.45 am.

Ken thanked everyone for their attendance.