

# Denby Parish Community Action Group

The Combined Community Association of Denby, Birdsedge and High Flatts

## Minutes of the Steering Committee

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2007 at 19:30  
At The Friends Meeting House High Flatts

### Opening:

The meeting of the Denby Parish Community Action Group was called to order at 19:30 on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2007 in Friends Meeting House High Flatts by the Chairman, David Cook.

### Present:

Andy Asher, Andrew Brown, Joe Price, David Cook [Chair], Sue Daws, Jane Fish, David Smith, Dawn Smith, Alison Tribe (Denby Dale Parish Council), Tom O'Donovan (YRCC)

### A. Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Allan Fish, John Perry, Guy Ellis, and John Cook

### B. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous steering committee meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2007 were corrected (minor spelling error) and unanimously approved.

### C. Matters Arising

#### 1. Upper Denby School After-School Club

Andy Brown reported that Sure Start money had been secured for the project to pay for premises for the club, and that the school was actively recruiting for people to staff the club. There were plans to promote the club at the school fair to be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Applications had been made to the Parish Council and the Area Committee for funding for equipment.

#### 2. Footpath 77

David Cook reported that this footpath is now open and passable, although it was not quite on the route shown on the map, as the council had invoked the principle of *de minimis*, which they are permitted to do. A definitive map modification order has been published and those affected have been notified. There is a waiting period of 12 weeks before the footpath signs can be erected.

#### 3. Funding

Andy Brown confirmed that the cheque from YRCC has been received and was handed over in a ceremony which was photographed and included in the Huddersfield Examiner along with a report on the event. Andy also confirmed that he had contacted Hazel Chowcat of the Denby Dale Parish Council regarding funding but had so far received no response.

#### 4. Newsletter

We can go ahead with this as the funding from YRCC will allow us to pay for the printing costs.

#### 5. Denby Delf

David Cook reported that he had received a copy of a letter sent by Mark Barnes (KMC legal officer) to David Knight (Garganey Trust) on 3<sup>rd</sup> of May in reply to an email (5<sup>th</sup> April) from DK to Neil Windett (KMC Countryside Officer). The email seemed to imply that DK thought he or the Trust had been defamed in the public meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> March. From the letter it would appear that Mark Barnes had

been informed that the lease between the Treasury Solicitor and the Trust had already been signed, but proposed that KMC took the lease over from the Trust, and that perhaps the local people would welcome the Trust's involvement on the management committee. A meeting was proposed in early June.

**Action:** Sue Daws to try to get the 5<sup>th</sup> April email under the Freedom of Information Act; David Cook to contact the Treasury Solicitor and confirm that the lease had indeed been signed.

#### **6. Sellars Field in Birdsedge**

There is still no news on the planning appeal hearing regarding the application to build a house; David Cook had phoned June Durkin (KMC) to ask what was happening and she had heard nothing either. The Action Group wants the meeting to be in Birdsedge and Ms Durkin is supportive; a possible venue may be the School building during the school holidays. Alison Tribe volunteered to inform Birdsedge villagers of the meeting when it is announced to ensure a good attendance. There is still no news from YEDL regarding moving the poles on David and Dawn Smith's land.

#### **7. Traffic**

KMC have agreed to install traffic counters in Birdsedge once the school warning lights had been switched on. They have also agreed to counters in High Flatts and Upper Denby. Lower Denby is National Speed Limit even on a dangerous stretch such as that near the bridge where large vehicles have to use the middle of the road. Dawn reported that she had received a letter from Andrew Marwood (KMC) reiterating the rules and regulations for speed cameras. We need to get an independent consultant involved to give us advice.

### **D. Issues discussed**

#### **1. Fly Tipping**

Alison Tribe reported that she had reported to Environmental Health that there was fly tipping on Windmill Lane in High Flatts, and that the rubbish had eventually been removed.

#### **2. Commercial Tipping using Broadstone Road**

Sue Daws reported that a large number of commercial tipping lorries were using Broadstone Road, and that this was causing concern for the bridge. The group recommended getting photographic evidence and reporting the matter to the Environment Agency.

#### **3. YRCC**

The group welcomed Tom O'Donovan, who came to give us advice on our next steps and some pointers for how we go about consulting with local residents. Some ideas:

- Hold meetings in each village
- Ask people to stick a flag into a map where they would like to see road signs, bus stops, seats, etc.
- Get as many people as possible involved; *Planning for Real*
- The first thing is the newsletter, then a series of village meetings
- Decide on a list of the issues you want to address
- One issue comes up frequently, that of the lack of affordable housing; YRCC can supply someone to come along and talk about this.
- Lack of shops, post offices, café, etc.
- YRCC can supply advice on formulating the questionnaire
- We need at least 5 categories

- Ask for opinions – by letter, email, etc. We need a website and Tom said he may be able to help with information on getting funding for this

**4. Footpath off Bank Lane**

This footpath is not on the definitive public footpath map, but Walter Crossley and Andy Asher have been working to open it up, and once it is fully cleared it will be put on the map. KMC will then be responsible for it, including the dry stone wall running along one side, although there may be a problem with its narrowness.

**5. Jordan Bridge**

Discussions surrounding this bridge are still ongoing. KMC have said it should be a wooden bridge.

**6. Heritage Weekend**

The Quaker Meeting House will be open again, as in previous years; David Cook proposed that we do something for the three villages as well.

**D. Any Other Business**

None.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 21:15 by the Chairman. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2007 at 19:30 in a place to be decided.

Minutes submitted by: Sue Daws [Secretary]  
Approved by: David Cook [Chairman]