

Denby Parish Community Action Group

The Combined Community Association of Denby, Birdsedge and High Flatts

Minutes of the Steering Committee

Tuesday 12th February 2008 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 12th February 2008 in Friends Meeting House High Flatts by the Chairman, David Cook.

Present:

David Cook [Chair], John Cook, Sue Daws, Andy Asher, Andrew Brown, Hannah Hunt, Tom O'Donovan (YRCC), Carol Ashley, Alison Tribe, David Smith, Peter Crosland.

A. Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Guy Ellis, John Perry and Joe Price.

B. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous steering committee meeting on 15th January 2008 were unanimously approved.

C. Matters Arising

1. Denby Delf

It has now been announced that The Treasury Solicitor has signed a lease with Garganey Trust for the management of Denby Delf. Neil Windett has told David Cook that the matter "is not going to rest there", and that he is doing his best to get the Delf back. Jim Dodds has again written to Garganey Trust. Our options were discussed; should we convene another public meeting and contact the press? Is it time to go national, contacting our MP, Hillary Benn, The Yorkshire Post, etc. David has also spoken to Andy Wickham who has said that he is able to organise a group of volunteers to work with Garganey Trust in managing Denby Delf, thereby undermining our position. We will discuss the matter at our normal February meeting on 25th.

2. Green Lane Pumping Station Planning Application

David Cook reported that both English Heritage and the Twenty-first Century Group are interested.

3. Smithy Hill

David Cook has met with the Highways and Planning departments, and the wall and grassed area will remain; tarmac with a small kerb has been suggested; the wall toppings should be of a traditional nature and not the current flat slabs, and should be returned to its original height. It was questioned why the tarmac was not taken right up to the wall and dispense with the concrete edging. Peter made the point that so many of the historical artefacts of the village had disappeared – the 17th century quoin stones had been removed, stone kerbs had been replaced by concrete, and so on. The original charm of the village had all but disappeared. It was agreed that village planning application notices should be displayed on the village notice board so that everyone could be informed, as the yellow notices are insufficient.

Action: Sue Daws to write to the Planning Enforcement Officer, Paul Wood, giving our opinion that the tarmac should be taken up to the wall.

4. Cricket Field

It was noted that the Cricket Club is planning to erect a new pavilion; the application is yet to be submitted; they will presumably be seeking funding, possibly from the Area Committee.

5. Sellars Field

It was reported that Mr Sellars has submitted another appeal, we are unsure to which planning refusal this relates.

6. Sycamore Tree

No further forward with this.

7. Funding

David reported that he, Andy Brown and Sue Daws had attended a meeting in Penistone regarding the East Peak Initiative, and the possibility of funding from Yorkshire Forward.

8. Community Plan

It was again suggested that we form a steering group to progress this. Tom reported that we will need to start spending the grant money soon. He also reported that there may be some questionnaire software available in the next six weeks.

Action: We will hold an additional meeting on 19th February to progress this [subsequently postponed until the 21st].

E. Any Other Business

None.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 21:05 by the Chairman. The next Steering Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 26th February 2008 at 19:30 in the Friends Meeting House High Flatts.

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