

Denby Parish Community Action Group

The Combined Community Association of Denby, Birdsedge and High Flatts

Minutes of the Steering Committee
Tuesday 26th 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 26th February 2008 in Friends Meeting House High Flatts by the Chairman, David Cook.

Present:

David Cook [Chair], John Cook, Sue Daws, Andrew Brown, David Smith, Paul Clarke.

A. Apologies

No apologies were received.

B. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous steering committee meeting on 12th February 2008 were unanimously approved.

C. Matters Arising

1. Denby Delf

It was reported that so far Jim Dodds has made no progress in communicating with Garganey Trust. What is our plan of action? Should we try to get more public engagement or leave it to Jim Dodds to progress the maladministration charge? How can we take the maladministration process forward? We can either go through our councillors or to the ombudsman directly. Can we get Chris Berry of the *Yorkshire Post* interested? It was decided that we should consult Jim Dodds and Elaine Ward. The question was asked about Garganey Trust's management of the land; they have had the land for 6 weeks yet nothing has been done and Spring is approaching – should they not have already done something on the land? The Charity Commission website still states that they are empowered to operate in South Yorkshire only. Can we get some *pro bono* advice, possibly from Kirklees Legal Department?

Action: David Cook to speak to Jim Dodds, Elaine Ward, Neil Windett and Mark Barnes; Sue Daws to contact Chris Berry.

2. Sellars Field

Both David Cook and the group as a whole have received letters from Mr Sellars attempting to engage our support for his planning appeal. The subject provoke a lengthy discussion on the contents of our letter to the Planning Inspectorate objecting to the appeal

Action: Sue Daws to compose the letter to the Planning Inspectorate.

3. Sycamore Tree

David was unable to contact Ramsey Bloom, but did speak to an associate about the tree, who told him that Mr Bloom would not go against the opinion of Jim McDonald in the matter. The Friends Meeting House insurers are aware of the problem the tree poses. The question was asked – is Mr McDonald liable in law for any damage the tree causes to the Meeting House?

Action: David Cook to speak to the managers of the Meeting House to put the owner of the tree on notice of the situation so that she can put KMC on notice.

4. Jordan Bridge

A further meeting was held between David Cook and Mr Mallinson (the owner of the land) and it has been agreed to build a stone clapper bridge after all, with a ford of stone kerbs (instead of setts). David wrote to KMC informing them of the decision. It is still not clear who will do the work, nor who will fund it – we may have to apply to the Area Committee for the cost of material. Paul Clarke raised the possibility of involving the Peak and Northern Footpath Society (Brian Lawrence in Denby Dale is the local representative).

5. Community Plan

Meeting on 11th March for further discussion of the questionnaire.

E. Any Other Business

None.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 21:15 by the Chairman. The next Steering Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 25th March 2008 at 19:30 in the Friends Meeting House High Flatts.

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