

# Denby Parish Community Action Group

The Combined Community Association of Denby, Birdsedge and High Flatts

## Minutes of the Steering Committee

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2009 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 Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2009 in Friends Meeting House High Flatts by the Chairman, David Cook.

### Present:

David Cook [Chair], John Cook, Sue Daws, Peter Crosland, Paul Clarke, William Fish.

#### A. Apologies

Andy Brown.

#### B. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous steering committee meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2009 were unanimously approved, with minor amendments.

#### C. Matters Arising

##### 1. Funding

The Council have found that local groups are not taking up funding opportunities because of the complexity of the application process. They intend to put together a road-show to survey existing groups. The Citizen's Advice Bureau Outreach Service has already booked a number of venues which may be a possibility for joint road-shows. Also note EPIP has a Funding Advice Surgery at Skelmanthorpe Council Offices 22 October – 01226 767365 to book a one-hour slot between 13:00 and 19:00.

##### 2. Telephone boxes

No progress.

##### 3. Denby Delf

No progress due to holidays.

##### 4. Firth Lane Sign

The questionnaire has been sent out again because of the poor response. This time eight of the nine residents have responded, of which 6 did not want the street named, probably because they were given false information regarding postal deliveries. John Cook will pursue this matter once the council have given their determination.

##### 5. Public Rights of Way (PRoW)

Paul Clarke reports that the owner of the land in question, Mr Samson, represented to him (Paul) that he owned the land which formed the footpath and claimed that Paul was trespassing. KMC need to do their job properly.

##### 6. Planning

No answer from Keith Miller of English Heritage.

##### 7. Bank Lane

David Cook has not been able to contact Steve Frost.

**Action:** David Cook to continue to pursue Steve Frost.

##### 8. Walkers Are Welcome

Ongoing. John Cook and David Cook will join in the group promoting Walkers are Welcome at the next meeting.

**9. Community Plan**

Cannot progress until we have funding.

**10. Birdsedge Village Hall**

David Cook has visited the elderly lady who suffered the consequences of the blocked drain. He thinks that an *ex gratia* payment without admitting liability would be suitable and appropriate. The building company from Derbyshire which did the work on the village hall is owned by a relative of a resident of Birdsedge. Local works should support local companies.

**E. Any Other Business**

**1. Wind farm on Castle Hill**

A consortium of local farmers wants to erect a number of wind turbines between Rusby Wood treatment works and Castle Hill, and have gained permission to erect, and have erected, a wind speed monitoring mast on Castle Hill. The planning officer contacted Leeds Bradford airport and the CAA but neglected to inform or consult David Mallinson who operates the Birdsedge private airfield. The Parish Council likewise did not understand the implications and allowed the mast to be erected. Mr Mallinson did not know of the mast's existence until he was coming into land and nearly flew into it. The mast is not really visible once in the air. The consortium have denied that they have any duty of care in the matter.

**2. Broadband**

It has been suggested that Rutland Telecom be approached to install a similar process (subloop unbundling) in this area to overcome the poor or non-existent broadband service. It could cost about £25,000 but with rural development grants and household contributions this could work out at less than £50 per house.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 21:10 by the Chairman. The next Steering Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at 19:30 in the Friends Meeting House High Flatts.

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