

DENBURY & TORBRYAN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting Held Monday 3rd April 2006 at Denbury Village Hall
Meeting Commenced 6.30pm

Present – Cllr S Bryan (Chairman), Cllr P Howe (Vice-Chairman), Cllr D Wilson, Cllr P Parsons, Cllr T Brownhill, Cllr J Loynes, Cllr C Wills, D Cllr M Colclough, C Cllr P Cook.

In Attendance – 12 Members of the Public.

Apologies for Absence – Cllr B Clatworthy.

Before the meeting began the Chairman – Cllr S Bryan confirmed that Public Time would be in two parts one now and one after the Parish Meeting which was due to commence at 7.30pm. The Planning Applications would also be discussed after the Parish Meeting to enable all members of the Public who wished to be present to arrive.

1) **Public Time (Limited to 15 Minutes).**

- a) The Parking opposite Shute Lane & Orchard Close is becoming a problem. The Community Police Officer to be informed again on this. Now the bank is being eroded as vehicles are going up it to get around the parked cars. Cllr D Wilson commented that when the vehicles are present is when the Police should be rung and informed. However because its on an unclassified road there may be nothing that can be done.
- b) Mr G Howells – commented on problems which have occurred recently with youths in Down View Road, they have been throwing stones etc and are wearing hoodies – maybe a Police presence is needed at certain times in the Village.
- c) Mr R Stinton – Made the following statement - I want to draw the attention of the Parish Council and the New Parish Hall Steering Committee and the public at this meeting, to the new Visitor Centre on the approach to Channings Wood Prison, which has sprung up during the last ten days. I would recommend a visit by all concerned to view this building as a strong possibility for our proposed new village hall. If this building is good enough for the Home Office and Her Majesty's Prison Service, then I suggest that something similar would be good enough for Denbury. This building has been Supplied, Factory Built and Site Erected by a company established for 50 named **ROLLALONG** of Wimbourne, Dorset. For further details visit their very good website www.rollalong.co.uk The building you see is mounted on an existing concrete base and has its own galvanised steel under floor frame. The heat insulation meets all current building regulations, as regards ceiling, walls and floor. The price includes double-glazing, all doors, external bricking and internal ceiling. It is of modular construction – three units in this case. The design life of this particular building is 60 years, but with proper maintenance it will last much longer. ROLLALONG also offer buildings with lesser design lives of 20 or 40 years. I opine that 60 years will be adequate for most Denbury residents. All external utilities to be provided by others, i.e. water, electricity, drains, sewers, gas etc. The budgetary price for this particular building is £140,000 + VAT, with a quoted delivery of ten weeks, from when the design has been agreed and the contract placed. I recommend that the New Village Hall Steering Committee seriously consider ROLLALONG as their supplier. This way will have out new hall in a realistic time. A considered written reply by the Committee would be appropriate.
- d) Mr C Steatham – Stated his objections regards the Denbury Diesels application.
- e) Mr Vic Cornell – Could the Parish Council look into extending their policy to include the one day Mayfair, they would pay the extra and it may be cheaper this way than to pay a one off Policy.
- f) Mr G Howells – Denbury Diesels site is now an absolute tip its needs tidying and a commitment should be made by the owner/developer to guarantee that its cleaned up if Planning Permission is obtained.
- g) Car Park sign has appeared on the Pub – for Patrons Only – this needs looking into as it appears to mean the front of the Pub on the Road.

- h) Mrs H Wills – Flooding behind the Prison – She has spoken to Mr John Williams at DCC regards this and the more members of the Public that write and complain the more chance there is of the jobs getting done.

This concluded Public Time – 10 minutes more were held at 9.05pm after the Annual Parish Meeting as follows:-

- i) Mr Mick Roberts – Planning Consultant for Mr Perryman – Denbury Diesels was present and stated as follows:- Planning Permission has already been granted for 10 homes on this site a 2nd revised application has been turned down and this is now the 3rd application which has been compiled in conjunction with TDC. The ridge height is more but the eaves height is the same as the already passed scheme. Dormer windows could be substituted for Velux.

Some questions were raised by the Public Present –

- 1) How does the application fit in with Denbury.
 - 2) The Public were not consulted – TDC and the Parish Council had a working party.
 - 3) The Houses adjacent are set back from the Road, the proposed would be much more imposing being closer to the Road frontage.
- 2) **Minutes** – The minutes of the Meeting held Monday 6th March 2006 have been distributed and read. 2 amendment proposed – Item 1a) Should read Oxenham Woods and 6d) Standing Orders suspended (not raised). The minutes were then proposed by Cllr D Wilson and seconded by Cllr P Parsons with all in agreement and duly signed by the Chairman – Cllr S Bryan.

The following Planning Applications were discussed after the Annual Parish Council Meeting when the Parish Council meeting resumed at 9.05pm.

3) **Planning Applications Received from TDC.**

- a) Application no 06/04057/FUL – Mr G Stoneman – Goosey Cottage, Heathfield Road, Denbury TQ12 6DT – Double Car Port and Log Store – No objections from the Parish Council proposed by Cllr P Parsons and seconded by Cllr C Wills with all in agreement.
- b) Application no 06/04130/MAJ – Denbury Diesels, West Street, Denbury – Demolition of existing garage and erection of ten cottages and one flat. The Parish Council cannot support this application.
 - 1) We consider the ridge height to be still too high being a metre higher than those on the already passed plans and the corner scene very urban and out of keeping.
 - 2) The Carparking should be up to 2 spaces per dwelling – parking will be a problem.
 - 3) No environmental measures have been taken to address the rainwater runoff.
 - 4) What will happen when the refuse is collected – Bins on the Road and emergency service vehicles would not get through the archway to the rear of the properties.
 Proposed by Cllr D Wilson and seconded by Cllr P Parsons with all in agreement.
- c) Application no 06/03935/FUL – Mr & Mrs P Keeling - Heathfield Farm, Heathfield Road, Denbury – Loft conversion with dormer windows to form bedroom and bathroom. Construction of fire escape external stairs and fire exit door – No objections from the Parish Council but the following observations.
 - 1) It must remain ancillary.
 - 2) Unsure of the look of the spiral staircase but assume that it is there as a necessity for the fire escape.
 Proposed by Cllr D Wilson and seconded by Cllr P Parsons with all in agreement.

- d) Application no 06/03990/FUL – Mr & Mrs J Dashwood – Kellinch Farm, Bickington – Conservatory – No objections from the Parish Council - Proposed by Cllr D Wilson and seconded by Cllr T Brownhill with all in agreement.

Decisions received from TDC – None.

4) Correspondence.

- a) Ring & Ride – request for Donation – The Clerk will ask how this fits in with the DCC Free Travel and carry forward to the next meeting.
- b) Copy letter from TDC – Doug Pratt – Yew Tree, St Marys Churchyard – This confirmed that works necessary were to be carried out.
- c) Parish Plans Questionnaire – Given to Cllr P Parsons to complete.
- d) Letter from DCC – Re: Kenwyn. Ashburton – This was keeping the Parish Council up to date with the current situation – a final decision on its future is anticipated in the Summer 2006.
- e) Letter from TDC – Re: Stables Land North of Road to Poole Cross – Proposed by Cllr C Wills and seconded by Cllr T Brownhill that the Parish Council write back regards this application which has now been granted – There is an inconsistency in the Granting of Planning Applications as just 100 yards down the road from this recently built Stable Block an application at Hawthorns was turned down on the same road for access reasons, the only difference that the Parish Council can see in these two applications is that one was retrospective.
- f) Letter from DCC – Re: Speed Limits Denbury Village – Placed in the envelope for Cllrs perusal.
- g) Letter from TDC – Re: Rural Skip Service – This will be 5th August 2006.
- h) Letter from Devon & Cornwall Police – Parish Newsletter and Magazines – To be passed onto Gerry Nield – Neighbourhood Watch.
- i) Letter from the new Lessees for the Pub regards use of the Village Green - An agreement to be draw up and agreed by the Parish Council at the next PC Meeting.

Matters not requiring discussion placed in the envelope to be circulated (4 Envelopes).

5) Main Agenda.

- a) Road Maintenance & Parish Lengthsman Items – Cllr D Wilson commented on how it was a general problem regards the state of the roads and that people are claiming from DCC for damage done to their cars which means there is even less money to keep the roads pothole free.
 - 1) Pothole in road at Oxenham Woods.
 - 2) Cllr C Wills confirmed that DCC John Williams wants to build a drainage channel and put a soakaway in the Playing Fields to solve the flooding in the road down by the playing fields – This to go onto the next Playing Field Agenda.
 - 3) Rising Sun Road – New road signs for School and Horse Riders in situ also rumble strips on the Road – this is in Denbury Parish, the Clerk to find out who authorised these. DCC can afford to do this but not attend to any flooding issues.
 - 4) Flooding – Moorfoot Road towards Brambleoak and Road towards Dornafeld flooding badly.
- b) Burning of Horse Manure/Dung Heaps – At the new Stable Block at Wrenwell the Manure Heap is smoking continually, it's a very unpleasant smell. The Clerk will write to TDC – Environmental Health. Cllr C Wills is also concerned about the damage being caused to an Oak Tree very close to the burning heap.
- c) May Fayre Insurance – (see Public Time Item 1e).
- d) Caravan in Heathfield Road – This is now being lived in – Letter to TDC Enforcement – Steven Hobbs.
- e) Trees on the Green – Cllr C Wills confirmed that these will be lopped before the May Fayre as they are looking a bit shabby.
- f) Rowan Barn – Log Cabin – Inform Steven Hobbs – TDC Enforcement that this has now been erected.

6) **Cheques for Signature.**

Cheque no 475 = £2,055.50 Clerks Salary & Expenses.
Cheque no 476 = £14.00 DAPC (Local Council Review Sub).
Cheque no 477 = £7.92 SWEB (War Memorial Electric).
Cheque no 478 = £10.00 Denbury Village Hall (Hall Hire).

The above cheques proposed by Cllr P Parsons and seconded by Cllr J Loynes

Current Bank Balance – Parish Council - April 2006 = £5,443.94
Playing Field Account – April 2006 = £685.89

7) **Any Items to go onto next Parish Council meeting Agenda.**

- a) Gypsy & Traveller Sites.
- b) Stables – Land Nr Wrenwell.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm

Next Meeting Denbury Village Hall – AGM & Parish Council Meeting – MONDAY 8th May 2006 @ 7.30pm.

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Held at Denbury Village Hall on Monday 3rd April 2006 @ 7.30pm

Present – Cllr S Bryan (Chairman), Cllr P Howe (Vice-Chairman), Cllr C Wills, Cllr P Parsons, Cllr D Wilson, Cllr J Loynes, Cllr T Brownhill, C Cllr P Cook, D Cllr M Colclough.

In Attendance – 23 Members of the Public.

Apologies for Absence – Cllr B Clatworthy.

Councillor Mr Howard Milton – Chairman of Kenn Parish Council was in attendance to talk to Councillors and Parishioners about the New Village Hall that Kenn are going to build. The project started in 1999 when Parishioners were asked to complete a questionnaire – 40% of these were returned with yes to a new Village Hall on a new piece of land with better access. A 2nd in depth questionnaire was then sent out and this had a 68% return rate. A piece of land was then identified and at this time the Lottery was the main funder. A feasibility study was completed but then the Lottery criteria had changed and Kenn did no longer meet this so other funding had to be found. The CCD wanted to move out of Exeter to new offices and with their help a new scheme has been put together. Lots of fundraising has been achieved to gain around £40,000 (£10,000 of this from the CCD) and £20,000 of this has been put into a design scheme. The end project estimate of this scheme was 1.5million – so they went back to the Architect with a lower budget and he made a new design 1.3million. The Parish Council have taken out a loan against the precept for the next 30 years and the old Village hall site will be turned into Residential Housing which will be affordable. The CCD will put in a sum of money for the Leasehold of their offices which will be contained within the new building, grants are being applied for from DEFRA – Rural Enterprise Scheme and another Lottery Grant from June 1st – Community Buildings Programme.

1) Report by C Cllr P L Cook - Revenue Budget Support – 07-08 – In its comprehensive spending review the Government has indicated that there will be no increased support for 07-08. The only satisfactory spending is in the area of education and the increases since 1997 have been very welcome, but even here Devon is disadvantaged in receiving £308 per pupil less than the national average. This is apparently justified by the increased costs of education provision in metropolitan areas. Capital sums for school building have improved dramatically with Devons spending this year exceeding £50 million. However this has to be qualified by increased costs resulting from changes in the Governments Building Regulations which require recognition for improved design to reduce maintenance costs and energy use. These are commendable measures but mean that fewer buildings can be constructed. Council Tax – The Government promised a review of Council Tax several years ago but this review is also taking a look at the way in which Local Government services can be funded and has meant that no proposals are currently in the pipeline. This means that an unfair burden is placed on many Council Tax payers, Council Tax being a regressive tax which penalises those on modest incomes. Social Service Provision – The spending survey published about a week ago has revealed that there is a £1.76 billion shortfall in government spending on social care. The increase in provision for Devon was from £236.6million to £240.6million or 17% but costs have risen by 4%. The % of over 75s is increasing nationally but at a greater than the national rate in Devon. Some Las have decided to confine their service to those with critical needs but Devon has determined to maintain the current level of provision for the 18% with critical needs and the 82% with substantial needs. In order to do this in the financial climate which prevails, it is necessary for DCC to become a commissioning organisation to reduce management and administration costs. Rather than being a first-hand provider of social care services. Devon will buy all its services and care from independent sector providers, the voluntary sector and not for profit organisations. Devon already commissions from the voluntary and independent sector 90% of residential care, 70% domiciliary care and 40% day care. The transfer will take place over the next 18 months. There will be a reduction of about 20 staff in senior and middle management but the 1800 staff employed in direct services will have the option of transfer to new organisations with all their employment terms and conditions of service. David Johnston has become the Director of Adult and Community Services and Anne Whiteley the Director of Children and Young Peoples Services.

2) Report by D Cllr M Colclough – The new system put in place three years ago with a leader, Executive and Overview and Scrutiny Committee has settled in and is working with efficiency for the benefit of all. Another step forward saw the introduction of review Groups, who undertake much of the preparatory work on the various matters requiring attention. For example, during the current year they have dealt with the Air Fusion festival in Courtney Park, Newton Abbot, The Role of Members, Discount Cards, Newton Abbot Livestock Market, Concessionary Travel etc. I consider that the formation of these Review Groups is one of the best things to have developed since the reorganisation. Each consists of a group of six members who are tasked to carry out in depth reviews of specific subjects. A review may be undertaken on any of the Councils functions, or on any matter that affects the district or its inhabitants. The work done is invaluable to the quality of services provided by the Council. The first thing I must do is to congratulate the Council on managing to keep the rise in Council Tax for the following year to 2.46% (or £3.17 per year) on a Band D property. This represents an increase of less than a penny per day, this following a year of a standstill budget. Following public consultation, peoples priorities change little and include – Cleaner Roads, Increased recycling, Better public conveniences, Better play areas, Safer streets, More affordable housing. The budget continues to invest in these areas. So, a Band D property in Denbury will pay £1,314.62 in 06-07 – This is made up as follows – DCC £977.49 – Police £125.53 – Fire £61.26 – TDC £132.00 – Parish Council £18.27. Planning – A great deal of work is being undertaken to produce the new Local Development Framework (which replaces the Local Plan). This should be completed in 2009, so you can see there is much work yet to be done, with the government changing the goal posts all the time. With a shortage of affordable housing within the District, the Council is pushing for an increased percentage of such houses, particularly in larger developments. Ambrook, which includes Denbury is a rural area, and so I watch closely development in the Countryside, and strive hard to keep development within the village boundaries to maintain the identity of our villages. Licensing – The new licensing system that use to be operated by the Magistrates Courts and is now operated by the District Council, has brought a bust year of three Licensing Sub Committees. Having chaired a couple of these hearings, I can confidently say that the new system is working well. Recycling – Figures for recycling are encouraging with better quality recyclable waste being produced and less waste going to landfill. An additional 4% of waste is generated year on year. The amount sent to Landfill in 03-04 was 81%, or just over 37 tonnes. In 04-05 this was 73% or 33.048 tonnes and the predicted figure for 05-06 was 65% or 31.982 tonnes. Travel – The expansion of the current concessionary half-fare bus scheme to a free-fare scheme from 1st April 2006 is likely to cost the Council in excess of one million pounds. The Council is expecting funding from the Government, but there is a shortfall of around £40,000 depending on the level of grant and the final costs of the scheme following negotiations with local bus companies. Leisure – The opening of the new dry side of Newton Abbot Leisure centre (previously Dyrons) including a fantastic fitness suite is providing enhanced leisure facilities, which are being carefully monitored to ensure smooth running and that they continue to satisfy the demand. You may be aware of a discussion document which is expected to be issued in June by Central Government and which could bring widespread change. As I said at the beginning, this Council has worked efficiently, providing services at good value, concentrating on the services most requested by its people, and I am proud to be a member of it. Whatever the future holds for Local Government – Teignbridge District Council can be proud of what it has achieved.

3) Report by Mrs T Hart – Denbury Primary School Head Teacher – There has been a fall in role this year but 112 pupils is the highest number for 4 years, the School now has 4 classes and will do so for at least another year, this may go down in the future. The School is in the top 5% nationally and well above average local level. We have many volunteers from the Community who come and help and this is what supports a Village School. Many thanks for all your support, still only 50% of the pupils are Village Children, so we must fight to keep our Village School.

4) Chairmans Report – Chairman – Cllr Steve Bryan – I am now coming to the end of my second year as Chairman. During the last twelve months various problems that were mentioned previously on my last report are still ongoing, there is still the problem of the flooding on the traffic calming scheme outside Denbury Primary School despite numerous telephone calls and letters to Devon County Council all to no avail. We have also received a further application regarding the derelict Denbury garage for ten three bedroomed cottages and a flat. Dog Fouling is still a major problem on some roads / lanes with lack of consideration by some dog owners. The answer is simple pick it up, and deposit it in one of the bins like a responsible dog owner. We have also had correspondence with DCC regarding speeding through the village. A manual speed reading was carried out in South Street at the end of 2005, for the first time a Police slow sign appeared on the day in question with no knowledge of why

this sign was there from DCC. According to DCC the average speed from The Green and from the Village was 27mph, 85% of vehicles were below this speed and 15% of vehicles were travelling above 31mph. The max / min speed from the Green was 35 / 20 and from the Village 41 / 20, a second test was carried out on our insistence. According to DCC this test showed a slight increase in the speeds. Following this report we are in the process of discussing with them a possible speed limit for the Village. I would also like to express my thanks to my fellow councillors for attending the Remembrance service on the 14th November. Planning issues do raise a number of concerns and worried for our Parishioners and as in previous years we have had to deal with controversial applications. We have also seen an increasing number of planning applications regarding stables, not one or two stalls but far larger units. In early 2006 Denbury Down suffered a considerable amount of vandalism with various trees defaced, branches hacked off and some trees chopped down, together with a number of empty alcohol bottles and general rubbish left lying around – DCC and the Police were informed. If anybody is walking around the Down and they see further signs of damage, could they please contact one of the Parish Councillors. Finally I would like to express by heartfelt thanks to Sharon for her continuing support, advice and numerous words of wisdom and the continuing support of my fellow Councillors.

5) Denbury Village Hall Management Committee & new Village Hall Committee - Chairmans

Report – Cllr Colin Wills reported - Another year on and sadly not much has changed for the New Village Hall Project. Since the last Parish Meeting the Committee has suffered a devastating loss from the fundraising branch of the group, who cannot be replaced, especially in experience, both from the history of the project and stamina points of view. We have been saddened that our hall project has not attracted the funding that it deserves and as a result of one funding failure the domino effect flattened the rest. The remaining Committee are working hard to get on with the landscaping of the site, which will be taking place between now and Christmas. We hope that the planting of trees and potential installation of parking facilities will provide not only a valuable asset to the Village, but also a useful space for other hall users, where outdoor events may be possible. The Capital fund has benefited from several generous donations and from the continued hard work of the fundraising team, who have most recently pulled off yet another fantastically successful sausage and mash evening. I am always astounded by the support for these events, and the feedback from Parishioners is always good, although I worry that as the number of volunteers decreases, workload increases and how much longer these community events can take place is questionable, if the community at large is not getting involved.

The old hall has just been insulated above the suspended ceiling, which should help to reduce our enormous electricity bills. The hall committee have decided that it is necessary to invest large sums of money in improvements (in this case over £1000) to keep the building ticking over, and in a reasonably usable condition. We would prefer to be putting money towards our new hall project, but as this has been put on hold until both the funding situation and volunteer situation changes. The Hall committee have decided that even though we are booked out with user groups and demand has never been greater for our public space, that we as a committee have had enough – I have had to step down as Chair after nearly three years. Our Treasurer has given notice for his resignation at our AGM, and our Secretarial post has not been officially filled for 18 months. A Committee without officers cannot operate, and unless the situation changes the hall will close. The committee has always struggled to keep on top of management issues, but as people are getting busier than ever we have reached rock bottom. We have decided to hold a ‘Crisis’ meeting at the time we should hold our AGM in June, and see just how much the community of Denbury values this asset that we are only caretaking for at present, and turn it into an establishment to be proud of. I have issued several appeals for help over my Chairmanship and others have also attempted on my behalf. The Committee is not a business, unless users get involved the HALL WILL CLOSE. Thank You

6a) Denbury Playing Field Management Committee – Chairmans Report -

Cllr Jan Loynes reported – Play Area – the grass cutting has been good this year. Swing seats – 2 new pod seats and 4 new chains have been purchased. Money was given by Margaret Bailey and a tree in memory will be planted and 2 more new swing seats have been ordered. The rest of the field is maintained by NTFC who had approached us for a 25 year lease, the present NTFC Chair is resigning in May and they no longer want a 25 year lease. At their AGM it will become apparent as to whether or not they wish to continue to use the Playing Fields. Denbury AFC have approached the Playing Field Committee with regards to taking over the current Licence, they will be approached shortly for a meeting to make them aware of the implications and what looking after the Playing Field entails. Denbury Cricket Club have confirmed that they could not function without someone looking after the field. Dog Fouling is a continual problem.

6b) Cricket Club Report – No report was given.

7) Invited Speakers from Village Organisations.

Mr Gerry Nield – Denbury Neighbourhood Watch – We have had a few problems with minor vandalism and annoying behaviour perpetrated on the residents of one road. With the assistance of the Police reacting quickly and residents supplying helpful information the problem went away. One of our team phoned to say that a young man saying he was Polish had come to her door and was trying to sell pictures to raise money for his family back in Poland. It was found later that the young Polish man was quite honest and was carrying a fully-legal peddlers licence. Twice during the year the coin box in the telephone kiosk had its lock drilled out and the cash taken. Five or six solar lights were stolen from a garden of a house in West Street. In November it was drawn to our notice that a new diversion robbery scam was attempted on one Denbury resident. It involved someone phoning on a mobile phone and a voice saying they were calling her from her Gas / Electricity Company. They asked the lady to go outside and read the meter for them. She refused but obviously whilst she was outside they would have been inside. In December there appeared a Mr Zu Yun who wrote to a few people in the Village and said he worked as an auditor for an oriental bank. He had stashed away 20.5 mill dollars and all you had to do was to open an account in his name and yours with a few thousand pounds and he would send you 2 million dollars. In January we appealed to all to avoid Identity Theft by buying a cheap shredding machine. A few logo badges and a radio Ariel were stolen from cars in the village. An under-age drinking club on Denbury Down was discovered. After information about the identity of one or two people was given to us we informed the Police. The suspects were warned and the problem disappeared. Sadly we saw the passing of Neville and later Margaret Bailey, who were founder members of the watch when Eric Drummond set it up some eleven years ago. Jane Gibson joined the team and now covers the lower part of East Street and Greenhill Lane, the area Neville and Margaret used to cover. We received complaints about the speed of traffic through the village, especially in East and South streets. The main worry was for children and animals. Through the Denbury Diary we asked all drivers to think of them and ease up a little when driving through the Village. We reported this to the Village beat manager and she and another officer set up a speed check at the bottom of East Street. A few drivers were pulled over and informed that although they were under the legal speed limit they were still driving too fast for the road conditions. Earlier that evening they set up a speed check in Ipplepen and booked over thirty motorists for exceeding the existing 20 mile an hour speed limit. A limit that I would strongly suggest for consideration by the Denbury Parish Council for our village. Finally I would like it placed on record my thanks to all the members of the Neighbourhood Watch Committee for their help and to the people of Denbury for their support.

Mr John Griffin – Chairman of the Denbury May Fayre Committee – Last year was a successful May Fayre and money was distributed throughout the Village. The Committee is in a good condition for this year but a few more members would always be appreciated. We are looking forward to another good year with good weather and lots of helpers are needed for the day.

Mrs Jean Duggan – Denbury Archive Group – Perhaps you have wondered just what the Denbury Archive group discuss at their meetings. We aim to keep these as informal as possible – although we do take minutes and have a chairperson, a treasurer and a secretary. The annual sub for £1 is a necessary formality. Our aim is to further our local knowledge of the history of this area and to collect and store archival material such as photographs, recordings and written material. Also, we want as far as possible to make these collections available to the village. At our last meeting, there were 2 main topics for discussion. Firstly, the whereabouts and status of the granite pillar (which used to be in a field near Halwell Farm) which was recently sold at auction. This is an ongoing concern of our group and we are still investigating the matter. Secondly, we have found that Mrs Tates scrapbooks of cuttings, which were donated to us are deteriorating fast and need to be conserved. Several members have volunteered to scan and save digitally these fascinating records of life in Denbury. Anyone interested in our local history would be most welcome to come along – the next meeting will be on July 10th 06. for any information contact 01803 813108.

Mrs Jan Harris – Denbury Gardening Club – No report given.

Mrs Jan Bryan – Denbury Ramblers – This report was read out by Cllr D Wilson – This year we have done 3 River Walks, 4 Moorland Walks, 1 Coastal Walk. In June we will have a charity walk to

Orleycombe Cottage the home of Jenny Buckle in aid for the Air Ambulance. In December we walked to the Rising Sun for Christmas Lunch. Since Christmas 2 walks have been rained off and 1 walk cut short because of rain. Our annual social and AGM was at Jean and Bernie Duggans where we decided to donate our nominal membership fee of £1 to the Ramblers Association this year. We then had a jolly evening playing a murder game with costumes as appropriate. We walk approx 7 miles each month, though sometimes that can stretch to 8/9. Walks are very sociable affairs and no one is ever made to feel they can't keep up. Each member chooses and leads 1 walk for the programme per year and we are very flexible about swapping our month if problems occur. Wednesday morning walks take place on the 1st Wednesday for each month they are of a shorter distance.

There being no further business the Public meeting closed at 9.05pm