

Dethick Lea and Holloway Parish Council

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Minutes of Dethick Lea and Holloway Parish Council Meeting held in the Florence
Nightingale Hall Holloway on the 5th November 2014

Present: *In the Chair:* Councillor Ian Hooker

Councillors: Councillors S Chambers
 H Sheppard, M Taaffe-
 Finn, Mrs M Shields, Mrs J
 Ward, M Wiser and P
 Robinson

Also Present: Amber Valley Borough Councillor David Taylor

 3 members of the public

In Attendance: Amanda Wilson Clerk

2201 Apologies for absence – None

2202 Variation of Order of business – Item 10 and 12 to be taken together.

2203 Declaration of member's interests at meeting – None.

2204 Public speaking

A member of public spoke about the car boot sale at Tansley moor. He said he has reported to AVBC that this car boot sale has been held more than the 14 times permitted by law in a field in this parish. He expressed his dissatisfaction about the enforcement process at AVBC. The resident also said that for the car boot sale that was to have been held on his own land everything had been done legally. He also informed the council that AVBC had now accepted that there were no outstanding planning matters in relation to his property.

A member of public said that trees had been cut down in the garden of

Leashaw House without prior planning permission and asked if the Council would get clarification from AVBC of the circumstances in which that permission is required. The Clerk will write to ABVC and ask for clarification.

Cllr. Taylor (AVBC) advised that there had been an extraordinary meeting of AVBC held on the 15th October, regarding the Core Strategy for future housing development. The Council considered the responses to the consultation on the proposed changes and has agreed a number of further proposed changes to the submitted Core Strategy.

[The council had also received a written report (not read out) submitted by the police officer responsible for the parish. He reported that there had been a theft of 3 cast-iron garden chairs from a property in Lea Wood and that there had been graffiti written on a caravan parked on Holme Close. The owner of the caravan had not made a complaint.]

- 2205 To approve & sign the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 1 October 2014**

Resolved: to approve & sign the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 1 October 2014

- 2206 To determine which items, if any of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.** If the Council decides to exclude the public it will be necessary to pass a resolution in the following terms (if required): - "In view of the confidential nature of **the Additional Agenda Item 'Confidential'** to consider a resolution to exclude the press and public from the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, s1, in order to discuss the item."

- 2207 Chairman's Statement**

The chairman advised the council that following the clerk's resignation (which should have taken effect last month) the clerk had agreed to continue providing her services to cover the conduct and subsequent actions from this meeting. An advertisement for a new clerk had been placed following the last meeting, but had not produced a sufficient field of applicants. Following advice from DALC the chairman had decided that the position should be re-advertised and that had been done. The officers from DALC had also been trying to find a locum clerk to assist in the interim but had not, so far, been successful. If a locum clerk (or a new clerk) cannot be found before the end of this month it may be necessary to cancel the December meeting.

The Receiving House contractor will now be doing the work in the spring because the Warden will be taking the benches into the Receiving House over the winter period for repair and maintenance.

- 2208 Councillor Vacancy**

There were 2 applications for co-option to the vacant place on the council. Mrs Barbara Wright was elected to fill that vacancy.

2209 Report from the Group Regarding Speeding and Signage Within the Village – Report Attached *Appendix 1*
Resolved: that the Council support the group with the report

2210 Review of Committee Appointments and Representatives *Appendix 2*

2211 Noise Pollution – Garden Farm Park
A complaint had been received from a resident in respect of noise from Garden Farm Park (not in our parish) and from The Coach House (which is in our parish).
Resolved: to reply to the letter advising the resident that any enforcement powers lie with AVBC and Derbyshire Dales District Council. The complaint would be forwarded to those authorities.

2212 Adoption of The Complaints Procedure
Resolved: to adopt the Complaints Procedure that had been circulated. That document to be added to the council's web-site.

2213 Amendment of Standing Orders
The Government has amended the Public Meetings Act so that all councils are now required to permit filming and recording etc. of the public part of their meetings.
Resolved: to amend the Standing Orders in rule 3(l) in accordance with this requirement. The amended standing order to be added to the council's web-site.

2214 PLANNING Committee or Tree Warden to give their recommendations

TRE/2014/0125	(TPO 260) Remove Sycamore tree (T1) 1 Wood End, Holloway, Matlock, DE4 5AP No Objection
TRE/2014/0127	Sycamore - crown lift to 4m and prune back from house. 1 Wood End Holloway Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5AP Already approved
TRE/2014/0134	Various management works to garden trees 5 Lea Wood Croft, Holloway, Matlock, Derbyshire, DE4 5BD No Objection
TRE/2014/0136	Remove Leylandii and Fir trees Renard Lodge, Chapel Lane, Holloway, Matlock, Derbyshire, DE4 5AU No Objection
TRE/2014/0138	Remove garden trees Hollywell Cottage, Leashaw, Holloway, Matlock, DE4 5AT No Objection
TRE/2014/0118	Yew tree – Prune back from church St John The Baptist Church, Dethick, Matlock, DE4 5GG No Objection
AVA/2014/0870	Prior Notification for agricultural barn Land South Of Lea Moor Road Lea Matlock Derbyshire No Objection

AVA/2014/0931	Shelford Cottage, Shelford Lane, Lea Demolition brick built out building and rebuild in stone No Objection
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- 2215 FINANCIAL MATTERS** Approve and sign the following cheques
Resolved: to approve and sign the following cheques and also pay Mr P Robinson for the hedge cutting in the cemetery (minute no 2190) £220.00 cheque no 2083

	Cheque No 2074	Matlock Electrical Services – lights outside toilets and photocell	£82.20
	Cheque No 2075	KeptKleen – Toilet cleaning wk's 36, 37, 38 & 39	£96.00
	Cheque No 2076	Mrs J Ward – reimbursement for purchasing paint for the telephone box in Lea	£17.98
	Cheque No 2077	Belmont – new brush cutter	£430.32
	Cheque No 2078	Grant Thornton – audit fees	£360.00
	Cheque No 2079, 2080 & 2081	Employee Costs including HMRC and under payment in the Clerks salary	£1145.26
	Clerks Expenses		
	Mileage	2 @ 0.45/mile	£0.90
		Total	£0.90
	Wardens Expenses		
	Mileage	15¼ @ 0.469	£7.15
	Texts	3 @ 10p	£0.30
	Petrol for strimmer & mower	2 x Morrisons £6.90 & £6.86	£13.76
		Total	£21.21
	Cheque No 2082	Mrs A Wilson – office space reimbursement	£100.00
	DD	British Gas – toilets	£42.28
	DD	Telephone & Broadband Service	£93.00
	DD	AVBC - Rates	£40.00
		TOTAL	£2429.15

2216	EMAILS SENT TO COUNCIL MEMBERS – Noted		
	30.09.14	DCC	Result of industrial action of Midland Main Line staff – changes to train times
	30.09.14	DCC	Rail strike is off
	30.09.14	DCC	Promoting Derwent Valley Line
	30.09.14	DCC	Derwent Valley Line Minutes from the AGM
	30.09.14	DCC	Temporary road closure on Lea Road, Lea
	30.09.14	DALC	Circulars 20-2014 & 21-2014
	30.09.14	DALC	Free training seminar and BOAT – Byway

			Open to All Traffic
	30.09.14	CAB	Invite to their Annual Celebration and General Meeting
	03.10.14	DCC	Road signs for Lea Main Road
	03.10.14	DCC	Overgrown vegetation on Lea Main Road
	03.10.14	DCC	Request for 'Slow' signs
	03.10.14	DCC	Temporary footpath closure
	11.10.14	AVBC	Committee Papers for the 15 th October
	11.10.14	AVBC	Elections on the 7 th May 2015
	11.10.14	AVBC	Consultation of draft licensing document
	14.10.14	AVBC	Road closure notice for the 11 th November for the Remembrance Day Event and the Centenary of the Commencement of WW1
	23.10.14	DCC	Derwent Pulse – Artwork flowing down the Derwent through Matlock, Matlock Bath & Cromford in the next few days
	24.10.14	AVBC	Proposed Changes to the Submitted Core Strategy
	27.10.14	DCC	Response from a letter sent regarding the footpath a long Leashaw
	28.10.14	DCC	Temporary Road closure extension, Lea Road, Cromford

2217	LETTERS SENT – Noted		
	02.10.14	Mr Robinson	Contractor for cutting the hedge at the cemetery
	02.10.14	Mr Tym	For helping Cllr Mrs J Ward paint the telephone box in Lea
	02.10.14	DALC	Clerk's job advertisement
	20.10.14	Parishioner	Regarding the car boot at Tansley
	20.10.14	AVBC	Forwarding the letter to the Enforcement Officer regarding the car boot at Tansley

2218 Agenda Items for the meeting on the 3rd December 2014

**Projects to spend the money in reserves
Council Tax Support Grant**

2219 CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

To move the following resolution:

'That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted (in respect of the personal situation of an employee which could result in legal proceedings) it is advisable in the public interest, that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw'.

Any documents referring to the confidential discussion are supplied separately.
Cllr Hooker will prepare a statement to address the points that have been referred to the mediator and Cllr Shields will prepare a statement to send

to the mediator regarding her comments that are referred to in the complaint.

2220 Date of next Parish Council meeting – Wednesday 3rd December 2014 at 7.00pm in the Florence Nightingale Memorial Hall

Meeting closed at 9pm

Members of the sub committee have checked all existing signs around the villages. Good useful comments were made. Main points were raised, - some dirty, others covered by vegetation, and some were faded. I have reported these points to the Highway Auth.

Later observations led me to believe some had been cleaned, not by DCC, but by Cllr Ward. Thank you. As you will know, Joan also produced a banner for the parish mag. Urging the need for lower speeds. Another is to follow.

It has been impossible to separate speed awareness from public safety, particularly with regard to the School and Playgroup. Concerns about parking outside the School and opposite on the grass verge are a concern. Cllr Chambers was asked by sub. Com Members to raise the issue with the School Govs.

We are now at a point where we have to decide on temporary signage if:-

We want to pursue possible VAS's.

We want to moderate the perceived speeding issues in the villages.

I have been in communication with DCC highways, asking them to comment on the existing signage in the area. They have visited, and found them to be adequate. I have also sort their views on the possibility of temporary signage on the grass verges adjacent to the highway. They said that there was no point with regard to the preparation for VAS's as the overriding requirement was for significant collision history or casualties that could be attribute to speed, or a strong police recommendation after a speed check. The latter may arise following the speed checks that are to be introduced on Lea Shaw. (Let's hope that they will not do the speed checks while Mill Lane is closed and there is less traffic passing through Holloway) we know all this but it does not help with our perceived speed problem.

We have powers under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to erect "Warning signs" on private land, warning of the existence, ie "Signing must have been tried and failed" they should be amenable to this.

So we have suggestions for some sites which may be appropriate. The Sub-committee wishes to try these out and gauge any response. With your agreement, i will draft a proposal on broad terms, to the Highway Authority. The reason for the broad terms is that we need to seek permission from private landowners and, until this is done, exact locations cannot be given.

Also, one of the Sub-committee members suggested that the Playground signage in Lea is not big enough. This could also be submitted to the Highways Authority. The cheapest temporary signage we could obtain is in the range £10 - £20 for anything of substance.

Holt Lane/ Sledgegate Lane corner – i have only received 1 complaint. I have canvassed and can find no real consensus for control action. Therefore, it would seem unnecessary to pursue the matter.

There was some conversation with regard to the poor visibility at the Sleegate Lane/ Lea Main Road junction. Some kind of visual aid was considered a desirable safety feature.

a) Cemetery Committee

Cllrs M Wiser (Chair), S Chambers, M Shields, P Robinson and I Hooker

Terms of reference: "To make recommendations to Full Council on associated matter"

b) Finance Committee

Cllrs M Taaffe-Finn (Chair), I hooker, M Shields

Terms of reference: "To make recommendations to Full Council on associated matter"

c) Planning Committee

Cllrs I Hooker (Chair), M Wiser, M Taaffe-Finn and H Sheppard

Terms of reference: "To make recommendations to Full Council on associated matter"

d) Employment Committee

Cllrs P Robinson, I hooker, J Ward and S Chamber

Terms of reference: "To make recommendations to Full Council on associated matter"

e) Play Area Committee

Cllrs M Taaffe-Finn (Chair), P Robinson, I Hooker, M Wiser and S Chambers

Terms of reference: "To make recommendations to Full Council on associated matter"

f) Risk Assessment Committee

Cllrs M Wiser (Chair), I Hooker and M Taaffe-Finn

Terms of reference: "To make recommendations to Full Council on associated matter"

g) Cheque Signatures

Cllrs M Wiser, I Hooker, M Taaffe-Finn and M Shields

h) Appoint Representatives to Outside Bodies

Resolved: that representatives to be listed below

- **Village Hall Representative** – Cllr M Taaffe-Finn
- **Police Liaison** – Cllr H Sheppard
- **Derwent Valley Mills Partnership** – Cllr I Hooker
- **Memorial Trustees** – Cllrs Mrs J Ward and P Robinson