Dethick Lea and Holloway Parish Council

Chair 2014-15 Locum Clerk to the Council

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Minutes of Dethick, Lea and Holloway Parish Council Meeting held in the Florence Nightingale Hall, Holloway, on the 3rd December, 2014

Present: In the Chair: Councillor Mike Wiser

Councillors: Councillors Steve

Chambers, Herbert Sheppard, Joan Ward, Pete Robinson, Maggie Shields and Barbara

Wright

Also Present: Amber Valley Borough & Councillor David Taylor

Derbyshire County

No members of the public present

In Attendance: Simon Oldham Locum Clerk

2221 Election of Chairman for this meeting

RESOLVED that Councillor Mike Wiser be appointed to Chair the meeting.

2222 Introduction to Locum Clerk

Simon Oldham introduced himself to Members of the Council and advised that he would be pleased to provide temporary support to the Council pending recruitment to the vacant Clerk role on a permanent basis. The Chairman welcomed Barbara Wright the newly appointed Co-opted Member to her first meeting and congratulated Councillor David Taylor on being successfully elected recently as a County Councillor.

2223 Apologies for absence – Councillors Ian Hooker (Chairman) and Mike Taafe-Finn.

2224 Variation of Order of business – None.

Declaration of member's interests – No Member declarations. The Locum Clerk declared an interest in item 13 relating to the permanent recruitment to the vacant Clerk position and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of the item.

2226 Public speaking

Councillor David Taylor advised that he had attended his first meeting at County Hall today following his appointment as County Councillor. He reported that he had arranged for some of the Street lights at Broadholme (2 LED) had been relocated back to Ambergate and the handrail station would be subject to improvements. In his District Councillor role for AVBC, he reported that the Garden Waste Bins was to continue for a further 12 months and a consultation exercise regarding a review of Members Allowances had commenced and further details were available on the website.

2227 To approve & sign the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 5th November. 2014

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 5th November, 2014 be approved as a correct record.

2228 To determine which items, if any of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.

There were no items of confidential business.

2229 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman had no announcements to make.

2230 Projects to Spend the Money in Reserves

Following the capital receipt from the sale of the Woodlands site and the healthy balance in Reserves, Members discussed potential projects worthy of future spending with the possibility of investing around £10000 in a suitable medium/long term investment earmarked for future Cemetery provision.

The following items were put forward.

- A sum in the region of £150 for the erection of "Slow" signs and posts(Cllr Shepherd undertook to provide a costed proposal for the next meeting)
- Attractive/Quality signs on entry to the Village(Cllr Shields undertook to examine costings for the next meeting and Cllr shepherd to examine likely places for their siting)
- Provision of an Allotment site (it was acknowledged that this would need careful consideration. If ultimately viable, explorations of suitable agricultural land would be needed. Cllr Shepherd undertook to make some soundings re potential land)
- Potential joint use of a speed camera perhaps with a neighbouring Parish
- Playgroup gates a potential barrier to prevent children being at risk of

easy/direct access on to the main road. This would require dialogue with the Village Hall, being on their land (Councillor Taafe-Finn be asked to take this forward with the Village Hall Committee)

- Further footpath work in the Memorial Garden (Cllr Ward undertook to provide costings for the next meeting)
- Potential for new play equipment in the Lea Play Area
- Provision of new goal posts (Cllrs Chambers and Robinson to discuss the scope/options and provide likely costings for the next meeting)
- Clearance of brambles around the War Memorial (Cemetery Committee to undertake a site visit to investigate what might be done and Cllr Wright be invited to attend also)

RESOLVED (1) to note the potential projects proposed and the costings being pursued by respective Councillors for consideration at the next meeting and (2) the Locum Clerk be requested to enquire with DALC and the Internal Auditor whether they could recommend any suitable medium/long term investment options of funds to be earmarked for future Cemetery provision.

2231 Council Tax Support Grant

RESOLVED to note the information presented and the reporting by the Locum Clerk that AVBC at their meeting on 12/11/14 had agreed to the staged phasing out of the Council Tax Support Grant to Parishes over the next 3 years, the effects of which for DLH were that this year's grant of £1348 would be removed in phase 1 (on 1/4/15) resulting in an increase in the Band D Council Tax of £3.14 for the next financial year should the Parish Council wish to retain the precept at its current level of £22102.

2232 Meeting Dates – To approve 2015 meeting dates RESOLVED to approve the meeting dates for 2015 as follows:-

All meetings will be held in the Florence Nightingale Memorial Hall on a Wednesday at 7pm unless otherwise stated 7th January, 4th February, 4th March, 1st April, 13th May – Annual Parish Meeting – 6.30pm Held in the Emma Stenson Rooms, 13th May – Annual General Meeting – 7pm, Held in the Emma Stenson Rooms, 3rd June, 1st July, August – No Meeting, 2nd September, 7th October, 4th November and 2nd December.

2233 To agree a date/time and venue for the Employment Committee Selection Panel (minimum of 3 Members) to conduct interviews for the permanent recruitment to the role of Clerk & RFO

RESOLVED that the Employment Committee would provisionally schedule to meet on 12/12/14 to consider and shortlist from the applications received and determine the way forward, dates/times to conduct interviews for the vacant position.

2234 PLANNING Committee or Tree Warden to give their recommendations

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TRE/2014/0167	Prune three birch trees and one oak. Fell one birch tree -
	Prospect House, 72 Church Street, Holloway, Matlock,
	Derbyshire, DE4 5AY- NO OBJECTION
TRE/2014/0168	Remove two pear trees and crown lift three sycamore - Holt
	House, Holt Lane, Lea, Matlock, Derbyshire, DE4 5GQ - NO
	OBJECTION
Decision Notice	Remove garden trees - Hollywell Cottage, Leashaw,
TRE/2014/0138	Holloway, Matlock, Derbyshire, DE4 5AT- NOTED
– GRANTED	
20/11/14	

2235 FINANCIAL MATTERS - Approve and sign the following cheques RESOLVED that approval be given to the following payments:-

Cheque No 2084	Cobley Engineering	£1986.00
Cheque No 2085	KeptKleen – Toilet cleaning wk's	£120.00
	40,41,42,43 & 44	
Cheque No 2086,	Employee Costs including HMRC	£1003.90
2087 & 2088		
Clerks Expenses		
Mileage	20 @ 0.45/mile	£9.00
	Total	£9.00
Wardens		
Expenses		
Mileage	7 @ 0.469	£3.28
Texts	2 @ 10p	£0.20
2 Pairs of gloves &	2@ £2	£4.00
safety masks		
	Total	£7.48
DD	British Gas – toilets	£12.13
	TOTAL	£3138.51

2236 Income – Receipt of two Interment applications @£350, one @ £100 and a Memorial application @ £20 – Noted.

2237 Monthly bank reconciliation for October, 2014 – Noted.

2238	EMAILS SENT TO COUNCIL MEMBERS – Noted		
	30.10.14	AVBC	Council Tax Grant – phased reduction in grant
	30.10.14	Derbyshire Eco- Centre	Workshop 'The History and Mystery of Public Rights of Way'
	05.11.14	PC Dave Chambers	Report of chairs being stolen from Lea

		Wood and graffiti being sprayed on a caravan on Holme Close
05.11.14	DALC	Circular 23/2014
17.11.14	AVBC	Consultation – Whole Council Elections for Amber Valley Borough Council
17.11.14	AVBC	Cemetery Operatives Training Course
17.11.14	DALC	Circular 24/2014
18.11.14	AVBC	Decision notices for planning applications for TRE/2014/0125, TRE/2014/0134 and TRE/2014/0136
18.11.14	AVBC	Important information regarding consultation – whole Council elections for AVBC
26.11.14	DCC	Extended road closure - Lea Road, Cromford from its junction with access road to Cromford Rail Station to its junction with access road to High Peak Junction car park

2239	LETTERS SENT – Noted			
	10.11.14	Resident	Responses to the letter received from a resident regarding the noise at Garden Farm	
	10.11.14	DDDC	Forwarding the letter of complaint regarding the noise at Garden Farm	
	10.11.14	AVBC	Forwarding the letter of complaint regarding the noise at Garden Farm	

2240 Agenda Items for the meeting on the 7th January, 2015 Costings for potential projects identified for funding from Council Reserves Process and Timeline for setting the Precept

2241 Date of next Parish Council meeting – Wednesday 7th January, 2015 at 7.00pm in the Florence Nightingale Memorial Hall

Meeting closed at 8.00pm