

Dethick, Lea & Holloway Parish Council

Chair 2019-20

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MINUTES – 4 December 2019

Minutes of Dethick, Lea and Holloway Parish Council Meeting held in the Florence Nightingale Memorial Hall, Yew Tree Hill, Holloway on Wednesday 4 December 2019.

Councillors: I Hooker (Chair)

S Crossley

C Manze

A McDonald

A O'Neil

J Stevenson

P Ward

Also present: T Walker (Parish Clerk)

Cllr David Taylor (Borough/County Council)

3504. To receive apologies for absence – Cllr Hannath and Cllr Wright

3505. To consider motions for variations of business – None

3506. Declaration of member's interests at meeting

Councillor Hooker declared a personal interest in Item 16 Financial Matters (Cheque 2572) and in Item 15 – Planning Matters (TRE/2019/0585) and indicated that he would remain in the meeting, but not participate in any discussions or vote.

Councillor Stevenson declared a personal interest in Item 15 – Planning Matters (TRE/2019/0579) and indicated that she would remain in the meeting but not participate in any discussions or vote.

Councillor Ward declared a personal interest in Item 15 – Planning Matters (TRE/2019/0585) and indicated that she would remain in the meeting but not participate in any discussions or vote.

3507. Public Speaking

Cllr Taylor congratulated the clerk on being runner up for Derbyshire clerk of the year. An update on Derbyshire County Council (DCC) was given. DCC is taking climate change seriously and have pledged to be carbon neutral by 2032. An update on Amber Valley Borough Council was given. A paper has been produced regarding the Local Plan, but there was little on it. There are no houses down to be built on green belt land. However, the sooner the Neighbourhood Plan is in place, the better. A report has been produced regarding tree planting in the borough. An announcement regarding Babington Hospital in Belper will be made around 17th December.

3508. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 6 November 2019

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes as a true record

3509. To determine which items, if any of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded - None

3510. Chairman's Announcements

- A Christmas get-together is proposed at Cllr Hooker's house. Councillors, the clerk and partners are invited. Date TBC
- A volunteer was sought to do a reading at the carol service at Christ Church on Sunday 22nd December 2019 at 6.30pm.
- The Christmas light switch-on is Tue 10th December 2019 at 6pm.
- Cllr Stevenson was thanked for tidying leaves from around the holly hedge and for meeting with the hedge cutting contractor to deal with some quality issues.

3511. Consider Budget and Precept 2020/21

Cllr Hooker presented the comments and recommendations put forward by the Finance Working Group regarding the draft budget and precept 2020/21 and the different options were discussed. There were two version of the draft budget put forward by the working group for discussion. Version 3 was based on a 2% precept increase and Version 4 was based on a 3% precept increase. The clerk highlighted that the precept information containing the 2020/21 tax base figure had not yet been received from AVBC, so the exact amounts raised following any increase would therefore not be known. Each line of the draft budget was also disused and different options considered. Cllr Manze said that during recent DALC training, delegates were told that for transparency, the preference was to have a Finance Committee rather than a Finance Working Group because members of the public can attend. Cllr Hooker highlighted that there there was no obligation for the parish council to accept anything put forward by the working group.

RESOLVED: (1) For the clerk to contact DALC and to clarify the situation regarding working groups and committees. (2) To agree to adopt version 4 of the Draft Budget 2020/21 with a 3% precept increase.

3512. Consider taking over responsibility for the defibrillator from the DLH Women's Institute

Cllr Hooker explained that the defibrillator was purchased by DLH Women's Institute from the Community Heartbeat Trust and the cost of maintenance is approximately £40 every 2 years to replace pads and around £5 to replace batteries. The defibrillator has to be checked once per month to ensure the battery is charged.

RESOLVED: To take over the responsibility for the defibrillator from the DLH Women's Institute

3513. To approve parish council meeting dates to May 2021 (as previously circulated)

RESOLVED: To approve parish council meeting dates to May 2021 listed below:-

2020

Tuesday 7th January 2020 – 7pm - (Due to Bank Holiday on 1/1/20 and hall not available 8/1/20 & 9/1/20)

Wednesday 5/2/20 – 7pm – Already agreed Minute 3274

Wednesday 4/3/20 – 7pm – Already agreed Minute 3274

Wednesday 1/4/20 – 7pm – Already agreed Minute 3274

Wednesday 6/5/20 – 6.30pm (Annual Parish Meeting) – Already agreed Minute 3274

Wednesday 6/5/20 – 7.00pm (Annual Parish Council Meeting) – Already agreed Minute 3274

Wednesday 3/6/20 – 7pm

No Meeting in July 2020

Wednesday 5/8/20 – 7pm

Wednesday 2/9/20 – 7pm

Wednesday 7/10/20 – 7pm

Wednesday 4/11/20 – 7pm

Wednesday 2/12/20 – 7pm

2021

Wednesday 6/1/21 – 7pm

Wednesday 3/2/21 – 7pm

Wednesday 3/3/21 – 7pm

Wednesday 7/4/21 – 7pm

Wednesday 5/5/21 – 6.30pm (Annual Parish Meeting)

Wednesday 5/5/21 - 7.00pm (Annual Parish Council Meeting)

3514. Update on Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Hooker gave an update. AVBC have provided details of three possible examiners for the Neighbourhood Plan. The preferred choice of the Steering Committee will be known by the end of the week and AVBC will be informed.

3515. Update on Community Speedwatch

Two training sessions have taken place with a total of 13 volunteers. The trainer was very enthusiastic. Sites now need to be suggested and submitted to Freddie. Sites can be visited more frequently than 2 weeks. Equipment has now arrived and the next stage is roadside training to demonstrate how to use the speedgun and record speeds.

3516. Consider feedback from residents on how the parish council could improve communication with the community

No feedback received.

3517. Consider participation in the Village WhatsApp Group and the appointment of a councillor responsible for parish council posts

Cllr Crossley volunteered to post key information on the Village WhatsApp Group.

3518. Planning Matters – Planning applications for consideration

TRE/2019/0579	<p>16 The Hollins Holloway Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5BA Copper beech in yard of 16 The Hollins. Also, Yew hedge. Beech tree and the Yew hedging can be seen on aerial photographs in Google. Both are immediately behind the stone walls. Previous requests for pruning so should be able to see diagrams etc. As previously I wish to prune back the beech to circa 4.5 metres and thin the crown to retain a beech shape and to take branches away from telephone lines. I also wish to prune the Yew hedge (retain width across property but reduce depth on path on the Hollins and private road) and other hedges around the perimeter of our property in order to take this away from interfering with pedestrians.</p> <p>COMMENT: No objection</p>
TRE/2019/0585	<p>Brook Cottage Unnamed Road from Lea Bridge to Lea Wood Lea Bridge Matlock DE4 5AA Four leylandii conifers in close proximity to each other, two large the other two small, situated near the wall in the South East corner of the garden. See site survey and marked in red. Need to be removed as they overshadow the garden and are excessive in size being in close proximity also to Badgers Wharf and Hatters Mill drive/access. Their removal will enable the silver birch to flourish.</p> <p>COMMENT: No objection</p>

3519. Financial Matters

(a) Expenditure – To approve the following payments

Cheque No.	Payee & Details		Total
2568	<p>Clerk Wages - November - 52.143 hours (Net) Use of home as office – November</p> <p>Mileage: 46 miles @ £0.45 31/10/19 Home/Holloway/Home (23 miles) 6/11/19 Home/Holloway/Home (23 miles)</p> <p>Vonage - Parish phone line Line rental & Broadband contribution Reimbursement for postage stamps High Viz Jackets for Speedwatch Printer cartridge</p>	<p>£615.66</p> <p>£20.70</p> <p>£12.25 £11.75 £21.96 £71.27 £75.85</p>	£829.44
2569	<p>HMRC Income Tax / NI (November) including employer's contribution to NI</p>		£159.83

2570	Keptkleen Ltd –Toilet cleaning – Invoice 1383		£124.80
2571	Fox Grounds Maintenance – Grass cutting Inv. 5382: Lea Rec – Month 8 Inv. 5393: Holloway Cemetery – Cuts 10 & 11	£175.70 £672.00	£847.70
2572	William I Hooker - Reimbursement for Christmas Trees		£120.00
DD	British Gas – Electricity for toilets (10/10/19)		£7.49

Void / cancelled cheques: None

RESOLVED: To approve payments as listed above

(b) Income - Noted

Ref No.	From / Details	Amount
100698	Additional inscription fee	£20.00
BACS	Monthly interest from Nat West Account (31/10/19)	£5.34

Void / cancelled paying in slips: None

(c) To note Bank Reconciliation & Financial Summary Report (Previously circulated) - Noted

3520. To consider Derbyshire Association of Local Council's Circulars (Previously circulated by Email) - Noted

DALC Ref	Details
Email	IOSH Managing Safely Course 23rd, 27th & 30th January 2020
Email	Clerk Essential Training Course - 10 December 2019 10 - 1pm - DALC Office Cromford
Circ 12-2019	AGM & Excellence Awards update - Children's Funeral Fund - National Audit Office consultation - NALC respond to deployment of 5G - Security of Data - HR Advice - Stores from the county

3521. To consider items of correspondence (Previously circulated by E-mail) - Noted

From	Details
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AVBC Monitoring Officer	Members' Code of Conduct - Register of Interests - Annual Reminder Letter
AVBC	Registers of Members' Interests
AVBC	Committee Papers for Full Council
Monitoring Officer AVBC	General Election 2019 - Purdah - Prohibitions and Guidance on Publicity
AVBC	Amber Valley Business affected by flooding
DLH Together	Speedwatch Funding
AVBC	Committee Papers for Improvement & Scrutiny Committee
DCC	Record Office Consultation
DCC	Temporary Road Closure: Church Street, Holloway
Robin Road	Robin Road App Platform

DCC	Community Safety Clean Up
RAD	How to Celebrate Village Halls Week 2020
DCC	Annual Report and Minutes of AGM
DCC	DRO opening hours consultation
AVBC	Committee Papers for Licensing Panel
Derbyshire Law Centre	EU Settlement Scheme Project
AVBC	Committee Papers for Cabinet
DCC	Your Council Your Voice survey
DCC	Launch of the Digital MOT Service
DCC	Footpath from Mill Lane to Public Footpath No 43 - Parish of Dethick, Lea and Holloway) Modification order 2018
DCC	Temporary Closure of Footpath 40 Dethick, Lea & Holloway and Footpath 22 Wirksworth
DCC	December 2020 timetable consultation is now open (Train)
AVBC	Safer Amber Valley Newsletter
DCC	Mobile Library Routes

3522. Articles for submission to the parish magazine - None

3523. Agenda items for the next meeting on Tuesday 7th January 2020 - None suggested

Meeting closed: 8.22 pm

Note that the date of the next meeting is Tuesday 7th January 2020. This is a change to the normal pattern of meetings.