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MINUTES – 3 June 2020

Minutes of Dethick, Lea and Holloway Parish Council meeting held by video conference on Wednesday 3 June 2020.

Councillors: P Ward (Chair)
S Crossley
S Hannath
A McDonald
A O'Neil
J Stevenson
B Wright

Also present: T Walker (Parish Clerk & RFO)

3672. To receive apologies for absence - None

3673. To consider motions for variations of business - None

3674. Declaration of member's interests at meeting - None

3675. Public Speaking - None

3676. To approve and authorise the Clerk to sign the amended minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 17 April 2020

RESOLVED: To approve and authorise the Clerk to sign the minutes as a true record.
Vote: 6 for / 1 against.

3677. To approve and authorise the Clerk to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 6 May 2020

RESOLVED: To approve and authorise the Clerk to sign the minutes as a true record.

3678. To determine which items, if any of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded - None

3679. Chairman's Announcements

Cllr Ward explained that she had attended the Chair's catch up meeting and remote meetings are authorised until May 2021. However, NALC is looking at the possibility of continuing to use video conferencing after that and possibly having blended meetings made up of people in attendance and participating remotely.

The Playgroup reopening 8 June in the village hall. There will be a maximum of 15 children and there will be various safeguards in place.

Volunteers are looking at making postcards out of sections of the Florence Nightingale poster to sell on behalf of NHS charities.

3680. To consider a request to reserve a burial plot on the basis that a request was made in 2012 and was not dealt with before the option to reserve grave spaces was removed in December 2016 – Cllr Wright

Cllr Wright explained the background to the request and the matter was discussed.

RESOLVED: To agree to the request to reserve a plot, but charge the non-resident rate. Vote: 5 for / 1 abstention / 1 against.

3681. To appoint Internal Auditor for 2020/21

RESOLVED: To appoint B Wood as Internal Auditor for 2020/21.

3682. Update on Covid-19 Crisis

Cllr Ward gave an update. The Community Support Group is still busy with the delivery of essential supplies and prescriptions as well as giving moral support and will continue as long as needed. Cllr Crossley confirmed that as far as she was aware the group had now become a registered charity and financial accounts would need to be submitted at the end of each financial year.

3683. Update – Undesignated footpaths – Cllr Stevenson

Cllr Stevenson gave an update and confirmed she had been contacted by a parishioner about a footpath through Swine Park Wood, Patchett Wood and around Lea. However, some objections have been received and it's down to people who walk the paths to come forward with support. Cllr O'Neil explained that she had been contacted by a resident from Lea who was concerned that landowners are being antagonised. The owner has always been happy for people to walk through Swine Park Woods and not stick to the path, but this could change as a result. Cllr Wright reiterated similar concerns received from the landowner and indicated that there is a risk of access to the path being restricted. Cllr Stevenson confirmed that the request had been put forward by a parishioner who is keen for the footpath to be designated. Cllr Hannath pointed out that we have until 2026 to designate a footpath, after which time the opportunity may be lost.

RESOLVED: To add this matter to the August PC agenda.

3684. Update – Handrail at Holme Close – Cllr Hannath

Cllr Hannath gave an update and confirmed the grant fund has run out of money.

RESOLVED: Not to take forward the handrail.

3685. Cost of garden waste in Amber Valley - Cllr Ward

Cllr Ward explained some residents are not happy with the cost of the AVBC scheme where you pay £20 for the bin then £40 per year, whereas in Derbyshire Dales and Derby City the service is free. Cllr Wright highlighted issues with the service and frequency.

RESOLVED: Clerk to write to AVBC and Cllr Taylor to question the cost compared with other areas.

3686. Update - Hard standing bus platform, drainage gullies and pavement condition on Leashaw – Cllr Crossley

Cllr Crossley confirmed the drainage gullies have all been done. With regard to the Pavement condition, DCC have confirmed that the footpath would benefit from resurfacing and this will be done when finances are available. DCC have looked at the provision of a hard-standing platform for disabled access at the bus stop but this was not possible due to limited space and site restrictions. Also, there are no alternative locations available.

RESOLVED: For the Clerk to write to DCC and ask if a hard-standing base could be provided at the bus stop with dropped kerbs using the what space is available.

3687. Update - Florence Nightingale Anniversary

Cllr O'Neil gave an update following a meeting of the Community Working Group. Potential sites were discussed for the commemorative sign and what permissions would be required. RH has come forward with some quotes and the cost is between £1100-£1500. Funding was also discussed. A further meeting is planned in the coming weeks. The Clerk confirmed that Cllr Taylor has said that he will provide funding for the project. DLH Together are discussing the request for funding in June. Cllr Hannath highlighted that there was some confusion over who is dealing with what, so it would be better to have separate items on future agendas. Quotations and designs have been forwarded to Cllr Taylor.

As well as the Florence Nightingale item, an update on items 17 and 19 was given and it was confirmed that Cllr Crossley had offered to take on the role of Climate Change Champion

RESOLVED: (1) For the Community Working to progress the commemorative signs and for the Clerk to progress the Holloway gateway signs. (2) For these to be added to the August agenda as separate items. (3) To note that Cllr Crossley has taken on the role of Climate Change Champion.

3688. Update – Climate Change / Green Electricity Supply to Public Toilets

The Clerk explained that the current supplier is British Gas and 56% is from renewable energy, which is above the UK average of 33%. Currently, the parish council is in a contract until 26/11/21, so switching options will be looked at in November 2021.

RESOLVED: For the Clerk to look at switching options in November 2021.

3689. Update on Community Speedwatch

Cllr O'Neil confirmed that Speedwatch is still suspended in line with other groups. However, CREST have been contacted to see if they could carry out speed checks as an alternative.

3690. Community Working Group Meeting Feedback – Cllr O'Neil

Update given as part of Florence Nightingale Anniversary item

3691. Update - Closure of Lea Road (Between Lea Bridge & Cromford)

No further update received.

3692. Discharge of waste into Lea Brook – Cllr Ward

Cllr Ward explained that a resident had raised concerns about a discharge of waste into Lea Brook above the bridge on Fridays around 9.30pm, which creates bubbles similar to detergent, further downstream, along with a green discolouration. The resident has reported it to the Environment Agency, but the problem is still occurring. It appears to be coming from the direction of the John Smedley factory.

RESOLVED: For the Clerk to highlight the issue to the Environment Agency.

3693. Consider idea put forward by a resident to clear the view from Church Street up to the War Memorial – Cllr Ward

RESOLVED: Not to take forward the suggestion to clear a view.

3694. Consider Enforcement Notice Decision - Yew Tree Inn

Cllr Ward explained that AVBC will be re-issuing a revised planning enforcement notice. The main problem the inspector had was identifying where the car parking areas were. Cllr Crossley confirmed the application was quashed. When AVBC submitted the enforcement notice they did not clearly identify what areas were being used as garden and which areas were previous car parking areas. To date, the Friends of the Yew Tree group have been in touch with CAMRA and Cllr Taylor to say they want AVBC to re-submit the enforcement notice, but in line with what the inspector would expect.

The location of car parking areas was discussed as well as the location of the old telephone kiosk and whether some areas are common land. It was mentioned that telephone kiosks are not normally placed on private land. Historic photos were mentioned as a way of identifying previous car park areas. Methods of establishing who owns land was also discussed. Cllr Crossley confirmed that she would take the information and suggestions to the group.

3695. Consider dropped kerb access issue on Church Street (near the Chapel) – Cllr Stevenson

Cllr Stevenson explained that a dropped kerb on Church Street has been put back as a normal kerb and that this has removed a wheelchair crossing point. Cllr Stevenson confirmed that she has contacted DCC about this and is waiting for a response. Cllr Wright said that the kerb was put back in to prevent flooding.

3696. Update on report of blocked drain on Church Street – Cllr Stevenson

Cllr Stevenson confirmed that she has reported the matter and is awaiting a response.

3697. Planning Matters – Planning applications for consideration

AVA/2020/0413	The Shay Field Dethick Lane Dethick Matlock Derbyshire Proposed new agricultural shelter & storage building with access track to support the use of the land in the keeping and raising of livestock. COMMENT: The Parish Council feel that the size of the building is disproportionate to the needs of the operation and that it should be located in a less prominent position. (Vote: 6 for / 1 abstention)
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CW3/0320/83	Matlock Sewage Treatment Works (STW), Lea Road, Matlock Installation of new odour control infrastructure and associated temporary works. COMMENT: The Parish Council supports the proposed improvements.
TRE/2020/0692	Yew Tree Inn Yew Tree Hill Holloway Matlock DE4 5AR Works to yew tree COMMENT: No objection
TRE/2020/0687	Blacksmith Cottage Main Road Lea Matlock DE4 5GJ Fell Ash and Norway Spruce COMMENT: No objection

3698. Financial Matters

(a) Expenditure – To approve the following payments

Cheque No.	Payee & Details		Total
2603	Clerk Wages - May- 52.143 hours (Net) Use of home as office – May 27 Additional hours (approved 6/5/20) Mileage: 24 miles @ £0.45 7/5/20 Home/Lea Bridge/Home (24 miles) Vonage - Parish phone line Line rental & Broadband contribution Zoom Video Communications (monthly) inc VAT	£889.79 £10.80 £13.25 £11.50 £14.39	£939.73
2604	HMRC Income Tax / NI (May) including employer's contribution to NI		£328.20
2605	AVBC – Playground inspection at Holt Lane		£42.00
2606	Keptkleen Ltd –Toilet cleaning – Invoice 1492		£134.40
2607	Community Heartbeat Trust – Replacement Battery for Defibrillator		£223.20
2608	Royal Mail – PO Box Address - £293.75 plus VAT		£352.50
2609	Clerk Wages – June - 52.143 hours (Net) Use of home as office – June		£619.86
2610	HMRC Income Tax / NI (June) including employer's contribution to NI		£153.83
DD	British Gas – electricity at toilets (3/4/20)		£5.69

Void / cancelled cheques: None

RESOLVED: To approve payments as listed above.

(b) Income - Noted

Ref No.	From / Details	Amount
BACS	Monthly interest from Nat West Account (30/4/20)	£3.36
100699	Rent for land off Lea Moor Road, Lea	£40.00
AVBC	Precept – Payment 1 of 2	£11,871.00
BACS	VAT refund for 2019/20	£1,478.46
BACS	Compensation from NatWest Bank following complaint	£100.00

Void / cancelled paying in slips: None

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

3699. To consider Derbyshire Association of Local Council's Circulars (Previously circulated by Email) - Noted

DALC Ref	Details
Email	Control setting for online meetings
Email	Climate Emergency - Derbyshire's next steps?
Email	May 2020 Newsletter - Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

3700. To consider items of correspondence (Previously circulated by E-mail) - Noted

From	Details
DCC	Applications for hanging baskets and floral decorations
DCC	Community News 1 May
DCC	Update – Mill Lane Closure
ClearLead Consulting Ltd	Amber Valley Borough Local Plan Sustainability Appraisal Consultation
AVBC	TRE/2020/0673 - Tree works at Lea Recreation Grounds
AVBC	TRE/2020/0672 – Tree works at Holloway Cemetery
DCC	Derwent Valley Line Update 13 May 2020
AVBC	Business grant application information
Parish Magazine Editor	Copy date
DCC	Bus stop on Leashaw
Citizens Advice Derbyshire Districts	Coronavirus Impact Report (7 May 2020)
DCC	Emergency Road Closure: Bracken Lane, Holloway
DCC	Public Footpath 8 Dethick, Lea & Holloway - Speeding cyclists - DCC Ref. 8249293
AVBC	Enforcement Notice Decision - Yew Tree inn, Yew Tree Hill, Holloway, Matlock, Derbyshire
DCC	Community Newsletter - 18 May
Citizens Advice Derbyshire Districts	Coronavirus Impact Report (26 May 2020)
DCC	Temporary Road Closure: Littlemoor Lane, Riber

Zurich Insurance	Coronavirus: Risk Guidance and Support
AVBC	COVID - Amber Valley Update 26 May 20
DCC	Condition of Footpath 20 near Lea Green DCC Ref. 8249295
Rural Action Derbyshire	Phased Re-opening of Village & Community Halls

3701. Articles for the parish magazine, parish council website or village website

RESOLVED: For the Clerk to put forward the advert for Cllr Vacancies and for Cllr Ward to put forward an item regarding the Florence Nightingale signs.

3702. Agenda items for the next meeting on Wednesday 5 August 2020

Consider asking DCC provide an access to footpath 42 (from Doctors Surgery to Lea Wood) – Cllr Hannath

Meeting closed: 9.10pm