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MINUTES – 3 March 2021

Minutes of Dethick, Lea and Holloway Parish Council meeting held by video conference on Wednesday 3 March 2021.

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

Also present: T Walker (Parish Clerk & RFO)
3 members of the public

3918. To receive apologies for absence – Cllr Taylor (DCC/AVBC)

3919. To consider motions for variations of business - None

3920. Declaration of member's interests at meeting - None

3921. Public Speaking – None

3922. To approve and authorise the clerk to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2021

RESOLVED: To approve and authorise the Clerk to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2021

3923. To determine which items, if any of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded - None

3924. Chair's Announcements

- There has been an incident in Derbyshire where a defibrillator failed due to extremely cold weather. Ours is stored in a heated cabinet, so this shouldn't be an issue. Mr Hooker kindly checks the unit on a weekly basis and carries out maintenance. 'The Circuit' is where all defibrillators can be registered and this is something that we could look at to make sure ours is registered on there.
- A new defibrillator has recently been installed at High Peak Junction.

- The Chair thanked Cllr McDonald, Cllr Crossley and their partners for the planting of crocuses on the village green, which are now coming into flower. Cllr Stevenson and Cllr McDonald were also thanked for their recent work in the Memorial Grounds.
- The Census is going to be held on 21/3/21 and the community should be encouraged to complete their questionnaire. This will be online, but paper copies can be requested.
- There is a consultation in relation to a boundary review of wards, which is looking at making a possible reduction of 3 councillors within the whole of Derbyshire. There is also a possible of the Alport ward changing. The Chair suggested that the planning working group and the NP group could get together to consider a draft response for consideration at the next PC meeting. Residents are also encouraged to complete the online survey.
- An informal consultation is ongoing about the Crich quarry development.
- The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 5 May 2021 at 6.30pm, prior to the Annual Parish Council meeting and members of the public are encouraged to attend.

3925. Consider whether to opt for basic or enhanced DALC subscription for 2021/22

RESOLVED: To opt for the basic subscription at £265.62.

3926. Consider adopting the Draft DLH Social Media Policy

RESOLVED: To adopt the Social Media policy as previously circulated.

3927. Consider a response to the Amber Valley Employment Land Review 2021

RESOLVED: To respond with the following: The Dethick, Lea and Holloway Neighbourhood Plan, due to have its delayed referendum in May 2021, states our policies for the local economy. It encourages working from home and small-scale enterprises, whilst ensuring that our parish, which already has many statutory protections, continues to be protected from unwanted development.

3928. Consider whether to proceed with the proposed installation of a basketball hoop at Lea recreation ground and consider location and quotations – Lea Rec & Play Area Working Group

RESOLVED: To temporarily suspend Standing Orders whilst a member of the public asked a question about the proposed surface for the basketball hoop.

RESOLVED: (1) To proceed with the basketball hoop and surfacing. (2) For the clerk to submit a planning application to AVBC. (3) For Cllr O'Neil to obtain the necessary quotations for consideration at a future parish council meeting, after planning permission is obtained.

3929. Complaint about the condition of footpath 41, 42 and 47 – Cllr Dewhirst

This item was discussed at length and it was highlighted that footpaths were the responsibility of Derbyshire County Council.

RESOLVED: (1) For the parish council to actively report footpath issues to DCC and publicise their details. (2) For both Cllr Dewhirst and the clerk to report the three footpaths to DCC.

3930. Missing stepping stone across Lea Brook DLH Footpath 24 where it joins Matlock Footpath 100 – Cllr Farnsworth

It was confirmed that the clerk had already reported this matter to DCC.

3931. Footpath fingerpost in poor condition - Bracken Lane DLH Footpath 30 – Cllr Farnsworth

It was confirmed that the clerk had already reported this matter to DCC.

3932. Road surface breaking up – Bracken Lane at the junction with Thorpe Croft – Cllr Farnsworth

It was confirmed that the clerk had already reported this matter to DCC. Cllr Crossley highlighted that the cracks in the pavement on Leashaw were now even worse and needed attention. The problem had previously been reported to DCC in March 2020.

RESOLVED: Clerk to contact DCC for an update on the pavement on Leashaw.

3933. Flooding and debris washed onto road surface - Lea Main Road

RESOLVED: Clerk to report flooding and debris issue to DCC and copy in Cllr Taylor.

3934. Consider whether to proceed with the annual play area inspection from AVBC - £37 plus VAT

RESOLVED: To proceed with the inspection by AVBC at a cost of £37 plus VAT.

3935. Request for grit bin to be refilled - Church Street, Lea (outside Lea Primary School)

Cllr Stevenson offered to obtain the grit and refill the grit bin as this would be far cheaper than the quote from DCC.

3936. Consider correspondence received in relation to a parish warden

A detailed discussion took place and the reasons for deleting the parish warden post were discussed. The warden duties included maintaining the cemetery and strimming footpaths when time allowed. It was highlighted that sweeping pavements and the removal of dog fouling was not part of the role. The use of contractors and volunteers is working well and is a far cheaper option.

RESOLVED: Not to pursue the suggestion of reinstating a Parish Warden post and to respond to both residents accordingly.

3937. Consider correspondence received about dog fouling and a request for dog poo bag dispensers and dog waste bins

It was acknowledged that dog fouling was an ongoing problem and there was a need for dog owners to pick up after their dogs. AVBC are responsible for enforcement and the provision of dog waste bins. It was reiterated that dog waste can be disposed of in normal waste bins, as well as dog waste bins. The parish council is not equipped for the disposal of dog waste. Cllr Wright explained that she had been in touch with the

dog warden and environmental services to request support. Cllr Crossley also confirmed that she had contacted AVBC on the matter.

RESOLVED: Clerk to write to AVBC again to request more dog poo bins, as this continues to be an issue and advise the resident of action taken.

3938. Update – Climate Change Working Group and consider printing costs for questionnaire (£52.31) – Cllr Crossley

The editor of the parish magazine was thanked for including the questionnaire with the latest edition of the magazine. DLH gardening group and the village website were thanked. The results from the questionnaire will help decide the group's priorities.

RESOLVED: To approve the printing costs for the Climate Change Working Group's questionnaire at a cost of £52.31.

3939. Update - Floral planter for Church Street - Cllr Stevenson

The planter is on order, but the licence from AVBC is still awaited.

3940. Update - Provision of a new access path at the southern end of the cemetery - Cemetery & Memorial Grounds Working Group

Cllr Stevenson gave an update. The order has been placed with the contractor, but a response has not been received as yet. The clerk highlighted the need for the contractor to be made aware of burials so that work can be suspended when these are taking place. Also, equipment and materials will need to be kept clear of graves.

3941. Consider draft press release for Florence Nightingale information board and gateway signs

RESOLVED: To approve the press release for circulation when all signs are in place.

3942. Update on Holloway gateway signs for Florence Nightingale Anniversary and consider remaining funds

The clerk confirmed that the signs have still not yet been ordered, as the Objects Licence is still awaited from DCC. This has been chased up.

RESOLVED: To return the unused grant funding of £129.28 to DCC/Cllr D Taylor.

3943. Update on Neighbourhood Plan Referendum and consider funding for banner and flyers – Cllr Ward

It was confirmed that the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum is planned for 6 May 2021.

RESOLVED: To approve the ordering of 2 banners and 445 flyers for promoting the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum.

3944. To continue with the meeting beyond 9pm

RESOLVED: To continue with the meeting beyond 9pm in order to conclude all business on the agenda.

3945. Consider contacting AVBC planning enforcement regarding Lea Hurst polytunnel – Cllr Farnsworth

RESOLVED: Clerk to write to AVBC planning enforcement to obtain an update.

3946. Planning Matters – Planning applications for consideration

TRE/2021/0900 - Rolleston Manor Lea Moor Road Lea Derbyshire DE4 5GR

Various tree works.

*** Application withdrawn ***

TRE/2021/0905 - Holt Cottage Holt Lane Lea Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5GQ

T1. Horse Chestnut. Fell. Excessive lean due to suppression by previously removed trees. Suspected lower stem decay however pervasive ivy growth has hindered inspection.

COMMENT: No objection

TRE/2021/0915 - 1 Hollins Wood Close Lea Bridge Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5AD

Reduce small Horse chestnut by 1-2m and reshape. Large old oak reduce over extended branches over garage and shed by 2-3m and reshape. Remove major dead wood from throughout Crown. Reduce Beech in rear garden by 2-3m and reshape. Large oak tree by out outhouse/cabin reduce by 2-3m and reshape. Under the crown of the old oak is another suppressed oak this is to be reduced by 2-3m as well.

COMMENT: No objection

AVA/2021/0157 - Flat The Coach House Main Road Lea Matlock Derbyshire

Removal of condition 2 of AVA/1277/1441 which states 'The proposal shall be occupied as holiday lets and not as independent dwellings'.

COMMENT: The Parish Council object to this planning application on the following grounds: -

1. **Planning Creep.** The proposer wishes to convert the letting terms of three current flats in the converted roofspace of one wing of the Coach House from their status as holiday accommodation into a permanent long-term flat rentals. The PC's concern would be that if the condition imposed in Approval AVA/1988/1441 was removed, then the remaining flats, for indeed the rest of the complex, could be progressively converted into landlord-let tenanted properties amounting to a complete change of use.
2. **Rational for Planning Condition 2.** We understand that the original condition set out in AVA/1988/1441 was applied because the proposed new accommodation was set within an existing commercial site which, at or around this time included a restaurant, an ice-cream parlour and art gallery and thus the holiday let application was judged as complimentary to that provision whereas permanent residence was not. Our understanding is that the site retains its status as a commercial entity as it markets itself not only for holiday lettings but for conference and training activities which are complimented by the variety of on-site accommodation. Any permanent residents would therefore be affected by the surrounding commercial activity. We note that the ownership of the site is also the company registered headquarters of the Stone Soup Community Interest Company which is both a commercial and charitable undertaking. The Application states at Section 4 that, *'the reason for (the imposition of Condition 2) is due to it being close proximity to commercial activity which has not taken place on site now for over 6 years.'* We believe that this misunderstands the reason for the original Condition which was to support the preservation of a site of potential employment and tourist attraction to the area.

That commercial activity takes place there is beyond argument, though the nature of it has changed. In the original application AVA/1988/1441 it states that, *“by virtue of the relationship with adjoining commercial uses and absence of amenity space...it was considered to be unsuitable for occupation as independent dwelling units.”*

3. **Standard of Accommodation.** It is not clear to the PC whether the conversion of the property into holiday lets achieved the standard for permanent living accommodation in terms of independent water/power supplies, sound insulation from neighbouring properties and so on. It is understood that presently the three flats are marketed and are often let to large family groups as they share common downstairs accommodation.
4. **Impact on Lea.** The PC has a concern that the lifting of Condition 2 could have significant impact on the surrounding area, particularly if more of the premises, such as the present shared ground floor space were then divided and converted or other areas of the site. Were this to happen, this would represent a significant change of use in a hamlet like Lea and raise many questions concerning density of occupation, impact on houses opposite, traffic movements, school and medical provision and so on.
5. **Continuance of Employment Opportunities.** The PC is sympathetic to the predicament that many holiday-letters are enduring during the on-going pandemic and hope that there has been some government grant and/or loan support to ameliorate the situation until something akin to normal tourist conditions return. Our general view would be however, that temporary interruptions to business conditions should not overturn planning decisions taken for the long-term. The most material consideration to the PC would be the continuance of employment opportunities for local people that do not involve lengthy journeys. There are almost no other sites in Lea, or the Parish more widely, that are suitable for artisan businesses or local enterprises and the PC would wish to see the possibility for these to remain in play throughout inevitable changes in site ownership. This is, of course, part of the rationale for Community Interest enterprises whose whole purpose is to assume responsibility for pubs, village shops or workspaces in order to promote employment opportunities.
6. **Establishing Precedent.** There is a growing infrastructure of ‘lodges’ and temporary holiday accommodation buildings in and around the Parish and permission for more is currently being made in the Parish. It would also be a concern to the PC that a precedent may be set for the wholesale conversion of this level of accommodation to permanent living accommodation even though their location, facilities and access may only be marginally appropriate for permanent residence.

Vote: 7 for / 1 against

3947. Financial Matters

(a) Expenditure – To approve the following payments

Cheque No.	Payee & Details		Total
2650	Clerk		£702.00

	Wages – February - 52.143 hours (Net) Use of home as office – February	£636.51	
	Mileage: 46 miles @ £0.45 24/1/21 Home/Holloway/Home (23 miles) 6/2/21 Home/Holloway/Home (23 miles)	£20.70	
	Vonage - Parish phone line	£13.25	
	Line rental & Broadband contribution	£11.50	
	Zoom Video Communications (monthly) inc VAT	£14.39	
	Stationery – envelopes and tape	£5.65	
2651	HMRC Income Tax / NI (February) including employer's contribution to NI		£160.91
2652	Keptkleen Ltd –Toilet cleaning Invoice No 1603		£134.40
2653	Nibra Signs Ltd – Installation of Florence Nightingale Information Board (additional payment due to error on previous cheque 2648)		£30.00
2654	DALC – Councillor Essentials Training 2/2/21 – Cllr Farnsworth		£50.00
2655	DLH Together – Return unused funds (FN Project)		£250.00
2656	The Greenaway Workshop - Printing costs for Climate Change Working Group questionnaire		£52.31
DD	British Gas – Electricity for toilets (18/1/21)		£10.89

Void / cancelled cheques:

Cheque No. 2649 – DLHPC (Opening balance for Unity Trust Bank). Cancelled as no longer required - Noted

RESOLVED: To approve payments as listed above.

(b) Income - Noted

Ref No.	From / Details	Amount
BACS	Monthly interest from Nat West Account (29/1/21)	£0.25
100713	Exclusive Rights & Interment fee	£230.00
100714	Memorial fee	£100.00
100715	Memorial fee and vase fee	£175.00
BACS	Florence Nightingale project - DLH Together funding	£250.00

Void / cancelled paying in slips: None

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

3948. To consider Derbyshire Association of Local Council's Circulars (Previously circulated by Email) - Noted

Details
Training courses for 2021
Guidance on the Possible Return to In Person meetings

Clerks' Forum and Chairs' Forum - Wednesday 10 February - Reminder
How to Conquer Town & Parish Council Accounting & Stop Worrying - Training Webinar - 3 March 2021 - 10am - 11.30am
DIS 981 and Funding Bulletin
Notes from the forums on Wednesday.
Notes from meeting with MHCLG regarding playgrounds
DALC Invoice (SI-2600) for £420.62, due on 01/05/2021

3949. To consider items of correspondence (Previously circulated by E-mail) - Noted

From	Details
DCC	"Make inside feel better"
DCC	Derby and Derbyshire COVID-19 Vaccination Programme - Stakeholder Bulletin #21
DCC	Derbyshire Mental Health Network Newsletter
AV Community Voice	Amber Valley Community Champions Update
DCC	Updated Feeding Derbyshire Newsletter
DCC	Mens Mental Health Matters Survey
DCC	Heanor Community Conversations
DCC	29 January - News from Derbyshire County Council, update on our community testing centres, continue to stay at home and find out more about ShopAppy
DDCAB	Coronavirus Impact Report [Citizens Advice Derbyshire Districts - January 2021]
AVBC	Committee Papers for Cabinet
DCC	Derby and Derbyshire COVID-19 Vaccination Programme - Stakeholder Bulletin #22
DCC	Time to Talk day - Thursday 4th February
DCC	DCA Newsletter
DCC	Word on the Street - January Edition
DCC	Community News
PCC	PCC Hardyal Dhindsa's Vulnerability Grant
DCC	Covid Campaign
DCC	Derby and Derbyshire COVID-19 Vaccination Programme - Stakeholder Bulletin #23
DCC	Mentell: Time to Talk Webinar (Thursday 1pm)
DCC & AVBC	Joined Up Care Derbyshire Newsletter
PCC	Meet Your Commissioner online Amber Valley Wednesday 17/2/21
DCC	Amended Arts & Health Newsletter - February 2021
AVBC	AV Updates
RAD	Derbyshire Recovery and Peer Support Service - Update Feb 2021
DCC	News from Release - The Derbyshire Money Education Charity
DCC	Princes' Trust - Free Digital Employability Programme 'Virtual Explore February'
DCC	5 February - News from Derbyshire County Council, get the facts on Covid-19, #TimetoTalk on mental health and stay safe on Derbyshire roads
PCC	Hardyal Dhindsa's Vulnerability Grant - Launch of Round 2 Deadline Friday 26th February 2021 JOIN US FOR AN INFORMATION EVENING ON 11th February 2021

AVBC	Committee Papers for Improvement & Scrutiny Committee
Idox	Helping Local Councils secure external funding
DCC	Enquiry Number 35941735 - Request for grit bin GB1930 to be refilled - Church Street, Lea (outside Lea Primary School)
DCC	Sight Support Engagement Exercise
DCC	Deaf Communication Support Engagement
DCC	EU Settlement Scheme - we're here to help
DCC	S35246 Castletop Slip - Status Update JAN 21
DCC	Meet Your Commissioner online
DCC	New local health apps library
AVBC	Planning Consultation - TRE/2021/0900
DCC	Foodbank group
AVBC	Annual playground inspections
DCC	Salcare C&YP Arts Therapist recruitment
DCC	Beyond Covid: What next for VCSE Organisations in Derby & Derbyshire? Free Event Thu 18 March
DCC	Energy Advice for Public Consumption/ professionals
RAD	Help to overcome negative impacts of Covid-19 - join RAD's free online training events!
DCC	VCSE leadership Programme lead - Job Advertisement
DCC	Drug Awareness Training
DCC	Community Newsletter 22 Feb 2021
DCC	Autism Dialogue - please disseminate
AVBC	Committee Papers for Full Council
AVBC	Amber Valley Borough Local Plan
DCC	Psychological First Aid (PFA) digital training module for supporting children and young people
The Local Government Boundary Commission for England	Have your say on ward boundaries for Amber Valley Borough Council

3950. Articles for the parish magazine, parish council website, facebook or village website

RESOLVED: For the following articles to be submitted – I Hooker (TBC): NP Referendum. Cllr Ward: Publicising the Parish Meeting. Cllr Dewhurst: Publicise footpath maintenance reporting. Cllr O’Neil: Funding of basketball hoop. Cllr Crossley/members of Climate Change Group: Climate change articles.

3951. Agenda items for the next meeting on Wednesday 7 April 2021

- Yew Tree planning enforcement update – Cllr Crossley
- Response to consultation on proposed ward boundary changes – Cllr Ward

Meeting closed: 9.18pm