

## **Dethick Lea and Holloway Parish Council**

Chair 2015-16

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Minutes of Dethick, Lea and Holloway Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting held in the Florence Nightingale Memorial Hall, on the 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2015

*Councillors:* Ian Hooker, H Aldred, Bert Sheppard, Mike Taafe-Finn, Joan Ward and Pat Ward

**Also Present:** Councillor David Taylor AVBC & DCC  
18 members of the public present

**In Attendance:** Simon Oldham Clerk

**2403 Apologies for absence** – Councillor Barbara Wright.

**2404 Variation of Order of business** – None.

**2405 Declaration of member's interests** – None.

### **2406 Public speaking**

A number of parishioners spoke in relation to the proposed reinstatement of a former access track to Lea Hurst, Holloway, AVBC Planning application AVA/2015/0531. Comments included:-

- The application refers to re-instatement of the track which would simply only need the top soil taking off. The proposal is much more than this and should therefore be re-labelled "development"
- The applicant is simply wanting to re-instate the trackway and this proposal has my full support. This is similar to a recent application across my dwelling to re-instate a footpath. I believe it is ridiculous for villagers to argue against it
- Is the application for a footpath? My understanding is that it is for a double track and therefore for vehicular access. Inevitably, this will increase the number of vehicles using the junction outside the Doctor's surgery, which is a bit of a blind summit. We are now in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and these will be very different types of vehicle that would access this property. Additionally, the applicant does not state his intent within the application, why is it required?
- It is not long since a similar application here was submitted and rejected. It is simply the same intention wrapped up under "the historical perspective"

- There should be a ban on vehicular traffic using the track and it simply being used as a footpath
- Only tractors and agricultural vehicles have used this field during the 41 years that I have lived locally and viewed the site. It has only seen people on foot and would be a shame from a conservation perspective
- I wish to object on conservation grounds similar to the previous recent refusal .It is not a Drive and never has been. There are maps that show that this was a path, one from 1868 showing the track and a picture from 1950 showing the track and path to Lea Hurst. From a heritage perspective, the Inspector on appeal said that this would not enhance the setting of this listed building. The Highways Authority two years ago also commented to me that a new access if permitted would be expected to be better than currently exists with improved sight lines. To conclude, the Parish Council should reject it
- Is there any way that traffic can be banned from the track? Is this solely for the applicant and his family's use and would access be controlled by an electronic gate? It is such a busy area, blind hill and a busy junction. Has the Highways Authority been out for a site visit?
- The applicant was in attendance and indicated that it was the history of the site that drew him to purchase the property recently and his aim was to restore the setting and carriageway to this important house. As a historian by training he confirmed that he had no plans whatsoever to widen the carriageway for a future housing development in the field. It was to be used only as access by his family and family visitors.

AVBC Councillor David Taylor had no comment to make as a member of the Planning Committee and was purely here to listen to the debate on the application. He did confirm that the other application on the agenda for consideration this evening, AVA/2015/0101 Former Picnic Site, Lea Moor Road, Lea, Erection of two timber framed, ecologically friendly, cabins for use as holiday accommodation (Amendment to proposal), was to be considered at the Planning Board on 17<sup>th</sup> August.

The Chairman had two announcements to make; (1) that the County Council Digital Derbyshire Team had arranged for faster broadband speeds for the village brought to two Green Cabinets, the first on Church Street and the second outside the Jug and Glass in Lea. Residents would be able to check on the Digital Derbyshire website whether these faster speeds were available for their household and (2) A notice had been displayed in the Doctors Surgery regarding the importance of using the Dispensary within the premises. He urged residents to use the facility as this was vital to the continued existence of the local surgery. It was a case of "use it or lose it".

**2407 To determine which items, if any of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.**

**RESOLVED** that agenda item 8 "To receive the recommendation of the Employment Working Group on the appointment of a new Clerk following interviews held on 29th July, 2015 and to agree terms of a proposed contract" be taken with the public and press excluded by virtue of the confidential nature of the proposed terms of a contract of employment with the Council.

**2408 PLANNING – RESOLVED** to respond to AVBC on the following applications:-

AVA/2015/0531	Lea Hurst, Leashaw, Holloway, DE4 5AT The reinstatement of a former access track to Lea Hurst, Holloway - <b>In principle, the Parish Council do not object to the development but wish to raise serious reservations about the entrance and egress from the proposed driveway on to Yew Tree Hill and the complicated area which serves multiple uses (the Playgroup</b>
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	<b>access daytime Monday to Friday's, use by many residents including the elderly to access the Doctor's Surgery and the complicated road system and the poor visibility in this area) which need very careful consideration in the context of this development</b>
AVA/2015/0101	Former Picnic Site, Lea Moor Road, Lea, Erection of two timber framed, ecologically friendly, cabins for use as holiday accommodation (Amendment to proposal) – <b>no comments to raise on the amendments, but the Council's original objections and reasoning to still stand</b>
TRE/2015/0089	Lea Holme, Mill Lane, Holloway, DE4 5AQ Boundary trees (sycamore, ash and birch) - crown lift and crown thin – <b>no objections</b>

**2409 FINANCIAL MATTERS RESOLVED** that(1) Approval be given to the following payments

7.1	Cheque No 2140	KeptKleen – Toilet cleaning wk's 23-26	£96.00
7.2	Cheque No 2141	Holloway Methodist Church – Hire of room for AGM/APM 13/5/15	£25.00
7.3	Cheque No's 2142/3/4	Employee Costs including HMRC	£1145.08
	<b>Clerks Expenses</b>		
	Mileage	Attend Council meeting 1/7/15 – 50 miles @ 0.45p per mile (Sheffield – Holloway & return) £22.50	
	Kodak Ink Cartridge	Amazon £17.90	
		<b>Total £40.40</b>	
	<b>Wardens Expenses</b>		
	Mileage	13 @ 0.469 = £6.10	
	Texts	2 @ 10p = £0.20	
	General Materials	Work gloves £2.00, clear varnish £9.99 & Petrol for strimmer/mower £13.24	
		<b>Total £31.53</b>	
7.4	DD	British Telecom – Call charges & quarterly rental to 30/9/15	£138.61
7.5	DD	AVBC Rates – Toilets Church Street 31/7/15	£41.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1445.69</b>

(2) an additional payment of £44.00 in respect of the hire of the Memorial Hall for Parish Council meetings held in April and June, 2015, be approved.

**2410 Confidential Item – To receive the recommendation of the Employment Working Group on the appointment of a new Clerk following interviews held on 29th July, 2015 and to agree terms of a proposed contract**

**RESOLVED** (1) to exclude the public and press for this agenda item and (2) approval be given to the appointment of Mr T Walker as the new Clerk to the Council on the recommendation of the Employment Selection Panel, to commence his duties on 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2015 at SCP 27 and the Clerk be authorised to issue the contract to Mr Walker on the terms set out and reported to Members.

**2411 Date of next Parish Council meeting – 7pm Wednesday 2nd September, 2015 in the Florence Nightingale Memorial Hall**

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

