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MINUTES – 17 July 2023

Minutes of **extraordinary** meeting of Dethick, Lea and Holloway Parish Council held Emma Stenson Room, Holloway Methodist Church, Church Street, Holloway on Monday 17 July 2023.

Councillors: J Stevenson (Chair)
A Bradshaw
S Crossley
J Dennis
S Farnsworth
A McDonald
B Wright

Also present: T Walker (Parish Clerk & RFO)
18 members of the public
Cllr David Taylor (Borough/County Council)

4619. To accept apologies for absence – Cllr Ward and Cllr McKay

RESOLVED: To accept all apologies received.

4620. To consider motions for variations of business - None

4621. Declaration of member's interests at meeting – None

4622. Public Speaking

Cllr Stevenson read out a statement from Chris Henning (DCC) about the Leashaw landslip and road closure that was received by Cllr Taylor on 14 July 2023. It stated that the road would be re-opened to one lane of traffic with traffic lights providing, safety concerns are met. If this is the case, this will happen in a matter of weeks rather than months. (The full statement is available on the Parish Council website).

Cllr Taylor explained that the statement was only received on Friday and he hoped that the road would be re-opened in a few weeks with traffic lights. In response to a question about funding, Cllr Taylor confirmed that DCC had budgeted for the work, however, he wasn't sure whether a contractor was in place.

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Several members of the public asked questions and raised points about Leashaw landslip and the road closure. People asked why the road couldn't have been opened

sooner and why DCC had waited until now. One person said there appeared to be a battle between DCC and STW. The issue of potholes was raised on the diversion routes, especially High Lane. Questions were also raised as to who (DCC or STW) was monitoring the road for further movement and the reason for traffic counters on Bracken Lane.

4623. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 7 June 2023

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 7 June 2023.

4624. To determine which items, if any of the agenda should be taken with the public excluded - None

4625. Update on Leashaw landslip and determine next steps in informing the Parish Council and parishioners of the current status of the Leashaw remediation works

The 4 motions on the agenda were voted on separately. Cllr Taylor provided initial responses from DCC to each item before they were considered.

4626. Consider submission of a Freedom of Information request requiring a) copies of all minutes of meetings and decisions between DCC and Severn Trent plc from November 2022 until the present, including significant email communications where decisions were taken; b) copies of notes of decisions made on the Leashaw issue involving our local councillor, the Executive Head of Place and/or other senior officers, and the responsible Cabinet Member for Highway, including significant email communications where decisions were taken.

RESOLVED: For the clerk to submit the FOI request to DCC.

4627. Consider a request for a face-to-face meeting between the Parish Council, the Cabinet member, Cllr Taylor and the senior officer responsible in both DCC and Severn Trent plc and the MP for Derbyshire Dales to account for the current status of the project.

Cllr Taylor confirmed that the new Cabinet Member for Highways is Councillor Charlotte Cupit. It was suggested that funding, reports, the design solution, reason for traffic counting and a date for re-opening could be raised.

RESOLVED: For the clerk to request a meeting as detailed above (Cllr Farnsworth to draft the invitation).

4628. Consider contacting local media outlets to publicise public anxiety concerning the continued closure of Leashaw and its impact on local businesses, bus services and the community more widely.

RESOLVED: To defer this item to the August meeting.

4629. To consider the provision of regular updates on the DLH website and WhatsApp group.

RESOLVED: To continue with updates on the PC website and the WhatsApp group.

4630. Articles for the parish magazine and parish council website

RESOLVED: To add the DCC update to the PC website and parish magazine.

4631. Agenda items for the next meeting on Wednesday 2 August 2023 – None

Meeting closed: 19:55