

# Dethick, Lea & Holloway Parish Council

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## MINUTES – 3 January 2024

Minutes of Dethick, Lea and Holloway Parish Council Meeting held in the Florence Nightingale Memorial Hall, Yew Tree Hill, Holloway on Wednesday 3 January 2024.

**Councillors:** P Ward (Chair)  
A Bradshaw  
S Crossley  
J Dennis  
S Farnsworth  
A McDonald  
J Stevenson

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

**4770. To approve apologies for absence – Cllr S McKay**

**RESOLVED:** To accept all apologies received.

**4771. To consider motions for variations of business - None**

**4772. Declaration of member's interests at meeting - None**

**4773. Public Speaking**

Cllr Taylor gave an update. AVBC has appointed a new CEO (Simon Gladwin). Concerns relating to the Local Plan were highlighted. In an effort to cut costs, DCC are looking to leave the current HQ at County Hall and move to new offices in the grounds. The possibility of developers turning the hall into a hotel were being explored. Congratulations were offered to the group who secured the grant for the village shop. The recent rain is slowing down progress with Leashaw, however, Cllr Taylor confirmed that he will continue to push for it to be re-opened. When asked by Parish Councillors, Cllr Taylor said he didn't know the situation with the masterplan for the final solution, but he has been told that funding is available. A discussion followed regarding flooding and inadequate maintenance of road drains. Parish Councillors thanked Cllr Taylor for the grant towards the Christmas cone and for allowing the balance to be used on other projects.

**4774. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2023**

**RESOLVED:** To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2023.

**4775. To determine which items, if any of the agenda should be taken with the public excluded – None**

#### 4776. Chair's Announcements

- The Chair highlighted the need to chase up the gritting request for Lea Main Road and Bracken Lane to DCC.
- Having secured a grant, the community shop group are asking for support and the next stage will be fundraising and promoting the shop to the community. The clerk offered to add any useful information to the Parish Council's website.
- Ian Hooker was thanked for rescuing the Christmas cone following the high winds.
- Cllr Stevenson was thanked for organising the planter.

#### 4777. To approve the budget and precept for 2024/25 and sign the precept form

**RESOLVED:** (1) To approve the 2024/25 budget (version 3) with a 5% precept increase and sign the precept form. (2) To earmark the remaining balance of the grant from Cllr Taylor (£192.51) for the Speed Indicator Device project.

#### 4778. To approve Parish Council meeting dates to May 2025

<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Wednesday 7 February 2024 – 7pm	Wednesday 8 January 2025 – 7pm
Wednesday 6 March 2024 – 7pm	Wednesday 5 February 2025 – 7pm
Wednesday 3 April 2024 – 7pm	Wednesday 5 March 2025 – 7pm
Wednesday 1 May 2024 – 7pm	Wednesday 2 April 2025 – 7pm
Wednesday 5 June 2024 – 7pm	
Wednesday 3 July 2024 – 7pm	
Wednesday 7 August 2024 – 7pm	
No meeting in September	
Wednesday 2 October 2024 – 7pm	
Wednesday 6 November 2024 – 7pm	
Wednesday 4 December 2024 – 7pm	

**RESOLVED:** (1) To approve meeting dates as listed above. (2) For the Annual Parish Meeting to be arranged for W/C 4/3/24, to include the Leashaw Public Meeting (See minute 4780).

#### 4779. Update on Parish Councillor vacancy

The clerk confirmed that the closing date for applications is 5pm on Saturday 3 February 2024. Applicants will be invited to the next PC meeting on Wednesday 7 February 2024.

#### 4780. Update on Leashaw landslip, including any progress with re-opening the road to single lane traffic and the provision of a full remediation plan and timescales from DCC

An update is expected from DCC on 17 January 2024. The meeting with Sarah Dines MP has been re-arranged for 27 January 2024 at 11am. Two representatives from Crich Parish Council will also be attending.

**RESOLVED:** (1) For the clerk to email Cllr Cupit, Cabinet Member - Highways Assets and Transport at DCC explaining that the Parish Council's expectation, is that the update scheduled for 17/1/24 will give a firm date for re-opening Leashaw to single

lane traffic and confirmation of the design solution for full reinstatement, including timescales and confirmation of available funding. (2) If this information is not provided in the update of 17/1/24, a Public Meeting will be arranged for residents of Dethick, Lea and Holloway and Crich with invitations to local councillors, Cllr Cupit, senior officers from DCC, Sarah Dines MP and local media / press. (3) For the clerk to ask DCC for a copy of the recently completed Road Safety Audit for Leashaw, including conclusions and impact on the plan to re-open to single lane traffic. (4) For the clerk to check availability of the Florence Nightingale Memorial Hall for a possible public meeting week commencing 4/3/24. (5) If the Public Meeting is required, for the clerk to book the hall and send out invitations as soon as hall availability is established.

**4781. Update on the implementation of 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions to deal with the dangerous parking issue on Lea Road**

**Latest update from DCC (20/12/23):-**

*There will be a consultation early in the new year.*

*It seems unlikely that the parking charges will be reconsidered, this decision resting with Countryside Services, who are of the view that there is no evidence that increased parking charges have anything to do with the current situation.*

*Since parking charges were increased, the number of tickets we have sold has increased, not decreased. It is considered more likely that increased footfall more generally across our countryside sites since the pandemic has prompted people to 'follow the herd' when they see others parking on the road.*

*Unable to predict a timeline for implementation of the restrictions as there are many variables.*

**RESOLVED:** (1) For the clerk to contact DCC and raise concerns about the length of time it is taking to implement the restrictions, as the original timescale was 6-months (to November 2023). Also, to ask for more information on the variables mentioned in the update. For the clerk to invite the officer dealing with the project to the next Parish Council meeting. (2) For the clerk to contact the local PCSO to ask for the interventions promised to be implemented, as nothing appears to be happening.

**4782. Update on additional defibrillator for the telephone kiosk and outdoor gym equipment for Lea Recreation Ground**

Cllr Stevenson confirmed that Zurich can add the additional defibrillator to the PC insurance at no extra cost. We are awaiting a response from Community Heartbeat Trust in relation to which defibrillator and cabinet to go for. A site meeting is being arranged with Fresh Air Fitness to identify the best location of the outdoor gym equipment. Installation will be delayed until ground conditions are more suitable.

**4783. Update on Speed Indicator Device project**

The clerk confirmed that the Derbyshire PCC funding application is being prepared and will be submitted shortly. The Object Licence application has been submitted to DCC, but there has been no response so far.

**RESOLVED:** For the clerk to contact Coeval to confirm the PC's intention to purchase the SID providing the funding application and Objects Licence applications are successful and to ask if the quotation can remain valid until the outcome is known.

**4784. Update on bench installations**

There has been no response from the donor who offered the benches.

**RESOLVED:** (1) For the clerk to email the donor again and ask for an update. (2) For the clerk to submit an Objects Licence application for the bench at Nightingale Close junction after Cllr Stevenson has provided the specification for the bench and a plan of the position.

**4785. To consider actions in relation to the Amber Valley Local Plan**

**RESOLVED:** For Cllr Farnsworth / the Planning Working Group to prepare a draft response for consideration at the February PC meeting.

**4786. Planning Matters – Planning applications for consideration**

<b>CD6/0923/29</b>	<p><b>Gatekeepers Cottage/ Lea Green Hall Car Park, Main Road, Lea, Derbyshire DE4 5GJ</b></p> <p>Renovation and conversion of the Gatekeeper's Cottage at Lea Green from a Dwelling House (C3(a)) to a Residential institution (C2) to provide emergency accommodation for children entering care in the Derbyshire area. The works include the associated external works which involve a small extension to the existing car parking area, new fencing, the installation of a sprinkler tank and soft landscaping works.</p> <p><b>COMMENT:</b> No objection</p>
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**4787. Planning Applications for information only (Deadline passed or withdrawn)**

<b>TRE/2023/0380</b>	<p><b>2 Lea Wood Croft Holloway Derbyshire DE4 5BD</b></p> <p>T1 - Apple - Remove T2 - Silver Birch (smaller one of two trees) - Remove T3 - Lime - Crown lift over road (Not part of this application - DCC Tree Preservation Order)</p>
<b>TRE/2023/0383</b>	<p><b>Primrose Cottage 5 Little London Holloway Derbyshire DE4 5AZ</b></p> <p>Cut back Willow tree</p>
<b>TRE/2023/0385</b>	<p><b>Lea Holme Mill Lane Holloway Derbyshire DE4 5AQ</b></p> <p>G1 - Remove all Self set trees in this area and strim all vegetation. T1 Beech Crown lift over road to 5.5m and clear phone lines by 2m. T2 Beech Crown lift over road to 5.5m and clear phone lines by 2m. T3 Beech Crown lift over road to 5.5m and clear phone lines by 2m. T4 Sycamore Crown lift over road to 5.5m and clear phone lines by 2m. T5 Ash Crown lift over road to 5.5m and clear phone lines by 2m. T6 elder Fell to ground level pushing against wall. T7 Ash re pollard to previous points.</p>
<b>TRE/2023/0393</b>	<p><b>Bracken Lane Farm Bracken Lane Holloway DE4 5AS</b></p>

	Felling of 4 trees and reduction of a 5th. Fell 1 robinia hispida 50%dead and fading fast. Fell 2 ash partially dead with dieback. Fell 1 field maple leaning All the trees are either dead and diseased or leaning badly and of little amenity value. Primary reasons are safety concerns and to open up the view from the house. The 5th tree is a willow overhanging the building, leaning badly thus we are intending to reduce sail area and overhang to protect the building.
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#### 4788. Financial Matters

##### (a) Expenditure – To approve the following payments

Chq No. / Bacs	Payee & Details		Total
<b>Bacs</b>	<b>Clerk</b> December wages including use of home as office Overtime payment <b>TBC:</b> Awaiting update for HMRC software to take account of changes to National Insurance contributions effective from 6/1/24. Figures will be shown on the February agenda.  Mileage: 46 miles @ £0.45 2/12/23 Home/Holloway/Home (23 miles) 6/12/23 Home/Holloway/Home (23 miles)  Vonage - Parish phone line Line rental & Broadband contribution	£TBC £TBC   £20.70  £13.25 £11.00	<b>£TBC</b>
<b>Bacs</b>	<b>HMRC</b> Income Tax / NI (December) <b>TBC:</b> Awaiting update for HMRC software to take account of changes to National Insurance contributions effective from 6/1/24. Figures will be shown on the February agenda.		<b>£TBC</b>
<b>Bacs</b>	<b>Keptkleen Ltd</b> – Toilet cleaning Invoice No. 2347 (November)		<b>£134.40</b>
<b>DD</b>	<b>British Gas</b> – Electricity for toilets (4/12/23)		<b>£62.09</b>

**Void / cancelled cheques:** None

**RESOLVED:** To approve payments as listed above with the 'TBC' figures to be confirmed on the February agenda.

**(b) Income** - None

**Void / cancelled paying in slips:** None

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

**4789. To consider Derbyshire Association of Local Council's Circulars (Previously circulated by email) - Noted**

Details
REMINDER DALC: Police liaison meeting with Town and Parish Councils
Letter from PCC regarding waiving Council Tax for Special Constables

**4790. To consider items of correspondence (Previously circulated by E-mail) - Noted**

From	Details
Resident	Parish Councillor vacancy
Cllr Cupit - DCC	Leashaw update
AVBC	Committee Papers for Full Council
DCC	Derwent Valley Line Update
AVBC	Prevent Training and Personal Safety for Elected Members
DCC	News from Derbyshire County Council – 8 December 2023
DCC	Community News from Derbyshire County Council – 11/12/23
DCC	Dethick, Lea & Holloway FP 24 & Matlock FP100 (2nd Em)(part)
DCC	Change of Date for Next CRP Meeting
John Smedley Limited	Grit bin and street lighting query
Resident	5 Dead Foxes Dumped
AVBC	Committee Papers for Planning Board
Cllr Cupit - DCC	Leashaw update - 13th December
DCC	News from Derbyshire County Council – 15 December 2023
Crich PPG	Crich PPG update
DCC	Parking - Lea Road, Lea Bridge
AVBC	DFRS 2024/25 Budget consultation
Crich Parish Council	Leashaw Landslip & Road Closure, Holloway
MAG	East Midlands Airport Future Airspace - Stage 2
DCC	Leashaw update - 21st December
AVBC	Committee Papers for Constitutional Review Working Group
DCC	News from Derbyshire County Council – 21 December 2023
DCC	Dethick, Lea & Holloway FP 24 & Matlock FP100 (Order)(part)
DCC	Parking - Lea Road, Lea Bridge
Crich Parish Council	Leashaw Landslip & Road Closure, Holloway
DCC	Gritting - Lea Main Road & Bracken Lane
Amber Valley CVS	Amber Valley Community News

**4791. Articles for the parish magazine and parish council website**

**RESOLVED:** (1) For the clerk to add an item to the PC website asking residents to support local businesses, especially those affected by the Leashaw Road closure. (2) For the clerk to publicise the Public Meeting (if it goes ahead).

**4792. Agenda items for the next meeting on Wednesday 7 February 2024**

Bus shelter opposite school – Cllr Dennis

**Meeting closed:** 9pm