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MINUTES – 2 October 2024

Minutes of Dethick, Lea and Holloway Parish Council Meeting held in the Florence Nightingale Memorial Hall, Yew Tree Hill, Holloway on Wednesday 2 October 2024.

Councillors: J Stevenson (Chair)	Also present: T Walker (Parish Clerk & RFO)
A Bradshaw	2 Representatives from Crich PPG
S Crossley	1 members of the public
J Dennis	Cllr David Taylor (Borough/County Council)
S Farnsworth	
S Jakubait	
A McDonald	

Before the meeting started, as a mark of respect, a one-minute silence was observed to remember Cllr Pat Ward.

5008. Election of Chair for the remainder of 2024/25 (and the election of Vice-Chair if required)

RESOLVED: (1) To elect Cllr Stevenson as Chair for the remainder of 2024/25. (2) Not to elect a Vice-Chair at the present time.

5009. To accept apologies for absence – Cllr Thomas

5010. To consider motions for variations of business - None

5011. Declaration of member's interests at meeting

Councillor McDonald declared a personal interest in Item 23 (Financial Matters) for a reimbursement and indicated that she would remain in the meeting, but not participate in any discussions or vote.

5012. Public Speaking

Cllr Taylor gave an update. The Amber Rock planning application has been refused, but the applicant may appeal. Crich Tramway Museum are to ask DCC for signs similar to those provided for DLH businesses as a result of Leashaw being closed. With regard to Leashaw, Cllr Taylor thought the bottom line was funding, but he also felt that DCC are stalling and he said he would contact the Mayor over the issue.

Cllr Crossley made the point that the Mayor appears reluctant to bail out DCC and fund the repairs. The patience of residents and local businesses is running out and despite meetings and communications, we don't appear to be getting anywhere. We have also been previously told funding was available and now it isn't.

Cllr Farnsworth highlighted that DCC have a statutory duty to maintain our roads and they are currently in breach of this. The legal position was questioned and Cllr Taylor suggested suing DCC for their failure.

A resident spoke in connection with the use of pesticides and asked if the PC had considered going pesticide free? The resident said she had read previous minutes and there was a suggestion of using weedkiller in the cemetery. Some countries have banned pesticide use due to health and biodiversity issues. There have been successful stories where cemeteries have been left to encourage nature. It had also been noted that the village green opposite the hall is mown, but this could be left to grow over the summer.

Cllr Stevenson confirmed that the PC very rarely uses pesticides and it was only used on a few graves where relatives had reported the presence of Mare's Tail, a very invasive, deep-rooted perennial weed that quickly spreads. The PC is very keen to promote biodiversity, but there is also an expectation that the PC will maintain the cemetery and keep it tidy. Cllr Crossley added that the village green needed to be cut to maintain visibility.

Two representatives from Crich PPG gave an update on the blood tests and other services at Holloway Surgery. The issue of the blood tests came up in April when the surgery took the decision to only do emergency tests. Concerns were raised and the patient numbers were recorded. However, blood tests have now resumed and Crich PPG is not intending to take it further. It was confirmed that there was only one Holloway representative on Crich PPG, but new members are welcome. The PPG represents the interests of patients. PPG meetings are held at Crich Medical Practice and dates will be sent to the clerk.

It was highlighted by Councillors that if we keep losing services, the surgery may disappear. The pharmacy may also be under threat if people are directed away for appointments, as people will use a pharmacy at the appointment location. The key issue is that appointments should be in the village not elsewhere. The current road closure makes matters worse.

5013. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 7 August 2024

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the last meeting.

5014. To determine which items, if any of the agenda should be taken with the public excluded - None

5015. Chair's Announcements

The Chair thanked volunteers for helping with the management of the mare's tails weed issue at the cemetery. Also, Cllr Thomas was thanked for compiling the defibrillator and sign information.

The Parish Councillor vacancy will be advertised after the statutory 14-day notice period has elapsed. The clerk has published the notice on the PC website and on the noticeboard.

The annual play area inspection report has been received and will be added to the next agenda. In the meantime, the issues raised will be looked at.

5016. To note the conclusion of audit for 2023/2024

The conclusion of audit was noted and the clerk was thanked for dealing with this.

5017. Update on Leashaw landslip and consider any follow up actions

Responses have been received from the East Midlands Mayor and John Whitby MP. No response has yet been received from Louise Haigh, Secretary of State for Transport. The responses were discussed, along with the latest update from DCC, which Parish Councillors were very disappointed with, as there is a further delay with the geotechnical ground investigations report. The update has been added to the PC website

RESOLVED: (1) For Cllr Farnsworth to draft a letter to Cllr Cupit, Cabinet Member for Highways Assets and Transport and Mr Henning, Executive Director for Place, regarding DCC's breach of statutory duties in relation to the reinstatement of Leashaw. (2) For the clerk to forward copies of the letters received from the East Midland's Mayor and John Whitby MP to Cllr Cupit and Mr Henning. (3) For the clerk to invite Cllr Cupit and/or Mr Henning to the next PC meeting.

5018. Update – Request for bus shelter on Church Street and consider quotation from DCC – Cllr McDonald

RESOLVED: For the clerk to contact DCC for an update and ask whether a non-timber alternative is available.

5019. Consider replacing the vehicle access gate at Lea Recreation Ground due to it being in poor condition – Cllr McDonald

Cllr Crossley offered to check if she has a gate that would be suitable and if not, obtain quotations.

5020. Consider request for football goal posts – Cllr Crossley

RESOLVED: For the clerk to invite the requester to the next PC meeting and ask for clarification on what is being requested and the background.

5021. Consider any follow up actions in relation to Holloway Surgery and representation on Crich PPG

It was felt that it would be useful for someone to attend the next Crich PPG meeting.

RESOLVED: For the clerk to circulate Crich PPG meeting dates when received.

5022. Consider the damage to the sign in Holloway Cemetery – Cllr Stevenson

Cllr Stevenson confirmed that the sign is still functional and does not need to be replaced.

5023. Consider raising the issue of the continued closure of footbridge to High Peak Trail – Cllr Farnsworth

Cllr Farnsworth confirmed that the footbridge has re-opened, so no further action is needed.

5024. Consider cutting the holly hedge at Holloway cemetery – Cllr Stevenson

RESOLVED: To proceed with the quotation from Fox Landscapes, but request that the hedge is cut hard back.

5025. Update on Speed Indicator Device Project – Cllr Dennis

The Speed Indicator Device should be delivered in around 14 days. The clerk has chased DCC for the dragon's teeth markings, as these have not yet been done.

5026. Update on bench installations – Cllr Stevenson

The Objects Licence for bench at the corner of Nightingale Close has been received from DCC.

RESOLVED: For Cllr Stevenson to obtain a quotation for a 3-person bench.

5027. Update on the implementation of 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions to deal with the dangerous parking issue on Lea Road

The 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions have now been installed.

5028. Planning Matters – Planning applications for consideration

AVA/2024/0615	<p>Holloway Post Office 7 Church Street Holloway DE4 5AY</p> <p>Conversion of existing premises into village store, post office and cafe (use Class E) at ground floor, and 2no separate self-contained residential apartments (use Class C3) at first floor & roofspace, and lower ground floor. (may affect the setting of a listed building and character of the conservation area)</p> <p>COMMENT:</p> <p>The Parish Council warmly supports this application, but raises objection to the treatment of the windows in the proposed scheme and questions the provision of only two parking spaces.</p> <p>As the Heritage Design and Access Statement points out: "Nearly all of the original windows have been replaced, and there is a mixture of UPVC framed windows with opening top lights on the first floor, and wooden framed casement windows and 2-over-2 wooden sash windows." (pages 8/9)</p> <p>Although the building is not formally Listed it is of considerable significance to the built environment of the village as it retains its singular Victorian shopfront on two sides. There are a number of 4-pane sash windows proposed to the north elevation and we would strongly urge that the same treatment is applied to the south, east and west elevations. In the Parish Council's view, the retention of the current incompatible and ageing UPV windows and those with small opening top-lights should all be replaced with timber 4-pane sash windows. The restoration of these windows to this original format would not only enhance the Victorian character of the building, but also enhance the saleability of the new apartments which are an integral part of the financing of the whole scheme.</p>
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	<p>The DLH Neighbourhood Plan in Chapter 14: The Importance of Good Design affirms preference in all development within the village as follows: "Windows with a vertical emphasis are encouraged, and window bars should be included. Sash windows are commonplace and add character."</p> <p>The proposals indicate that the two off-street parking spaces will be retained. There is no mention of electrical charging points which are likely to become a future requirement. We would ask that consideration also be given to providing a third parking place since the development will cater for two householders plus shop staff. On-street parking is already an issue on what can be a congested street.</p> <p>We would therefore urge AVBC to open discussions with the applicants in order to bring forward a revision to this ambitious and community-backed scheme which will restore and enhance the built environment of the village.</p>
AVA/2024/0644	<p>Lea Wood Hall Mill Lane Holloway Derbyshire DE4 5AQ Listed building consent for the removal of an existing modern fireplace grate, hearth and stone slips and restoration of original configuration with new tiles, hearth stone and fire grate to the Drawing Room Fireplace</p> <p>COMMENT: No objection</p>

5029. Planning Applications for information only (Deadline passed or withdrawn)

AVA/2024/0474	<p>Lea Wood Hall Mill Lane Holloway Derbyshire DE4 5AQ Listed Building Consent to raise existing first floor bathroom floor level and door, restore screen/handrail to back stairs and replace 2no. windows and external door.</p>
AVA/2024/0550	<p>The Old Coach House Yew Tree Hill Holloway Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5AR Alterations to garden and courtyard (may affect the character and appearance of the Conservation Area and setting of a Listed Building)</p>
TRE/2024/0541	<p>Castle View Holt Lane Lea Derbyshire DE4 5GQ T1. Elm. Fell, grind stump. Shows symptoms of DED and has declined rapidly over last few years.</p>
TRE/2024/0546	<p>4 Leabrook Cottages Lea Road Lea Bridge Derbyshire DE4 5AH T1. Conifer. Fell. Multi stem specimen with bark inclusions throughout</p>

5030. Financial Matters

(a) Expenditure – To approve the following payments

Chq No. / Bacs	Payee & Details		Total
Bacs	Clerk September wages including use of home as office, mileage, line rental/broadband contribution and reimbursement of parish phone line. Also, reimbursement for postage stamps, printer cartridge, printer paper and Cloud Storage / Backup.		£1014.23
Bacs	HMRC - Income Tax / NI		£231.27
Bacs	PKF Littlejohn LLP – External auditor fees for 2023/24		£252.00
Bacs	Keptkleen Ltd – Toilet cleaning Invoice Nos. 2576 and 2607	£168.00 £134.40	£302.40
Bacs	Fox Grounds Maintenance – Grass cutting Cut 4 (8/7/24) at cemetery (Inv 11469)		£475.20
Bacs	Fox Grounds Maintenance – Grass cutting Month 4 at Lea Rec (Inv 11490)		£202.70
Bacs	A McDonald – Reimbursement for timber for gate at Lea Recreation Ground		£11.53
Bacs	Jepsons – refunding of monies received in error on 21/6/24		£70.00
DD	Unity Trust - Quarterly service charge (30/9/24)		£18.00
DD	British Gas – Electricity for toilets (9/8/24)		£45.43
DD	British Gas – Electricity for toilets (30/8/24)		£32.17
DD	Waterplus – balance owing to date Inv06576888		£2.02
DD	Waterplus – Inv06863867		£34.53

Void / cancelled cheques: None.

RESOLVED: To approve payments as listed above.

(b) Income

Ref No.	From / Details	Amount
Bacs (5/8/24)	L Petts – Memorial fee	£100.00
Bacs (8/8/24)	Derbyshire PCC – Speed Indicator Grant	£3,000.00

Void / cancelled paying in slips: None

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

5031. Consider alternating monthly online banking authorisers to ensure access is maintained

Cllr Crossley and Cllr Dennis agreed to authorise the payments.

5032. To update the list Unity Trust Bank signatories

RESOLVED: (1) To Remove Cllr Wright and Cllr Ward. (2) To add Cllr Bradshaw, Cllr Jakubait and Cllr Thomas.

5033. To consider Derbyshire Association of Local Council's Circulars (Previously circulated by email) - Noted

Details
DALC August 2024 Newsletter
DALC September 2024 Newsletter
Upcoming Training Courses and DALC Day Details
New NALC Website Launch

5034. To consider items of correspondence (Previously circulated by E-mail) - Noted

From	Details
Cllr Cupit	Leashaw Update – 30/7/24
AVBC	AVBC Local Plan 2022-2040 - Notice of Submission
AVBC	Committee Papers for Licensing Panel
DCC	Temporary Road Closure - Robin Hood
EM Mayor	Grant Funding: Restitution of the Leashaw Landslip, Holloway
DCC	Community News from Derbyshire County Council
Cllr Cupit (DCC)	140 bus services update
DCC	Lea Bridge TRO
Crich PPG	Reduced Services - Holloway Surgery
PKF Littlejohn LLP (External Auditor)	DE0072 2023/24 AGAR Section 3 External Auditor Report
Cllr Cupit (DCC)	Leashaw update 30/6/24
AVBC	Committee Papers for Licensing Panel
DCC	News from Derbyshire County Council (Various dates)
DCC	DCC Consultation on ending discretionary grant funding
DWT	Derbyshire Wildlife Trust and the Derwent Living Forest
CPRE Derbyshire, the countryside charity	Breaking News: Pylons and Planning Training
Member of public	Use of weed-killers by Parish Council and impact on biodiversity
AVBC	Amber Valley Borough Council Local Plan - Examination in Public - Inspectors Appointed
DCC	Lea Bridge TRO
Member of public	Recycling Flowers
DCC	Temporary Road Closure - Top Lane, Whatstandwell - 10/09/2024 to 15/09/2024
DCC	Temporary Road Closure - High Lane, Holloway - 24/09/2024 to 26/09/2024
DCC	Temporary Road Closure - Holt Lane, Lea - 10/09/2024 to 11/09/2024
DCC	Bus Shelter Provision - Church Street, Holloway
DCC	Leashaw landslip update 15
DCC	82031002 FW: OITH Licence Application - Nightingale Close, Lea Bridge

Fox Landscapes	Quote for systemic weed killer - Holloway Cemetery
DCC	Parish & Town Council Liaison Forum 15 October 2024
AVBC	Committee Papers for Licensing Panel
Resident	Footpath 38 complaint letter
Derbyshire Historic Buildings Trust	Amber Valley Buildings at Risk Project
Crich PPG	Reduced Services - Holloway Surgery
Groundwork	Autumn Footprints Amber Valley Walking Festival
DCC	Cyclist Issue - Dethick Lea and Holloway FP38 / FP43
DCC	Dragon's teeth markings
Member of public	Enquiry to put a bench in the cemetery (follow on)
DCC	Derbyshire County Council Snow Warden Scheme 2024-25
AVBC	Amber Valley Council's responses to Inspector Questions
Darley Dale TC	Insulation Workshop 21st Sept
DCC	Licensing of object within the highway at Lea Bridge
DCC	Temporary Road Closure Robin Hood Road, Whatstandwell 16/10/2024 Evening Only
AVBC	Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy - Consultation on Policy Review
Fox Landscapes	Quote - Cutting Holly Hedge - Holloway Cemetery
DCC	News from Derbyshire County Council
Resident	Planning Permission Holt Cottage, Lea
AVBC	Committee Papers for Improvement & Scrutiny Committee
DCC	82031002 RE: 82031002 FW: OITH Licence Application - Nightingale Close, Lea Bridge
DCC	Cyclist Issue - Dethick Lea and Holloway FP38 / FP43
EM Mayor	Grant Funding: Restitution of the Leashaw Landslip, Holloway, Derbyshire MC018
Belper TC	Belper Town Council - Car Park Consultation
DCC	Derbyshire County Council - Council Plan Consultation
AVBC	Committee Papers for Planning Committee
DCC	News from Derbyshire County Council 27 September 2024
National Grid	Chesterfield to Willington Stage 1 consultation update
AVBC	Temporary Road Closure - Lea Mills - Remembrance Parade

5035. Articles for the parish magazine and parish council website

RESOLVED: For Cllr Stevenson to submit an article to the parish magazine regarding Holloway Surgery.

5036. Agenda items for the next meeting on Wednesday 6 November 2024 – None

Meeting closed: 8.56pm