

MINUTES – 4 December 2024

Minutes of Dethick, Lea and Holloway Parish Council Meeting held in the Florence Nightingale Memorial Hall, Yew Tree Hill, Holloway on Wednesday 4 December 2024.

Councillors: S Crossley
J Dennis
S Farnsworth
S Jakubait
A McDonald
J Stevenson
L Thomas

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

5069. To accept apologies for absence – Cllr Bradshaw

RESOLVED: To accept apologies received.

5070. To consider motions for variations of business - None

5071. Declaration of member's interests at meeting

Councillor Stevenson declared a personal interest in Item 24 – Financial Matters (Reimbursement for pavers and aggregate for use at Lea recreation ground) and indicated that she would remain in the meeting but not participate in any discussions or vote.

5072. Public Speaking

Three residents spoke about concerns and objections in relation to planning application AVA/2024/0784, Hill Top Lodge High Lane, Holloway. The new proposal is smaller, but is now within 1.5m of an existing property. Existing properties will be severely overlooked with much reduced light, especially in winter months. The proposed building does not keep to the existing footprint and the boundary wall details are not accurate on the planning documents. Also, the applicant does not own the driveway and only has right of access. However, the planning documents give the impression that the applicant owns the driveway and is proposing paving for part of it. Concerns about visibility splays were also raised and highway signage indicates that the road is not suitable for heavy vehicles. Construction traffic would therefore be an issue and it was suggested that a better route would be across the applicant's land. The residents asked if the Parish Council would consider the issues raised in their response.

A resident raised concerned regarding the lack of progress with the Lea Bridge housing development opposite Smedley's Mill. The resident raised the issue 2 years ago and 2 years later nothing has changed. Littleover Builders have only completed a few properties and other than some footings, the site is derelict and covered in weeds. Littleover Builders have been contacted, along with Oasis Holdings, but there has been no one on site for over

2 years. The resident said he wanted to raise the issue so that it is on records and ask if the Parish Council could do anything to assist.

5073. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 6 November 2024

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 6 November 2024.

5074. To determine which items, if any of the agenda should be taken with the public excluded - None

5075. Chair's Announcements

- A progress update has been received about the Community Shop. They are hoping to complete the property purchase and appoint builders in March 2025.
- Thanks to Mr Hooker and the other volunteers for installing the Christmas cone.
- Two new Parish Councillors have recently attended an induction course and both the Chair and Vice Chair attended a Chair Skills courses. Feel free to put forward suggestions and ideas from the courses. Cllr Thomas mentioned Councillor Surgeries.
- The Speed Indicator Device is now installed.
- An update regarding a tree in memory of Pat Ward will be sent out to Councillors shortly. Participation is completely voluntary.
- Thanks to everyone involved in installing the slabs at the entrance to the play area.

5076. Update on Leashaw landslip and consider any follow up actions

Both Cllr Cupit and Cllr Taylor were invited to this Parish Council meeting, but neither were available. The email update received earlier in the day from Cllr Cupit was discussed along with the way forward, given the lack of progress.

RESOLVED: (1) For the clerk to ask Cllr Cupit for a response to any outstanding points from the letter of 17 November 2024. (2) For the clerk to invite Cllr Cupit to the Parish Council meeting on 8 January 2025. (3) For Cllr Farnsworth to draft a further letter to Cllr Cupit highlighting the Parish Council's concerns and formally inviting her and relevant Council officers to a Leashaw Public Meeting so that a full update can be given and resident questions answered. (4) For the Public Meeting to be held at the same time as the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 4 March 2025, subject to availability of the Florence Nightingale Memorial Hall.

5077. Discuss lack of progress with building works at Lea Bridge and consider any actions

RESOLVED: (1) For the clerk to contact Littleover Builders and Oasis Holdings and raise concerns about the lack of progress and the condition of the site and ask for timescales for completion. (2) For the clerk to contact AVBC and the local MP to raise the issue and ask for support in pushing the builders to get the development completed. (3) For the clerk to contact John Smedley Ltd to highlight the situation and ask if there were any conditions of the sale that might help in getting the builders to complete the development.

5078. Consider locating the Christmas tree/cone on the green triangle (opposite the Florence Nightingale Memorial Hall) in future years

The resident who raised the matter was not at the meeting.

RESOLVED: (1) To add Christmas solar lights and decorations to the tree on the triangle as per the suggestion (Cllr Jakubait). (2) To add this item to the January agenda for further consideration.

5079. Consider new bus shelter on Church Street

RESOLVED: (1) For the clerk to provide an update to the owner of the property adjacent to the location of the proposed bus shelter and also forward a copy of the email from DCC which deals with the points raised. (2) For the clerk to ask DCC to proceed with exploratory dig.

5080. Consider the Draft Budget 2025/26

The budget was discussed and it was agreed that the Finance Working Group would meet to discuss the budget when the clerk has received the tax base information from AVBC and put forward recommendations at the January PC meeting.

5081. To approve Parish Council meeting dates to May 2026

RESOLVED: (1) To hold Parish Council meetings on the dates listed below. (2) To hold the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 4 March 2025, subject to availability of the Florence Nightingale Memorial Hall.

<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
Wednesday 8 January 2025 – 7pm	Wednesday 7 January 2026 – 7pm
Wednesday 5 February 2025 – 7pm	Wednesday 4 February 2026 – 7pm
Wednesday 5 March 2025 – 7pm	Wednesday 4 March 2026 – 7pm
Wednesday 2 April 2025 – 7pm	Wednesday 1 April 2026 – 7pm
Wednesday 7 May 2025 – 7pm	
Wednesday 4 June 2025 – 7pm	
Wednesday 2 July 2025 – 7pm	
Wednesday 6 August 2025 – 7pm	
No meeting in September	
Wednesday 1 October 2025 – 7pm	
Wednesday 5 November 2025 – 7pm	
Wednesday 3 December 2025 – 7pm	

5082. Consider the grass cutting contract for 2025

RESOLVED: To proceed with the grass cutting quotes received from Fox Landscapes for both Lea recreation ground and Holloway cemetery.

5083. To confirm the £500 donation pledge to Holloway Community Shop agreed by the Parish Council on 7/2/24 (minute 4811) and sign any necessary paperwork – Cllr Dennis

RESOLVED: To proceed with the £500 donation pledge to Holloway Community Shop and for the necessary paperwork to be signed.

5084. Consider quotations for a replacement vehicle access gate at Lea Recreation Ground and whether posts are also required– Cllr McDonald

RESOLVED: For Cllr Crossley to proceed with the purchase of the gate and bottom hinge from Ruby UK Ltd, as per the information previously circulated - £253.00 plus £11.

5085. Update - Damage to grass on triangle at the end of Church Street

RESOLVED: For the clerk to inform the bus operator that we do not have dates and time of when buses have driven on the grass, but this has been witnessed by numerous people.

5086. Update - Memorial tree in memory of Pat Ward – Cllr Stevenson

RESOLVED: Proceed with siting the memorial tree on Lea Recreation Ground.

5087. Update on Speed Indicator Device Project – Cllr Dennis

The Speed Indicator Device has been installed and we are awaiting instruction manual and username and password for the account.

RESOLVED: For Cllr Dennis to proceed with the purchase of a suitable Android phone so that data can be downloaded from the Speed Indicator Device.

5088. To continue with the meeting beyond 9pm

RESOLVED: To continue the meeting until all business is concluded.

5089. Update on bench installations – Cllr Stevenson

The slabs are now down and the bench will be delivered shortly.

5090. Consider arranging a defibrillator training course for 2025

RESOLVED: To defer this item to March 2025.

5091. Planning Matters – Planning applications for consideration

AVA/2024/0784	<p>Hill Top Lodge High Lane Holloway Demolition of existing bungalow and outbuilding and the erection of a replacement dwelling and outbuilding (revised submission of AVA/2023/0579) Dwellings 9 or less COMMENT: Objection - The Parish Council wishes to voice several misgivings concerning this development.</p> <p>We objected to the original application (AVA/2023/0579) on the grounds of excessive scale and bulk, no definition of materials, too large an area of hard paving, no method statement to explain how the project was to cope with limited access, and neighbours' concerns about their own access, noise nuisance and road safety during construction.</p> <p>In reviewing the revised application we note the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The building has been scaled down but has been removed to the north-west of the site (where the land is slightly higher) and much closer to the boundaries of neighbouring properties. This is a detriment to the conservation character, the proposed building now sitting entirely within the Conservation Area. We do not see the justification for this relocation.2. The proposal now impacts upon neighbouring properties to a far greater degree than the original application. The excessively high
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	<p>boundary walls are again a detriment to the Conservation Area and those, together with the increase in height of the new building over the previous bungalow, will have a direct impact in reducing light into gardens and properties to the west.</p> <p>3. We remain concerned about access and the lack of consultation with those affected. We understand that the applicant does not own the access lane, only having a right of access across it. As we pointed out originally, there is still no Method Statement to explain how the demolition and construction process will be managed in what is a very tight location. (We observe that the AVBC Environmental Health Officer shares this view).</p> <p>4. The extent of hard paving has been reduced but we remain concerned that run-off from the still considerable area of drive and terrace (and also rainwater gutters it appears), are all to be dealt with by soakaway. Given that all the run-off from Upper Holloway ends up in streams which flow down to Leashaw and which caused the still-unremediated landslip there, we are of the view that all run-off and roof drainage needs to be re-routed into the existing sewers.</p> <p>5. There are several references to a new building to be erected as a studio/office/garden room, but no specifications or drawings related to it.</p> <p>In light of these concerns, we would therefore urge AVBC Planning Officers to engage further with the applicant and his agent to resolve these issues, most particularly the proposal to re-locate the building to the north west of the site.</p>
AVA/2024/0790	<p>The Rise Church Street Holloway Derbyshire DE4 5AY Change of use from ancillary accommodation to 3 bed holiday accommodation (may affect the setting of a listed building and character of the conservation area) COMMENT: No objection</p>

5092. Planning Applications for information only (Deadline passed or withdrawn) - Noted

AVA/2024/0756	Beech Farm High Lane Holloway Derbyshire DE4 5AW Alterations and extension to an existing garage structure
TRE/2024/0586	Plum Tree Cottage Sledgegate Lane Lea Derbyshire DE4 5GL Reduce height of Apple tree by 30%
TRE/2024/0591	Kirkvale Church Street Lea Matlock Various tree works
TRE/2024/0592	The Dingle Yew Tree Hill Holloway Removal of Conifer

5093. Financial Matters

(a) Expenditure – To approve the following payments

Chq No. / Bacs	Payee & Details		Total
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Bacs	Clerk November wages including use of home as office, mileage, line rental/broadband contribution and reimbursement of parish phone line and Royal British legion donation.		£917.58
Bacs	HMRC - Income Tax / NI		£241.86
Bacs	Keptkleen Ltd – Toilet cleaning Invoice No. 2665		£134.40
Bacs	Fox Grounds Maintenance – Grass cutting at cemetery (Inv 11660)		£475.20
Bacs	Fox Grounds Maintenance – Grass cutting at Lea Rec (Inv 11741)		£202.70
Bacs	Fox Grounds Maintenance – Cut Holly Hedge, Holloway Cemetery (Inv 11926)		£472.40
Bacs	Fox Grounds Maintenance – Grass cutting at cemetery (Inv 11819)		£950.40
Bacs	Fox Grounds Maintenance – Grass cutting at Lea Rec (Inv 11840)		£202.70
Bacs	DALC – Chair Skills course 26/11/24 – Cllr Stevenson & Cllr Dennis		£100.00
Bacs	Coeval – Speed Indicator Device - £3933 plus VAT		£4719.60
Bacs	Trade & DIY Products Ltd – Dale Bench		£416.39
Bacs	J Stevenson - Reimbursement for pavers and aggregate for use at Lea recreation ground		£147.08
DD	British Gas – Electricity for toilets (12/11/24)		£41.13
DD	Waterplus – Inv 07443741		£34.53
DD	Unity Trust Bank – monthly service charge (Nov)		£6.00

Void / cancelled cheques: None.

RESOLVED: To approve payments as listed above.

(b) Income - Noted

Ref No.	From / Details	Amount
Bacs (6/11/24)	L Petts Stonemasons – memorial fee	£100.00

Void / cancelled paying in slips: None

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

5094. To consider Derbyshire Association of Local Council's Circulars (Previously circulated by email) - Noted

5095. To consider items of correspondence (Previously circulated by E-mail) - Noted

5096. Articles for the parish magazine and parish council website - None

5097. Agenda items for the next meeting on Wednesday 8 January 2025

Funding for play group – Cllr Thomas

Meeting closed: 9.10pm