

MINUTES – 2 April 2025

Minutes of Dethick, Lea and Holloway Parish Council Meeting held in the Florence Nightingale Memorial Hall, Yew Tree Hill, Holloway on Wednesday 2 April 2025.

Councillors: J Stevenson (Chair)
A Bradshaw
S Crossley
J Dennis
A McDonald
L Thomas
D Yapp (Co-optee)

Also present: T Walker (Parish Clerk & RFO)
Cllr David Taylor (Borough/County Council)

5164. To accept apologies for absence - Cllr Farnsworth and Cllr Jakubait

RESOLVED: To accept all apologies received.

5165. To consider motions for variations of business - None

5166. Declaration of member's interests at meeting - None

5167. Public Speaking

Cllr Taylor commented on the latest Leashaw update from Cllr Cupit and explained that the area around the landslip had been tidied up in preparation of any work. Cllr Taylor also explained the Local Government reorganisation options and described it as 'scary'.

Parish Councillors highlighted, that calls had been received regarding why 3 operatives had been working for 3 days moving the fencing near the landslip. Concerns were raised as to whether a tidy up was the correct description for what had been done and that no advance notification of the work has been received by the Parish Council. Concerns were also raised about the latest update, where the proposals come with a heavy caveat in relation to landowner approval.

5168. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 5 March 2025

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes as a true record.

5169. To determine which items, if any of the agenda should be taken with the public excluded - None

5170. Consider applications for the Parish Councillor vacancy

RESOLVED: To co-opt D Yapp as Parish Councillor.

5171. Chair's Announcements

- The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 7 May 2025 at 6.30pm
- After 6 years, Cllr McDonald has decided to step down as Parish Councillor and her last meeting be the one in May. Cllr McDonald is happy to help with tasks around the Parish.
- The clerk thanked Cllr Stevenson for repairing the Parish Council noticeboard.

5172. Update on Leashaw landslip and consider any follow up actions

The Chair raised concerns that yet again the latest update from DCC had only been received a few hours before the PC meeting. The main points from the update are: -

- DCC have some additional funding from EMMCA next year under the new mayoral funds and some of this is to go towards landslip repairs.
- DCC are working towards the earliest possible start date.
- DCC officers will stack and run tasks in parallel more to make every attempt to condense the timeframe.
- The consultants now have a project manager to co-ordinate the additional aspects such as the land ownership agreements etc.
- A timetable to June was provided.
- DCC are looking at whether the contract could be broken up into smaller contracts which would then potentially allow some of these to start on site rather than procuring as one which would take slightly longer due to the contract and project size.
- There is a heavy caveat and a lot that could derail proposals but they are doing everything possible to start on site this year, but the project will not be completed this year. The aim is to start on site if possible and then continue works for as long as the weather allows, and then complete next year.
- Following representations from residents, DCC have carried out a bit of a tidy up of the signage and barriers on site, as well as a sweep of the Crich end and gully cleanse.
- BT will replace a pole in the near future, on the footway outside Ivy Cottage.

RESOLVED: For the clerk to ask DCC for (1) A project plan / timeline covering tasks right up to completion. (2) Future updates to be provided at least 48 hours before PC meetings. (3) Advance notification of works where possible. Also, for Cllr Stevenson to discuss PC concerns directly with Cllr Cupit and report back to the next PC meeting.

5173. Confirm specification for timber bollards on triangle opposite Florence Nightingale Memorial Hall

RESOLVED: To opt for the 1000mm long / 5" diameter bollards (x 10).

5174. Update on flooding and ice risk on Bracken Lane, Holloway

The recent update from DCC confirmed that the water had been tested by STW and was found to be clean water, so the leak will hopefully be located and repaired.

5175. Damage to steps in Holloway Cemetery

RESOLVED: For the clerk to highlight the damage to stonemasons.

5176. Consider providing a 'no climbing' sign for vehicle gate and the condition of the grass matting under the swings at Lea Recreation Ground

No action needed regarding the sign.

RESOLVED: For the Working Group to meet on site to look at grass mats and make recommendations to the next PC meeting.

5177. To consider Christmas decorations on Holloway village green and in Lea

Options were discussed including solar powered lights. These would need further investigation to ensure they would be suitable.

RESOLVED: To carry this item forward to May meeting

5178. To consider the condition of the public toilets on Church Street, Holloway

RESOLVED: For Cllr Stevenson to provide the clerk with a list of maintenance issues so this can be forwarded to AVBC for action.

5179. Update on Church Street bus shelter project

DCC are provisionally looking at the first week of June for the exploratory dig.

5180. Update on defibrillator training courses for 2025

Defibrillator training courses have been booked for Thursday, 17th July 2025 at 6.30pm and Thursday, 25th September 2025 at 6.30pm.

RESOLVED: For the clerk to advertise training dates on the PC website and forward details to the Parish Magazine.

5181. Update – Lamp column signs for VE Day 80th Anniversary, Thursday 8 May 2025 – Cllr Dennis

The clerk has ordered the signs with delivery to Cllr Dennis.

5182. Planning Matters – Planning applications for consideration

AVA/2025/0153	<p>Cartref Mill Lane Holloway Single storey front extension and 2 storey rear extension (may affect the character of the conservation area)</p> <p>COMMENT: (Delegated to Cllr Stevenson) Objection. The Parish Council has several concerns in relation to this development. Cartref is a quirky and characterful cottage, being one of a pair that sits directly opposite the junction with Church St. Consequently, it plays a leading role in the character of the immediate and very open area in the heart of the village. This 175 years old cottage was a dwelling house and post office until the 1970's, making it an important part of our social history. Although there are some modern developments near to Cartref, there are many more traditional properties, to the north and east,</p>
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	<p>making up the majority of this part of the village. The proposed combined front extension and plant room would present a considerably tall structure built right up to the edge of the highway. This would take away from the frontage of the building in its present form and have a negative impact on the street scene. It would completely alter the facade of the building, unbalancing the pair of semi-detached cottages and creating a disproportionate mass at one end of the buildings.</p> <p>Much emphasis has been put on the access and steps in this application but this will always be an issue with a cottage built on a hillside. The renovations cannot remove the need for steps nor futureproof for the frail and elderly, as suggested. If safety is the main concern, then reconfiguration of the steps could easily be achieved, without the addition of an extension.</p> <p>In relation to the changes at the rear of the property, comparisons have been made with the recent extension built on the Old Coach House on Yew Tree Hill. The proposed changes at Cartref are of similar style. It should be pointed out that Cartref originates from the 1850's, unlike the Old Coach House which was actually built in the early 1990's and has no historical value.</p> <p>The proposed alterations would be clearly visible from footpath 42. This traverses the parkland which forms part of the setting of Lea Hurst, a listed building. The traditional appearance of the rear of Cartref would also be negatively affected by the removal of the chimney stack. The Conservation Area Statement refers to chimney stacks adding interest to the skyline, which contributes the character and appearance of traditional houses.</p> <p>The Heritage Statement attached to the application refers to a past application from 2020, which makes it irrelevant.</p> <p>The proposed alterations do not preserve or enhance the character of the property in the Conservation Area. It is hoped that The Heritage Officer will consider the impact of the substantial changes proposed to both the interior and exterior of this building.</p>
AVA/2025/0169	<p>Prospect Cottage Farm Main Road Lea</p> <p>Variation of condition 2 (approved drawings) of AVA/2022/0857 for minor amendments to plans and elevations (may affect the setting of a listed building and character of the conservation area)</p> <p>COMMENT: No objection</p>
AVA/2025/0198	<p>Birchstone Sledgegate Lane Lea DE4 5GL</p> <p>Non material amendment to AVA/2024/0072 to change the size of the proposed first floor rear elevation bathroom window</p> <p>COMMENT: No objection</p>

5183. Planning Applications for information only (Deadline passed or withdrawn) - Noted

AVA/2025/0142	<p>Beech Farm High Lane Holloway</p> <p>Variation of condition 3 (approved drawings) of AVA/2024/0756 for minor adjustment to the garage proportions (may affect the character and appearance of the Conservation Area)</p>
AVA/2024/0225	<p>Pine Tree Cottage Yew Tree Hill Holloway</p> <p>Single storey side extension with roof terrace and photovoltaic</p>

	panels integrated into roof surface (may affect the character and setting of the Conservation Area and setting of a Listed Building)
TRE/2025/0648	Laburnum Cottage Main Road Lea Various tree works
TRE/2025/0650	Lea Holme Mill Lane Holloway The removal of one Ash tree and the limb removal of a separate Ash tree. The Ash that we are applying to remove (T1) has a heavy lean over my clients wall, public footpath and frequently used road. Our concern is that with the added weight of leaves and particularly strong winds in this area that the tree will uproot and cause structural damage to my clients property. We are also concerned that it overhangs a public footpath and road frequently used by pedestrian vehicles. We are also applying to remove a single limb from a separate Ash tree (T2) as my client has concerns that larger vehicles using the road are in danger of making contact with this particular limb. If accepted the work would be carried out by Evergreen Treescapes to British Standards.

5184. Financial Matters

(a) Expenditure – To approve the following payments

Ref.	Payee & Details		Total
Bacs	Clerk March wages to include, use of home as office, mileage, line rental/broadband contribution and reimbursement of parish phone line.		£892.58
Bacs	HMRC - Income Tax / NI		£296.22
Bacs	Keptkleen Ltd – Toilet cleaning Invoice No. 2765		£134.40
Bacs	Keptkleen Ltd – Toilet cleaning Invoice No. 2787		£168.00
Bacs	Florence Nightingale Mem Hall Fund – Room hire 8/1/25, 5/2/25 and 2/3/25 - Inv 824/2025		£72.00
Bacs	Cubit Ultrasonic - Testing one lighting column		£13.50
Bacs	DALC – Annual subscription (basic) (2025/26 budget/cashbook)		£412.56
DD	British Gas – Electricity for toilets (6/3/25)		£43.90
DD	Waterplus – Inv 08618961		£28.31
DD	Unity Trust Bank – monthly service charge (Mar)		£6.00

Void / cancelled cheques: None.

RESOLVED: To approve payments as listed above.

(b) Income - Noted

Ref.	From / Details	Amount
27/2/25 (Bacs)	Daynes – Memorial fee	£100.00

Void / cancelled paying in slips: None

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

5185. To consider Derbyshire Association of Local Council's Correspondence - Noted

Details
March Newsletter
Upcoming Forum – Please Take Note Wednesday 19th March 2025 @ 1:00pm
News Updates
Invitation to DALC Forum on 16th April - Planning and Infrastructure Bill

5186. To consider items of correspondence - Noted

From	Details
Derbyshire Highways	Temporary Road Closure The Common, Crich 14/04/2025 to 16/04/2025
DCC	News from Derbyshire County Council 28 February 2025
AVBC	Committee Papers for Improvement & Scrutiny Committee
DCC	Community News from Derbyshire County Council 3 March 2025
DCC	News from Derbyshire County Council 7 March 2025
AVBC	Committee Papers for Licensing Panel
AVBC	Committee Papers for Planning Committee
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DCC	Community News from Derbyshire County Council 10 March 2025
DCC	Holiday Activities and Food Programme 2025
DCC	Smoking habits for a new project
AVBC	Committee Papers for Full Council
AVBC	Committee Papers for Environment & Bio-Diversity Scrutiny Committee
DCC	News from Derbyshire County Council 14 March 2025
DCC	Smokefree Derby and Derbyshire
AVBC	Committee Papers for Full Council
AVBC	Committee Papers for Employment Committee
AVBC	Committee Papers for Cabinet
DCC	Temporary Road Closure - Lea Road, Lea Bridge – 9-11/06/2025
RBLI	Do you have your bunting ready?
DCC	Community News from Derbyshire County Council - 17 March 2025
DCC	Parish & Town Council Liaison Forum: Presentation slides
Resident	Speeding through the village
Cllr Cupit	Flooding and Ice Risk on Bracken Lane, Holloway
AV CVS	Request for funding
DCC	Community News from Derbyshire County Council - 24 March 2025

5187. Articles for the parish magazine and parish council website

RESOLVED: Defibrillator training dates (Clerk).

5188. Agenda items for the next meeting on Wednesday 7 May 2025

Refurbishment of cemetery gates – Cllr Crossley

Meeting closed: 8.49 pm