

MINUTES – 6 August 2025

Minutes of Dethick, Lea and Holloway Parish Council Meeting held in the Florence Nightingale Memorial Hall, Yew Tree Hill, Holloway on Wednesday 6 August 2025.

Councillors: J Stevenson (Chair)
A Bradshaw
S Crossley
J Dennis
S Farnsworth
S Jakubait
L Thomas
D Yapp

Also present: T Walker (Parish Clerk & RFO)
Cllr Rachael Hatchett (DCC)
1 member of the public

5270. To accept apologies for absence - None

5271. To consider motions for variations of business - None

5272. Declaration of member's interests at meeting - None

5273. Public Speaking

Cllr Hatchett confirmed there was nothing further to report on regarding Leashaw landslip following the site meeting with DCC. Support was offered in relation to the vehicle damage to the village green. There was a reminder about the Local Government reorganisation and it was highlighted that there were two separate consultations, both with different deadlines. It was confirmed that the £2k Leadership Fund is still in operation.

5274. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 2 July 2025

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes as a true record.

5275. To determine which items, if any of the agenda should be taken with the public excluded - None

5276. Consider applications for the Parish Councillor vacancy – None received

5277. Chair's Announcements

The Chair thanked everyone who attended the Leashaw site meeting with DCC.

5278. To note the Conclusion of Audit for 2024/2025 - Noted

5279. Update on Leashaw landslip and consider any follow up actions

The Chair confirmed that the site meeting took place with DCC on 25/7/25. Disappointment was expressed that the presentation was sent on the day of the meeting, which meant there was no time to digest the contents.

RESOLVED: (1) For the clerk to pass on thanks to Cllr Hill for her involvement and time spent attending the site meeting. Also to say that the Parish Council see this as a fresh start to getting the landslip repaired and the road re-opened. (2) To highlight to Cllr Hill that despite there being no Parish Council meeting in September, the monthly update would still be required and to keep in touch with the Chair as suggested. (3) For the clerk to send a link to a BBC new article about a similar road closure between Macclesfield and Whaley Bridge and highlight different approach and timescales for repair from Cheshire East Council compared with Derbyshire County Council.

5280. Update on the request to DCC for parking restrictions around the village green triangle and also an update on the installation of timber bollards – Cllr Stevenson

Cllr Stevenson explained that the bollards from UK Timber had been returned due to then being of poor quality. Quotations from other suppliers were discussed along with the email from DCC stating that the green triangle is highways land and could not support the installation of bollards.

RESOLVED: (1) For the clerk to contact DCC and explain that based on previous investigations, the green triangle appears to be 'untitled' and not highway land. Also, point out that the Parish Council has maintained the land for decades. (2) To delay installation of the bollards until a response is received from DCC. (3) To ask DCC to clarify what they meant when they said robust remedial works would be carried out and ask for timescales. (4) For the clerk to ask the Safer Neighbourhood Team to investigate dangerous parking at junction Church Street and Yew Tree Hill (particularly late afternoon / early evening) and take enforcement action.

5281. To consider refurbishment of cemetery gates – Cllr Crossley

RESOLVED: (1) For Cllr Crossley to proceed with the quotation from Lamp Lane for repainting / powder coating the cemetery gates. (2) To use the £100 funding offered by Cllr Taylor towards the cost of the work. (3) To accept an anonymous donation of £1000 from a resident and use this to cover the cost of the bollards, with any unused funds to go towards the cost of the cemetery gates or other projects.

5282. To review cemetery fees and consider adopting the draft updated Cemetery Regulations

RESOLVED: (1) For the Cemetery Working Group to carry out a more detailed review of the cemetery regulations and report back to a future Parish Council meeting. (2) For the clerk to ask the ICCM whether the PC can restrict the purchase of new plots to parish residents, given the limited space remaining. (3) Carry this item forward to the October meeting.

5283. To consider carrying out safety testing of memorials in the cemetery, including the Smedley Memorial and the War Memorial in the Memorial Grounds

The clerk confirmed that the recommended inspection frequency to check the safety of memorials is every 5 years. A quotation has been obtained from HSP Consulting for the inspection of the War Memorial and the Smedley Memorial, with John Smedley Ltd offering to cover the cost of the latter. Quotations have been requested for testing the standard memorial in the cemetery, as the previous contractor has now retired. The deadline is 29 August 2025.

RESOLVED: (1) To proceed with the quotation from HSP Consulting for structural reports for the War Memorial and the Smedley Memorial. (2) For the clerk to ask John Smedley Ltd if they would consider paying for the War Memorial as a goodwill gesture.

5284. To consider any outstanding actions from the 2022 Tree Survey and agree a timescale for the next inspection.

Cllr Stevenson confirmed that all actions from the previous tree survey were carried out.

RESOLVED: For the clerk to obtain quotations for a tree survey for the Memorial Grounds, Cemetery and Lea Recreation Ground (similar to the previous one in 2025) from Arboricultural Association approved contractors

5285. To consider a response to the Derbyshire Local Government Reorganisation public consultation.

RESOLVED: To respond to the consultation individually, rather than a collective response from the Parish Council

5286. Update on Church Street bus shelter project

RESOLVED: To proceed with the bus shelter without the perch rail (Vote: 6 for, 2 against).

5287. Update – Condition of public toilets on Church Street, Holloway

The clerk confirmed that we are awaiting further response from AVBC from 2/6/25. This was chased up again on 30/7/25.

5288. To consider the legal requirements for a workplace pension and auto enrolment of employees

RESOLVED: To proceed with membership of the Local Government pension scheme for the parish clerk.

5289. Planning Matters – Planning applications for consideration

TRE/2025/0723	Sycamore Cottage Main Road Lea Crown lift Sycamore tree COMMENT: No objection
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5290. Planning Applications for information only (Deadline passed or withdrawn) - Noted

5291. Financial Matters

(a) Expenditure – To approve the following payments

Ref.	Payee & Details		Total
Bacs	Clerk July wages to include, back pay of annual increase (April to June), use of home as office, mileage, line rental/broadband contribution and reimbursement of parish phone line.		£1004.88
Bacs	Clerk August wages to include use of home as office, line rental/broadband contribution and reimbursement of parish phone line.		£912.28
Bacs	HMRC - Income Tax / NI		£360.01
Bacs	HMRC - Income Tax / NI		£316.78
Bacs	Keptkleen Ltd – Toilet cleaning Invoice No. 2882		£168.00
Bacs	Fox Grounds Maintenance & Landscaping Ltd – Lea recreation ground Inv 12899		£210.80
Bacs	Fox Grounds Maintenance & Landscaping Ltd – Lea recreation ground Inv 13037		£210.80
Bacs	Fox Grounds Maintenance & Landscaping Ltd – Holloway Cemetery Inv 12772		£494.21
Bacs	Fox Grounds Maintenance & Landscaping Ltd – Holloway Cemetery Inv 13032		£494.21
Bacs	FNMHF – Room hire 2/4, 7/5 and 4/6/25		£72.00
Bacs	PKF Littlejohn LLP – External auditor fees for 2024/25		£252.00
DD	Royal Mail – PO Box annual fee		£445.80
DD	British Gas – Electricity for toilets (1/7/25)		£30.07
DD	Waterplus – Inv 09787687		£30.42
DD	Unity Trust Bank – monthly service charge (July)		£6.00

Void / cancelled cheques: None.

RESOLVED: To approve payments as listed above.

(b) Income - Noted

Ref.	From / Details	Amount
22/7/25 (Bacs)	Co-op Funeral Services Ltd – Interment fee	£80.00
29/7/25 (Bacs)	UK Timber Limited – refund for bollards	£593.87

Void / cancelled paying in slips: None

(c) To note Bank Reconciliation & Financial Summary Report

5292. To consider Derbyshire Association of Local Council's Correspondence - Noted

5293. To consider items of correspondence - Noted

5294. Articles for the parish magazine and parish council website - None

5295. Agenda items for the next meeting on Wednesday 1 October 2025 - None

Meeting closed: 9.13 pm

Note: There is no meeting scheduled for September