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MINUTES – 1 October 2025

Minutes of Dethick, Lea and Holloway Parish Council Meeting held in the Florence Nightingale Memorial Hall, Yew Tree Hill, Holloway on Wednesday 1 October 2025.

Councillors: J Stevenson (Chair) **Also present:** T Walker (Parish Clerk & RFO)
J Dennis Cllr Rachael Hatchett (DCC)
S Farnsworth Representative from Toy Library

5296. To note apologies for absence - Cllr Crossley, Cllr Yapp, Cllr Thomas and Cllr Bradshaw.

5297. To consider motions for variations of business

RESOLVED: To move item 12 (To review cemetery fees and regulations and consider recommendations from the Cemetery Working Group) to the end of the meeting.

5298. Declaration of member's interests at meeting - None

5299. Public Speaking

Cllr Hatchett highlighted the AVBC Community Governance Review consultation. The recent correspondence with DCC regarding Leashaw landslip was also mentioned. Parish Councillors pointed out that although DCC are saying they are on track with the project, concerns remain.

There was no update on Local Government Reorganisation, but there had been a rumour that Amber Valley may end up in the South area, however it was not clear if that referred to the whole borough. The process is taking a lot of officer time and is a distraction from day-to-day responsibilities.

A representative / musician from the Toy Library outlined the work of the charity. She highlighted that she had limited information about its operation, as she is not one of the organisers. People can just drop in and the library is about being accessible, inclusive, and affordable. It was pointed out that wider advertising was needed and the school was suggested for networking opportunities.

5300. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 6 August 2025

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes as a true record.

5301. To determine which items, if any of the agenda should be taken with the public excluded - None

5302. Consider applications for the Parish Councillor vacancy – None received
It was suggested that an updated flyer was needed with a maildrop, possibly to under-represented areas of the parish. Cllr Stevenson offered to look at this and the clerk offered to print the flyers.

5303. Chair's Announcements

- The Defibrillator Awareness session took place with 8 attendees.
- A PCSO had been out with the mobile police station, but the step was broken and therefore not accessible. The clerk was asked to highlight this with the PCSO and ask for it to be repaired. A better location also needs to be considered.
- Cllr Jakubait had submitted her resignation, due to other commitments. Cllr Jakubait will be a great loss to the Parish Council and the clerk was asked to send an email thanking her for her contribution.

5304. Update on Leashaw landslip and consider any follow up actions

The latest update from DCC and subsequent correspondence was discussed. Although DCC have said the project is on track, concerns remain regarding progress and getting the road re-opened on time.

RESOLVED: (1) To defer any actions to November to see what progress has been made at that time. (2) For the clerk to send a reminder to DCC during the 3rd week of October, requesting a detailed update well in advance of the November PC meeting.

5305. Update on vehicle damage to Holloway village green triangle and installation of timber bollards – Cllr Stevenson

DCC have said the green triangle is adopted highway and they cannot allow the PC to install bollards. However, they offered to provide more stability to the outer perimeter should it be required.

RESOLVED: For the clerk to contact DCC to request a higher kerb of at least 12 inches high, to help protect the grass on the vulnerable sides.

5306. Update on the refurbishment of the cemetery gates – Cllr Crossley

RESOLVED: To defer this item to the November meeting.

5307. To review cemetery fees and regulations and consider recommendations from the Cemetery Working Group

RESOLVED: To defer this item to the November meeting

5308. Consider getting the master cemetery plan scanned and printed

RESOLVED: For the clerk to proceed to get the master cemetery plan scanned and printed

5309. Update on safety inspections for the Smedley Memorial and the War Memorial

John Smedley Ltd have kindly agreed to pay for the safety inspections of both the Smedley Memorial and the War Memorial in the Memorial Grounds. An order has been placed with HSP Consulting and we are awaiting the inspection reports.

RESOLVED: For the clerk to pass on thanks to John Smedley Ltd.

5310. Consider quotations for memorial testing in Holloway Cemetery

RESOLVED: To defer this item to the November meeting.

5311. Consider quotations for tree inspections reports for Memorial Grounds, Holloway Cemetery and Lea Rec

RESOLVED: For the clerk to obtain a further quote from Tom Richards Tree Services and defer this item to the November meeting.

5312. Consider quotation for cutting the holly hedge at Holloway Cemetery

RESOLVED: To proceed with the quotation from Fox Landscapes.

5313. Consider purchase of additional play bark and replacement timber edgings for the play area

Cllr Stevenson suggested alternative safety surfacing such as grass matting, due to the ongoing cost of replacement bark and associated maintenance issues. We would need to establish how much matting is needed under each item of play equipment so that a quote can be obtained and considered.

RESOLVED: For Cllr Stevenson to send photos of the play equipment to the clerk so the manufacturer can be identified, the area of safety surfacing needed confirmed and a quote obtained.

5314. Consider a donation to RBL Poppy Appeal for Remembrance Day Wreath

RESOLVED: To proceed with the donation.

5315. Consider a funding request from Derbyshire Toy Libraries for Stay & Play Sessions at the Florence Nightingale Hall

RESOLVED: To proceed with a donation of £96.00 to cover one month's room hire at the Florence Nightingale Hall

5316. Consider additional signage for Lea Rec – Cllr Dennis

RESOLVED: To proceed with the signage (Wildflower area – No dogs).

5317. Consider a response to the AVBC Community Governance Review - Initial Consultation

RESOLVED: To submit the response to AVBC Community Governance Review (as previously circulated)

5318. Update – Condition of public toilets on Church Street, Holloway

RESOLVED: To defer this item to November meeting when a response should have been received from ABVC.

5319. Finalise arrangements for Christmas decorations including the new feature on Holloway village green triangle

RESOLVED: To defer this item to the November meeting and ask S Jakubait about the Christmas decoration structure.

5320. Consider applying to Cllr Hatchett for funding from the £2000 leadership fund

RESOLVED: For the clerk to apply for £950 of funding from Cllr Hatchett's leadership fund towards the cost of safety surfacing at the play area at Lea Recreation Ground, with any surplus funds being used towards the cost of memorial safety inspections at the cemetery.

5321. Update on Church Street bus shelter project

RESOLVED: For the clerk to contact DCC for an update and defer this item until the November meeting.

5322. Adopt the draft Employer Discretions Policy for the Local Government Pension Scheme

RESOLVED: For the clerk to circulate a copy of the template policy provided by DCC to all Councillors and for this item to be deferred until the November meeting.

5323. To continue with the meeting after 9pm

RESOLVED: To continue until all business is concluded.

5324. Planning Matters – Planning applications for consideration

AVA/2025/0596	<p>Prospect Cottage Farm Main Road Lea Matlock Variation of condition 2 (plans) of AVA/2022/0857 to amend the layout and appearance, including finished floor and ridge height levels, roof lights and fenestration</p> <p>COMMENT: Objection The Parish Council still has significant concerns regarding this application which was first submitted in 2022, amended in 2023 and approved with conditions, and is now re-amended in 2025.</p> <p>These relate to the building's size, which has grown with each re-iteration of the application, the materials proposed and the proposal's visual impact on this part of the DLH Conservation Area and DVMills Buffer Zone.</p> <p>Size: the building approved 2023 was already larger and higher than the pole barn which it was intended to replace, and was 4m greater in length. A new wing has now been added which grows the footprint still further by c25%. This therefore represents not replacement on the current footprint of the barn, but a very substantial addition to it.</p> <p>Materials: it is welcome that the original proposal for metal-clad</p>
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	<p>walls has now been amended to stone walls, but the Council is remains opposed to metal roofing materials. Though one approval has been gained for this roofing material we would point out again that in light of the principles set out in the DLH Conservation Area Character Statement (<i>the use of non-local or synthetic building materials should generally be avoided</i>”), and the DLH Neighbourhood Plan statement that: <i>‘A simple palette of materials should be maintained for the village, as laid blocks in local gritstone are the predominant finishes. Introducing new materials should be avoided, especially for the main streets. Simple roofs with clay or slate tiles are encouraged. Windows with a vertical emphasis are encouraged, and window bars should be included. Sash windows are commonplace and add character.’</i> p62. The amended proposal does not adhere to any of these design criteria.</p> <p>Visual Impact: The original Planning Statement stated that: <i>‘The proposed dwelling makes clear references to the existing barn with similar massing, materials and proportions, with the external construction proposed to be dark, recessive metal cladding on a drystone plinth to assimilate with the existing stone buildings. The Neighbourhood Plan states it does not wish to introduce new materials to Lea and prefers the use of simple materials, which this cladding would achieve.’</i> Since this Statement was written in 2022 the development has only grown and no longer has ‘similar massing’. Whilst the walling materials will now conform with the Neighbourhood Plan, we remain opposed to metal cladding over what now will be a much expanded roof plan, greatly exceeding its original visual impact with its single storey wings and main building now merging to form a single block of metal.</p> <p>Finally, the Parish Council repeated its concerns regarding the demolition of a small barn to provide a turning and parking space.</p>
AVA/2025/0657	<p>Beech Farm High Lane Holloway Variation of condition 3 (approved plans) of AVA/2025/0142 to carry out minor adjustments to the elevations and treatment of the gable and eaves (may affect the character and appearance of the Conservation Area)</p> <p>COMMENT: No objection</p>
AVA/2025/0650	<p>1 Lea Wood Croft Holloway Proposed two storey side extension and single storey rear extension</p> <p>COMMENT: The Parish Council has no planning objection, but we recognise the concerns of a direct neighbouring property relating to tree roots, spring water and the issue of construction and maintenance access and we would be grateful if these issues could be taken into account.</p>
TRE/2025/0750	<p>Ashleigh Yew Tree Hill Holloway Reduce silver birch tree by approximately 2 meters and reshape the</p>

	<p>canopy. Remove one lower branch resting on neighbours outbuilding (picture 1). Lift the crown of the horse chestnut to 4 meters above the ground and remove the north facing lower limb (picture 2 and 3). Reduce and reshape apple tree by approx 1 meter (picture 4).</p> <p>COMMENT: No objection</p>
TRE/2025/0753	<p>Netherlea Barn Bracken Lane Holloway T1 - Silver Birch Betula pendula - 15m tall boundary tree. Healthy. Proposed prune of 30% of the crown. All cuts to be made to a branch union or crotch.</p> <p>COMMENT: The PC would prefer a maximum reduction of 25% rather than 30%.</p>

5325. Planning Applications for information only (Deadline passed or withdrawn) -
Noted

AVA/2025/0313 (Withdrawn)	<p>Snowball Cottage Lea Road Lea Bridge Derbyshire DE4 5AH Proposed construction of a detached dwelling and associated garage sited where a previous cottage stood (may affect the setting and character of the conservation area)</p>
TRE/2025/0729	<p>2 Sunny Ridge Bracken Lane Holloway Elm, 15m height, 8-10m crown. Poor health/dead Remove to ground level. Underneath is a garage, neighbouring property family garden.</p>
TRE/2025/0732	<p>The Bungalow The Hollow Holloway T1. Crimson King. Heavily reduce by approx 6m. Resulting height to be approx 8m, with a smaller branch framework created for a more sustainable size. T2. 2x Beech. Tall skinny Beech with a bias towards LV power line and poor union @ approx 4m. Fell both to ground level. T3. Chestnut. Crowded by surrounding trees with canker near to base on stem. Fell to ground level.</p>

5326. Financial Matters

(a) Expenditure – To approve the following payments

Ref.	Payee & Details		Total
Bacs	<p>Clerk September wages to include, use of home as office, mileage, line rental/broadband contribution, reimbursement of parish phone line, cloud backup, and stationery items.</p>		£908.18
Bacs	HMRC - Income Tax / NI		£304.98
Bacs	Derbyshire CC - Pension Fund - Pension		£283.32
Bacs	Keptkleen Ltd – Toilet cleaning Invoice No. 2910		£134.40
Bacs	Keptkleen Ltd – Toilet cleaning Invoice No. 2936		£134.40
Bacs	<p>Fox Grounds Maintenance & Landscaping Ltd – Lea recreation ground Inv 13197</p>		£210.80
Bacs	<p>Fox Grounds Maintenance & Landscaping Ltd – Holloway Cemetery Inv 13196</p>		£494.21

DD	British Gas – Electricity for toilets (12/8/25)		£55.31
DD	British Gas – Electricity for toilets (3/9/25)		£35.34
DD	Waterplus – Inv 10078366		£31.29
DD	Unity Trust Bank – Service charge (Aug)		£6.00
DD	Unity Trust Bank – Service charge (Sept)		£6.00

Void / cancelled cheques: None.

RESOLVED: To approve payments as listed above.

(b) Income - Noted

Ref.	From / Details	Amount
21/8/25 (Bacs)	Donation (via Cllr Stevenson)	£1,000.00
22/9/25 (Bacs)	AVBC – Precept payment 2 of 2	£15,490.00

Void / cancelled paying in slips: None

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

5327. To consider Derbyshire Association of Local Council's Correspondence - Noted

5328. To consider items of correspondence - Noted

5329. Articles for the parish magazine and parish council website - None

5330. Agenda items for the next meeting on Wednesday 5 November 2025 - None

Meeting closed: 9.10pm