

is looking to arrange a public meeting in April so that DCC can give an update to residents and businesses.

5396. Consider correspondence from resident regarding problems caused by the delay in reinstating Leashaw and lack of response from DCC in connection with the damage to the barrier/handrail and subsidence of the footpath on Leashaw

RESOLVED: For the clerk to chase up a response to the 3rd item (damage to the barrier/handrail and subsidence of the footpath on Leashaw), if this has not been provided to the resident.

5397. To approve changes to Parish Council Unity Trust Bank signatories

RESOLVED: To add Cllr D Yapp as an authorised signatory on the Parish Council Unity Trust bank account and remove former councillors, S Crossley and S Jakubait

5398. Consider a response to the Community Governance Review - Draft Recommendations

RESOLVED: For the clerk to resubmit the comment previously submitted.

5399. Consider the grass cutting contract for 2026

RESOLVED: To proceed with the quotation from Fox Landscapes.

5400. To consider annual lamp column testing for speed indicator device

RESOLVED: For the clerk to proceed with arranging the lamp column test.

5401. Consider the issue of burial plots exceeding the sizes stated in the cemetery regulations – Cllr Stevenson

RESOLVED: For the clerk to contact local funeral directors and ask them to ensure that grave diggers do not exceed the standard plot size set out in the cemetery regulation. Also, highlight that new graves must be kept in line with existing ones and uniform spacing maintained, due to the limited space remaining in the cemetery.

5402. Consider billing and pricing for the hire of the Florence Nightingale Memorial Hall – Cllr Dennis

Cllr Dennis outlined possible changes to booking prices.

RESOLVED: To defer this item until firm proposals are received.

5403. Consider Christmas tree arrangements for 2026 and update on taking over the responsibility for the Christmas lights that were offered as a donation to the Parish Council – Cllr Stevenson

The clerk confirmed that the light donation had been confirmed.

RESOLVED: To defer arrangements for Christmas tree/decorations to October 2026.

5404. Update on Church Street bus shelter project

DCC confirmed installation will be in spring.

RESOLVED: For the clerk to respond to the EMCCA consultation and suggest that the PC would like EMCCA to take over the purchase and maintenance of bus shelters and provide real time information boards.

5405. Update on rust on cemetery gates

Remedial works have now been undertaken by the contractor.

5406. Update on outstanding response from AVBC regarding the condition of the public toilets on Church Street, Holloway

The matter has now been passed to AVBC's Corporate Director of Resources for response.

RESOLVED: To add this item to the February agenda.

5407. Update on request to DCC to provide a higher kerb to protect the grass on the vulnerable sides of the village green triangle

No response to email sent to DCC on 28/12/25.

RESOLVED: For the clerk to forward the last email sent to DCC to Cllr Hatchett, so that this matter can be chased up and to add this item to the February agenda.

5408. Planning Matters – Planning applications for consideration

CW3/1225/13	<p>Matlock Sewage Treatment Works, Lea Road, Lea Bridge Construction of new sewage treatment assets and associated infrastructure to improve river quality, increase storm storage capacity and reduce spills to the River Derwent</p> <p>COMMENT: The Parish Council is keen for improvements to be made to reduce the odour from the sewage treatment works, which impacts visitors to High Peak Junction and nearby residents.</p>
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5409. Planning Applications for information only (Deadline passed or withdrawn)

TRE/2025/0805	<p>Holt House Holt Lane Lea Tree:- Tall tree No.1 = Pine Tree (Right beside Holt House Annexe) Action:- Prune and reduce the overall height of the tree, thus reducing impact on said Annexe and opening up view to the gardens and vistas beyond. Tree:- Tall trees No.s 2&3 = Conifer Trees (Right on the boundary and to the left of neighbouring Gorton Cottage as you look at the Sketch Plan). Action:- Both trees are very tall and would most certainly cause damage to Gorton Cottage if they came down, therefore we would like to reduce the height by approximately 1/3 of their current height and prune the overall crown retaining the consistency of appearance. Tree:- Tall trees No.s 4&5 = Silver Birch (Top Left hand corner of Sketch Plan as you look at it) Action:- Tall Silver Birch trees in front of very old and very tall boundary trees, not wanted and they will continuously take good out of the grounds thus affecting quality of ground for younger scrubs and flowers. We would like to</p>
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	<p>fell both trees in their entirety. Tree:- Tall tree No.6 = Conifer, near Holt Cottage to the left bottom of Sketch Plan as you look at it. Action:- This tree is very tall and would most certainly cause damage to Holt Cottage if it came down, therefore we would like to reduce the height by approximately 1/3 of their current height and prune the overall crown retaining the consistency of appearance.</p> <p>Tree:- Large Apple tree positioned between flower and scrub beds and hedging. Action:- Very large and very old apple tree, one of several in the garden but one we would like to remove in its entirety to open up that part of lawns, and protect the quality of the grounds around it. General note:- We would like permission to implement an annual pruning plan of all trees within the gardens to ensure ongoing quality of tree growth as well as preserving the overall appearance of the trees and allowing for sun and air quality to both the trees and the grounds around said trees. Action:- we would like to prune crowns of tre...</p>
TRE/2025/0823	<p>3 Hollins Wood Close Lea Bridge</p> <p>A. Silver Birch - Crown reduction of approximately 6m in height and no more than 1.5m off the spread of the tree, crown thinning of approximately 10% of the tree. B. Purple Leaf Flowering Plum - Crown reduction of approximately 3m off the height and 2m off the spread of the tree. Crown thinning of approximately 20% of the tree.</p>
TRE/2025/0813	<p>Waterworks House Main Road Lea</p> <p>T1 Spruce - Fell or 50% reduction T2 Fir - Fell or 50% reduction</p>
TRE/2025/0811	<p>The Woodlands Yew Tree Hill Holloway</p> <p>T1 - Maple, 5m. Remove and grind stump below ground level. Tree in close proximity to property. T2 - Cedar, 15m. Remove all major deadwood from within crown.</p>
TRE/2025/0826	<p>The Beeches Lea Road Lea Bridge Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5AE</p> <p>The removal of six Goat willow trees (T1, T2, T3, T4, T5, T6) from front of property border. These trees are self setting saplings that have matured among a grove of other trees. We wish to remove these to allow the other trees in the front border (oak, silver birch, cherry etc.) to have enough space and sunlight to mature. The reduction of Goat willow hedge (T7) by 2 meters. We wish to reduce the top of this hedgerow to make a sustainable and manageable hedge. The removal of Cherry tree (T8) close the house. We wish to remove this cherry tree as it is currently preventing a yew tree from being able to mature. It is also within a close proximity to the house. The removal of Goat willow tree (T9) directly behind house. This is a self setting willow and has grown too large for its proximity to the house. We also have concern that due to its rapid growth in size it could potentially cause structural damage to the house due to its roots system. The removal of Goat willow tree (T10) in the rear garden. This is a self setting willow, that has grown too large in a garden border. We also have concern that due to its rapid growth in size it could potentially cause structural damage to the boundary wall of the garden due to its roots system. All removed trees will be treated with poison pellets applied by myself.</p>

5410. Financial Matters

(a) Expenditure – To approve the following payments

Ref.	Payee & Details	Total
Bacs	Clerk December wages to include, use of home as office, mileage, line rental/broadband/parish phone reimbursement	£895.88
Bacs	HMRC - Income Tax / NI	£304.98
Bacs	Derbyshire CC - Pension Fund - Pension	£283.32
Bacs	Keptklean Ltd – Toilet cleaning Invoice No. 3016	£134.40
Bacs	Fox Grounds Maintenance Ltd – Lea rec. Inv 13631	£210.80
Bacs	Fox Grounds Maintenance Ltd – Cemetery Inv 13630	£494.21
Bacs	Technix Rubber and Plastics – Rubber mats for play area	£1337.40
Bacs	Lant Lane – Repainting of cemetery gates £400 plus VAT	£480.00
Bacs	Florence Nightingale Mem Hall Fund – Oct, Nov and Dec 25	£72.00
DD	British Gas – Electricity for toilets (11/12/25)	£45.83
DD	British Gas – Electricity for toilets (19/12/25)	£7.61
DD	Waterplus – Inv 10592480 (30/10/25)	£30.42
DD	Waterplus – Inv 10875692 (1/12/25)	£69.41
DD	Unity Trust Bank – monthly service charge (Dec)	£6.00

Void / cancelled cheques: None

RESOLVED: To approve payments as listed above.

(b) Income

Ref.	From / Details	Amount
Bacs 24/11/25	Jepsons – Interment fee	£80.00
Bacs 4/12/25	Derbyshire County Council (Cllr Hatchett Leadership Fund). Donation for play area surfacing	£500.00

Void / cancelled paying in slips: None

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

5411. To consider Derbyshire Association of Local Council's Correspondence - noted

5412. To consider items of correspondence - Noted

5413. Articles for the parish magazine and parish council website - None

5414. Agenda items for the next meeting on Wednesday 4 February 2026

- Carnival Committee liaison and communication – Cllr Stevenson
- Consider donation to Toddler Group at the Chapel – Cllr Thomas

Meeting closed: 8.36pm