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MINUTES – 7 October 2026

Minutes of Dethick, Lea and Holloway Parish Council Meeting held in the Florence Nightingale Memorial Hall, Mill Lane, Holloway on Wednesday 7 October 2026 2026.

Councillors: J Stevenson (Chair)
J Dennis
S Farnsworth
L Thomas
D Yapp

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

5596. To note apologies for absence - Cllr Atkinson

5597. To consider motions for variations of business - None

5598. Declaration of member's interests at meeting

Councillor Stevenson declared a personal interest in Item 24 – Payments and indicated that she would remain in the meeting but not participate in any discussions or vote.

5599. Public Speaking

- PCSO gave an update on crime figures for the last 3 months. There were 5 reported issues, the main one being cyclists using footpaths. 7 further incidents were attended. A response will be provided to the person who has reported damage from footballs from Lea recreation ground.
- A resident highlighted concerns regarding planning application AVA/2026/0555 and said the plans are inaccurate and inconsistent. Concerns were also raised about the size of the proposed building, loss of wildlife habitat and safety in relation to the close proximity of a dry-stone wall that is in poor condition.
- Cllr Hatchett gave an update. Leashaw repairs appear to be going well, although DCC are not providing regular updates. Cllr Hatchett offered to chase this up, as well as the road markings promised. Updates were also provided about LGR, which is currently on hold. The £500 donation towards the planters was confirmed.

5600. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 5 August 2026

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes as a true record.

5601. To determine which items, if any of the agenda should be taken with the public excluded - None

5602. Consider any applications received for the Parish Councillor vacancies – None

5603. Chair's Announcements

- A resident has asked for permission to put a cover over a recently renovated memorial bench in the cemetery over the winter. This appears fine.
- The play area safety matting is part complete. The Chair thanked everyone involved so far, including two local residents who gave time and effort to help with the latest installation, which was very much appreciated.
- Cllr Stevenson's husband has cut the Yew hedge in the cemetery (thanks were passed on from everyone for this).

5604. Update on Leashaw landslip and consider any follow up actions
Repairs appear to be going well. A pedestrian access issue to and from the café has been raised with DCC. This has been flagged up with the contractor.

5605. Consider concerns raised regarding footballs going into the road from Lea Recreation Ground and a complaint of damaged property/cars
Safety concerns and damage to vehicles from footballs was discussed at length.

RESOLVED: (1) Four signs to be ordered and installed (at entrances, facing the pub and adjacent to the bus shelter) highlighting the road safety risk, risk of damage to vehicles and property opposite and asking park users not to leave goal posts on site when not in use. Cllr Farnsworth was delegated to come up with suitable wording for the sign. (2) To highlight the issues to the owners of the portable goals posts and ask for these to be removed when not in use.

5606. Consider raising the issue of the disused garages in poor condition at the bottom of Nightingale Close, Lea Bridge with Futures Housing and ask if they could be brought back into use (Raised by resident)

RESOLVED: For the Clerk to write to Futures Housing and raise the issue of the disused garages in poor condition at the bottom of Nightingale Close, Lea Bridge with and ask if they could be brought back into use.

5607. Update on Objects Licence application for planters for the green triangle to prevent vehicles driving over the grass
The Objects Licence has now been received from DCC so the PC has authorisation to proceed with the planters.

5608. Update on Objects Licence application for planters opposite Lea Primary School. Also, update on 'no parking' signs and draft letter to parents - Cllr Thomas
The Objects Licence has now been received from DCC so the PC has authorisation to proceed with the planters. Cllr Thomas confirmed that the no parking signs have been installed and the letter sent to parents.

RESOLVED: For the clerk to provide Cllr Thomas with the PC bank details so the funding offered from the school can be transferred.

5609. Update on Church Street bus shelter project
The bus shelter will be funded and maintained by EMCCA.

RESOLVED: Clerk to ask EMCCA for timescales for installation.

5610. Consider quotation for cutting the holly hedge at Holloway Cemetery

RESOLVED: To proceed with the quotation from Fox Landscapes.

5611. Update on order for tree works covering issues identified on the last tree inspection report for Holloway Cemetery, Memorial Grounds and Lea Recreation Ground – Cllr Yapp/Cllr Stevenson
Cllr Stevenson agreed to meet the contractor on 4 November 2026, to verify work being undertaken.

RESOLVED: To carry forward this item to November, so that an update can be given.

5612. Consider items raised on the 2026 Annual Play Area Inspection Report
Items on the report were discussed. The grass matting installation is in progress. The existing matting that requires work is low risk, so can be picked up when time allows.

RESOLVED: For Cllr Thomas to check the handle is secure on the caterpillar springy.

5613. Consider correspondence from a resident regarding a tree belonging DCC that is overhanging Lea Road and damaging a stone wall

RESOLVED: For the Clerk to contact DCC to highlight the concerns on behalf of the resident.

5614. Consider the provision of a Christmas tree outside Florence Nightingale Memorial Hall

RESOLVED: For the clerk to ask the Carnival Committee for an update and add this item to the November agenda.

5615. Consider a donation to RBL Poppy Appeal for Remembrance Day Wreath

RESOLVED: To proceed with a donation.

5616. To note the Conclusion of Audit for 2025/2026 - Noted

5617. Planning Matters – Planning applications for consideration

TRE/2026/0983	**Hatters Mill Unnamed Road From Lea Bridge To Lea Wood Lea Bridge Derbyshire DE4 5AA** Removal of 2 Conifer trees **COMMENT:** No objection

5618. Planning Applications for information only (Deadline passed or withdrawn) - Noted

AVA/2026/0149	**Lea Hall Main Road Lea Derbyshire DE4 5GR** Partial demolition of flat roofed store to main dwelling, partial demolition and reconstruction to barn, internal and external alterations to the listed building, curtilage listed structures and

	setting.
AVA/2026/0536	**Leawood View The Hollow Holloway Derbyshire DE4 5AW** Single storey side extension
AVA/2026/0528	**Manor Farm Dethick Dethick Derbyshire DE4 5GG** Listed building consent for alteration at the first floor level of areas 23 (passage), 24 (bathroom) and 26 (store) to create a single family bathroom
AVA/2026/0534	**The Stackyard Dethick Dethick Derbyshire DE4 5QF** Variation of condition 2 of AVA/2025/0367 to vary the approved plans to allow for like for like rebuilding of the stone walls
AVA/2026/0535	**The Stackyard Dethick Dethick Derbyshire DE4 5QF** Listed building consent for a like for like dismantling and rebuilding of a small portion of the building stone walls
AVA/2026/0555	**1 School Croft Yew Tree Hill Holloway Derbyshire DE4 5AR** Construction of a single storey flat roof rear extension to provide additional kitchen/dining space. Re-rendering of the existing dwelling in a natural buff coloured render. Removal of existing dilapidated sheds/outbuildings and erection of a new ancillary garden room/store with storage mezzanine, for use in association with the main dwelling. **RESOLVED:** For Cllr Farnsworth to draft a suitable response to AVBC highlighting concerns raised by the resident. **Objection** The Parish Council considered this application at its October 7th 2026 meeting following the submission of revised plans to AVBC on September 28th and representations from a parishioner. The Parish Council has three major concerns in relation to the proposed 'ancillary garden room/store'. **The first objection relates to its extreme bulk.** The proposed ancillary garden room/store is drawn at 6.0 meters by 4.5m and a ridge height of 4.115m.This is excessively bulky for its a declared purpose and constitutes approximately two-thirds of the footprint of the actual house, before its proposed extension. The proportions and volume of the proposed ancillary building alone approaches those of many of its surrounding cottages in the Conservation Area and the Parish Council takes the view therefore that the oversized nature of the proposal should be reconsidered. **The second concern relates to the proposed materials and design.** The Heritage and Access Statement states: *"Architecturally, the building has deliberately been given the simple character of a traditional garden outbuilding. It has a pitched roof with restrained grey roof covering and elevations finished in dark stained timber cladding." (Section 6).* The Parish Council challenges this description: the building is blind on three sides and its large size, extreme, modernist colouring, (grey

	metal roof and black stained wall cladding), is entirely contrary to the Design Principles set out in the **Dethick, Lea and Holloway Neighbourhood Plan** which, disappointingly, is not referenced at all by the architect. The Plan clearly states at section headed **'The Importance of Good Design'**, (pages 65-77), that: *'A simple palette of materials should be maintained for the village, with sand and gritstone the predominant finishes.'* The specification of metal roofing is entirely contrary to these principles and the Parish Council always views the use of timber cladding as contrary to acceptable practice within the Conservation Area. The proposed garden room is drawn out as a substantial block-built structure which could carry alternative external treatments preferably in stone or in a sympathetic brick or render finish with tile or slate roofing. **The third concern relates to the future use of the building.** Whilst, in this application, the proposal is firmly defined as 'ancillary' to the main house and is *not* designed for occupation, the Parish Council is always mindful of successive ownership and how a building approved for one purpose can drift into other uses at some other point in the future. Whilst the building as specified appears to have no water supply or drainage, we would endorse Derbyshire County Council's advice that any eventual planning approval is conditioned specifically to rule out use for human habitation, holiday rental or separate occupation. **On these grounds therefore, the Parish Council Objects to the present application as specified and encourages AVBC Officers to urge the Applicant to reconsider the aspects of the application which we have highlighted.**
TRE/2026/0956	**The Rise Church Street Holloway Derbyshire DE4 5AY** Common Yew tree, crown reduction or removal of the tree if it cannot be sufficiently reduced. Tree is approximately 6m wide and 10m tall. We want to reduce by 50% making it 3m wide and 5m tall. The tree is overhanging neighboring property and bloocking light to their windows. Neighbout has asked if we can cut it back so it does not overhang their property and thin it so it does not block light to their windows.
TRE/2026/0960	**The Cottage Sledgegate Lane Lea Derbyshire DE4 5GL** Various tree works
TRE/2026/0963	**Pendlebury High Lane Holloway Derbyshire DE4 5AW** Removal of Cedar tree
TRE/2026/0972	**Lavender Cottage The Hollow Holloway Derbyshire DE4 5AW** Fell one tree

5619. Financial Matters

(a) Expenditure – To approve the following payments

Ref.	Payee & Details		Total
Bacs	**Clerk** September wages to include, use of home as office, mileage, line rental/broadband contribution, reimbursement of parish phone line and printer paper (£13.78) and Google One Backup (£15.99). Inc. back pay to 1/4/26 of the NJC approved rise.		**£1109.48**
Bacs	**HMRC -** Income Tax / NI		**£405.98**
Bacs	**Derbyshire CC – Pension Fund** - Pension		**£307.13**
Bacs	**Keptkleen Ltd** – Toilet cleaning Invoice No. 3227		**£134.40**
Bacs	**Keptkleen Ltd** – Toilet cleaning Invoice No. 3252		**£168.00**
Bacs	**Keptkleen Ltd** – Toilet cleaning Invoice No. 3280		**£134.40**
Bacs	**Fox Grounds Maintenance & Landscaping Ltd – Lea Recreation Ground (Inv 14876)**		**£223.46**
Bacs	**Fox Grounds Maintenance & Landscaping Ltd – Lea Recreation Ground (Inv 15031)**		**£223.46**
Bacs	**Fox Grounds Maintenance & Landscaping Ltd – Holloway Cemetery (Inv 14833)**		**£523.86**
Bacs	**Fox Grounds Maintenance & Landscaping Ltd – Holloway Cemetery (Inv 14973)**		**£144.00**
Bacs	**Loscoe Electrical** – Moving Speed Indicator Device £80 plus VAT		**£96.00**
Bacs	**J Stevenson** – Reimbursement for watering can and grass seed		**£28.98**
Bacs	**Pictorial Limited** – No Parking signs		**£72.00**
Bacs	**L Petts Stonemasons Limited** – Make safe memorials picked up on recent inspection report		**£875.00**
Bacs	**Peak Playgrounds** – Repair to play equipment		**£570.00**
Bacs	**PKF Littlejohn LLP** – External audit fee		**£252.00**
Bacs	**Florence Nightingale Mem Hall Fund** – room hire for meetings 1/7/26 and 5/8/26		**£48.00**
Bacs	*** **Jayne Roach** – Refund of cost of memorial repair due to memorial being re-installed anyway (Plot 1085) **** Correction: The payee should be 'Richard Duggins' and the plot number is 1102, not 1085.*		**£80.00**
Bacs	**Derbyshire County Council** – Object in the Highway Licence for planters		**£110.00**
DD	**Waterplus** – water at toilets (30/7/26)		**£270.26**
DD	**Waterplus** – water at toilets (2/9/26)		**£68.87**
DD	**British Gas** – Electricity for toilets (11/8/26)		**£49.72**
DD	**British Gas** – Electricity for toilets (11/9/26)		**£49.72**
DD	**Unity Trust Bank** – monthly service charge (Aug)		**£7.00**
DD	**Unity Trust Bank** – monthly service charge (Sep)		**£7.00**

Void / cancelled cheques: None

RESOLVED: To approve payments as listed above.

(b) Income - Noted

Ref.	From / Details	Amount
Bacs 30/7/26	**Jepson Funerals** – Interment fee – plot 1126	**£350.00**
Bacs 30/7/26	**Jepson Funerals** – Plot & Interment fee – GM138	**£1000.00**
Bacs 4/8/26	**Memorial repair** – Plot 1088	**£80.00**
Bacs 5/8/26	**Daynes** – Memorial fee	**£250.00**
Bacs 11/8/26	**Funeral Partners** – Interment fee – plot 1036	**£1000.00**
Bacs 20/8/26	**Jepsons Funerals** – Plot and Interment fee – plot 1127 *(interim payment)*	**£580.00**
Bacs 7/9/26	**L Petts** – Memorial fee – plot 1119	**£300.00**
Bacs 28/9/26	**AVBC** – Precept payment 2 of 2	**£16,294.00**

Void / cancelled paying in slips: None

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

5620. To consider Derbyshire Association of Local Council's Correspondence - Noted

5621. To consider items of correspondence - Noted

5622. Articles for the parish magazine and parish council website - None

5623. Agenda items for the next meeting on Wednesday 4 November 2026

- 2027/28 Budget and precept
- Consider future projects

Meeting closed: 8.58 pm