

Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council Meeting

Held in Florence Nightingale Hall

Wednesday April 2nd 2014 at 7.00pm

In Attendance: Cllrs: S Chambers, I Hooker, P Robinson, M Shields, M Taaffe-Finn (Chair), G Thorpe, J Ward and M Wisser

Also: Cllr D Taylor, Police, 4 members of the public and the Clerk

AGENDA

2068. To receive apologies for absence - None

2069. Variation of Order of business None

2070. Declaration of member's interests at meeting

Cllr G Thorpe declared a personal interest on planning item AVA/2014/0124 as a relation but remained in the meeting

Cllr P Robinson declared a pecuniary interest on item 7(i) and left the meeting while this item was discussed

Cllr M Wisser declared a personal interest on planning item TRE/2014/0037 as a PCC member but remained in the meeting

2071. Public speaking – the Police reported that there were no crimes but there had been a car fire and there were reports of a non-local vehicle on Long Lane being met by cyclists – please contact the Police if anyone sees anything – a female of a certain appearance has been seen in the parish – a vehicle and trailer was seen to have pulled into a wood yard
A resident spoke the J Smedley's development and of the section 106 agreement that developers offer for financial support for the parish, the Parish Council may take a view on this and the Council would ask that they be consulted regarding monies from a 106 agreement
A resident spoke of items missing from the public speaking minutes of the March meeting, the Clerk reported that she had already responded to the resident stating the minutes are not verbatim minutes but a summary of what is stated.
Cllr Ward asked about the telephone box at Upper Le which was looking tired and would be willing to take on the responsibility of looking after the box and rotating the books and magazines which are available in there
It was reported that a candidate for the Councillor vacancy had not seen the notice advertising the vacancy in the notice board which had been put up on March 7th 2014. The Clerk reported that the notice was in place on March 7th 2014 and the closing date was March 31st 2014 and the notice appeared in the Parish Magazine. To advertise the vacancy in the regular notice board was the legal responsibility of the Council. It was agreed that in future all notice boards, the website and the magazine would be used for all notices,

2072. To approve & sign the Minutes of the monthly Meeting held on March 5th 2014 – previously circulated. - **RESOLVED** to sign the minutes as a true and accurate record

2073. To determine which items, if any of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded. If the Council decides to exclude the public it will be necessary to pass a resolution in the following terms (if required):
RESOLVED "In view of the confidential nature of **item 13** to consider a resolution to exclude the press and public from the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, s1, in order to discuss the item."

2074. Report of the Clerk on:

- a) **Railings on roadside Hillside** – in need of repair - **RESOLVED** the Clerk is to write again to DCC, AVBC and Futures Homescapes - *agenda item for May*
- b) **Request from a resident for parking restrictions** on "The Green" Yew Tree Hill – no update from DCC - *agenda item for May*

- c) **Woodland site** – discuss monies to be earmarked for projects: - Clerk to obtain quotations for clearing the far right hand side of the cemetery with a view to making more space for burial plots – no action at present awaiting three quotations - **agenda item for May**
- d) **To consider the Surveyors report** on the Receiving House in the cemetery, repairs required as there is a Health & Safety issue – awaiting three quotations - **agenda item for May**
- e) **Lea Play Area** – Clerk is to obtain quotations for a replacement gate, and there is to be further discussion on a possible additional item to the area where the old swings were sited – awaiting a quotation from the contractor who fitted the fence – **agenda item for May**
- f) **Village Plan accounts** – Cllr Wisser reported the demise of the Village Plan and gave a copy of the accounts to the Clerk - **RESOLVED** for the bank account residual of £135.69 be repaid to the Parish Council
- g) **Working with CPRE to protect our countryside** – Membership £29 per annum - **RESOLVED** to pay the membership of £29.00 – **cheque to be paid in the May finances**
- h) **Removal and cutting of trees** – DCC information stating they have agreed to consult with Parish Councils on February 7th 2014 - **RESOLVED** the Clerk is to write to DCC and Lea Green to ask if the remaining part of the large Beech Tree be removed as soon as possible
- i) **Discuss Removal of fallen tree in Memorial gardens** – awaiting three quotations - **agenda item for May**
- j) **DALC - received new Standing Orders previously circulated** – Consider recommendations on the Standing Orders – awaiting comments from DALC - **agenda item for May**
- k) **Discuss possible erection of railings at Memorial** – One quotation received, further quotations to follow – quotations received and **RESOLVED** to accept the quotation from Cobley Engineering cost £1986.00
- l) **WWI Commemoration** – report back from Cllr Ward stating that the area is being cleared and the shrubs are planted plus primroses. **RESOLVED** to give a vote of thanks to Cllr Ward for her hard work on this project
- m) **More funds for Parish Councils** – Proposal that the government take the necessary action to allow a percentage of Business Rates to be paid direct to Parish and Town Councils for the benefit of local economic growth **RESOLVED** to support the proposal
- n) **Consultation on a draft transparency code for Parish Councils** with a turnover not exceeding £25,000 – **as the Parish Council turnover for 2013 / 2014 exceeds this therefore this would not apply**
- o) **Grass Cutting to Holt Lane** – Quotation from Derbyshire County Council – twelve cuts £403.00 - **RESOLVED** to accept the quotation
- p) **Speeding vehicles through the villages**, especially Lea Main Road - **RESOLVED** the Clerk is to write and ask for speed checks on Lea Main Road, Lea Road and Lea Shaw and to please use the tapes across the roads to give a full survey of vehicles speed
- q) **Legislative Reform** (Payments by Parish Councils, Community Councils and Charter Trustees) Order 2014 – **item for information**
- r) **Parish Warden’s Machinery Report from N Thorpe** - **RESOLVED** the Clerk is to write to the Parish Warden stating that the strimmers must not be used without a guard and add the last paragraph of the report
- s) **Footpath Maintenance Report 2013** – circulated - **RESOLVED** the Clerk is to write to DCC Foot Path Inspector regarding FP32 past the wall of Lea Hurst the Holly Hedge needs cutting back - **agenda item for May**

2075. **DALC circulars** – 06/2014, 07/2014, How local Councils can be more effective online - circulated

2076. **PLANNING** Committee or Tree Warden to give their recommendations –

- a) **Dethick Park Caravan** and Camping at Dethick Lane / Shaw Lane – no planning application but signage installed – response received from AVBC Enforcement – **the sign had been removed and AVBC are investigating the situation**
- b) **To discuss Amber Valley Borough Council Planning website** – order in which Planning Applications are shown on the website – the Clerk reported that applications are added and are out of date order, this has now been rectified - **RESOLVED** the Clerk is to write to AVBC regarding this
- c)

AVA/2014/0124	The Homestead, High Lane, Upper Holloway – Replacement Barn – the Clerk is to write to AVBC to ask if for this building a need can be satisfied and will be fit for purpose
AVA/2 14/0211	Motor Cycle Track Bracken Lane Holloway – Variation of condition 1 of planning consent AVA/2008/0735 – the Clerk is to write to AVBC Environmental Health for a site visit to inspect that there is a safe disposal of the waste as there have been complaints in the past it is essential that any issues should be resolved if there is to be a permanent extension to this condition
AVA/2013/1023	Lea Hurst Leashaw Holloway – Reconstruction and alterations to outbuilding – No Comment re the application but the Clerk is to write to AVBC Ross Pearson regarding the amount of trees being cut at the site
TRE/2014/0039	Peartree Cottage Lea Main Road Lea – Remove Willow Tree– No Comment
TRE/2014/0037	Christ Church, Church Street Lea – Remove branches from two silver birch trees– No Comment

2077. FINANCIAL MATTERS Approve & sign the following **RESOLVED** to approve and sign the cheques

10.1	Cheque No. 2014/2015/2016	Employee Costs including HMRC	£1124.19
10.2	Cheque No. 2017	AVBC –Playground inspection for Holt Lane	£40.80
10.3	Cheque No. 2018	Keptkleen wks 6/7/8/9	£106.00
10.4	Cheque No. 2019	Erskine Hunt – Receiving House survey report	£390.00
10.5	D/D	British Gas Toilets electricity Feb 2014	£7.38
10.6	D/D	AVBC Rates - Toilets	£40.35

TOTAL **£1708.72**

2078. Agenda items for May 2014

2079. INFORMATION in the information folder for circulation

2080. Employment: To discuss recommendations from the Employment Panel regarding the new Clerk/RFO - RESOLVED to accept the recommendations from the Interview Panel and offer the post to the suggested applicant.

2081. The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Date of next Parish Council meeting – Annual Parish Meeting at 6.30pm and AGM May 7th at 7.00pm in the Florence Nightingale Memorial Hall