

Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council Meeting

Held in Florence Nightingale Hall

Wednesday March 5th 2014 at 7.00pm

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

Also: 18 members of the public and the Clerk

AGENDA

2055. To receive apologies for absence – Cllr P Robinson

2056. Variation of Order of business – None required

2057. Declaration of member's interests at meeting

2058. Public speaking

A resident spoke of the problems at the flats on Holme Close with a known drug addict his associates / friends creating noise and disturbance to other residents, threats had been made to some residents and the Police were called. Cllr M Taaffe-Finn suggested the residents contact Futures Homescape and Environmental Health at AVBC and this would be an agenda item for the April meeting

A resident spoke of her great concern with the massive amount of desecration of trees, hedgerows and dry stone walling on the land off Dethick Lane where there have been massive access gateways installed without any planning permission. There has also been a sign for "Dethick Park" and Caravan and Camping attached to one of the gates at one of the entrances. There is an environment plan and a biodiversity scheme for maintaining the hedgerows, trees and walls. There is an area where the whole hedgerow has been taken out and a large tree outside the boundary has also been removed. A new gateway 25 feet wide has been installed removing hedgerow and another gateway has been widened and this is where more hedgerow and dry stone wall has been removed. The land was sold with the entitlement to cross compliance payments (Cross compliance is a term used to refer to the requirement for farmers to comply with a set of SMRs (statutory management requirements) and also ensure that the land is in Good Agricultural and Environmental Conditions (GAECs) so that they can qualify for payment). *Agenda item for the April meeting*

The landowner of the above land spoke of the fact he had been in contact with a Planning Authority and was told that for 28 days a year he could use the land for caravan and camping without planning permission, the trees were not fenced in and had been damaged by sheep and he had fenced other trees in to protect them.

The Clerk reported letters from residents had been received regarding the above.

It was noted that the Clerk had completed an enforcement form on the AVBC website regarding the land above, the removal of hedgerows, trees, walls and the siting of a sign.

Cllr Wisser spoke of a resident had raised an issue of a large tree which had been removed at Lea Green without any planning permission and Amber Valley Borough Council nor had Derbyshire County Council informed the Parish Council of any intent to remove the tree

Borough Council D Taylor informed the Parish Council there would be no Council Tax increase by them for 2014 / 2015 and he stated that removal of a tree on this site would need planning permission. *Agenda item for the April meeting.*

(d) Representatives from John Smedley to give a presentation about the proposed Planning Application - A presentation was given and the architects and Mr Maclean agreed to hold a public consultation at John Smedley in the next two to three weeks.

2059. To approve & sign the Minutes of the monthly Meeting held on February 5th 2014 – previously circulated - **RESOLVED** to agree and sign the minutes as a true and accurate record

2060. 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): -
"In view of the confidential nature of item....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."
- **None required**

2061. Report of the Clerk on:

- a) **The Clerk has given in her notice of retirement** and an advertisement for a new Clerk/RFO has been issued by DALC - **RESOLVED** to add place the advertisement in the Matlock Mercury, the Derbyshire Times and the Parish Council website – Interview Panel Cllrs: M Taaffe-Finn, I Hooker and J Ward and Cllr M Taaffe-Finn expressed his thanks to the Clerk for her work with him as Chair and for the Council and was sorry she was leaving
- b) **Railings on roadside Hillside** – in need of repair - **RESOLVED** the Clerk is to chase up Futures Homescape
- b) **Request from a resident for parking restrictions** on “The Green” Yew Tree Hill - **RESOLVED** the Clerk is to write to DCC to ask if they would consider any posts and chains round the green triangle area
- d) **Woodland site** – discuss monies to be earmarked for projects: - i) Receiving House survey and repairs as there is a Health & Safety issue – update ii) the Clerk to obtain quotations for clearing the far right hand side with a view to making more space for burial plots – report from site meeting to which all Cllrs were invited – **no update at present**
- e) **To consider the Surveyors report** on the Receiving House in the cemetery - **RESOLVED** the surveyors report has been received and the Clerk is to obtain three quotations for the work needing to be done as in the report
- f) **Lea Play Area** – Clerk is to obtain quotations for a further gate and there is to be further discussion on a possible additional item to the area where the old swings were sited **RESOLVED** the Clerk is to obtain quotations for the extra gate and also contact DCC regarding the trip hazard
- g) **Grant request** from two members of Lea & Holloway Leopard Explorers to visit 2015 International Scouting Jamboree in Japan - **RESOLVED** the Clerk is to write to the correspondents informing them that the Parish Council cannot give grants to individuals but could consider a grant request from an organisation
- h) **Grant request** for resurfacing Little London, a resident rang asking the Clerk to chase up Severn Trent regarding the grating and also asking is the Parish Council giving any grant award for Resurfacing - **RESOLVED** that they have no powers to give monies for any road repairs
- i) **Discuss Removal of Beech Tree next to new play area at Lea Green** - **RESOLVED** the Clerk is to write to DCC regarding the removal of this tree as there was no planning permission from AVBC or any correspondence from DCC regarding this tree
- j) **Discuss Removal of fallen tree in Memorial gardens** - **RESOLVED** the Clerk is to obtain three quotations for the removal of this tree
- j) **DALC - received new Standing Orders previously circulated** – Consider recommendations on the Standing Orders -
- k) **Discuss possible erection of railings at Memorial** – One quotation received, further quotations to follow – **item for report**
- l) **WWI Commemoration** – report back from Cllr Ward – Cllr Ward reported that the area is being cleared and low growing shrubs would be purchased and thousands of poppy seeds would be sown
- m) **Footpath from Mill Lane to Lea Wood** – response from Derbyshire County Council stating that there is a procedure which takes time and the application for this footpath is being dealt with

2062. DALC circulars – 03/2014, 04/2014, 05/2014

2063. PLANNING Committee or Tree Warden to give their recommendations –

- a) **Proposed application:** Residential Planning application at John Smedley land at Lea Mills, Lea Bridge - **RESOLVED** to wait for the planning application to be submitted to AVBC then the Parish Council will make comments

b) Dethick Park Caravan and Camping at Dethick Lane / Shaw Lane – no planning application but signage installed – the Clerk had completed an enforcement form to AVBC

AVA/2014/0066	The Old Stable Lea Main Road Lea - Change of use of 2 No. holiday lets to residential (The Old Stable and Holly Bank Cottage). In order to vary the condition 7 of the planning approval and listed building consent AVA/790/0827 and AVA/990/1049 (condition 7 is use for tourism and summer let only 0827 should read 0821) - No Comment
AVA/2014/0067	The Old Stable Lea Main Road Lea - Listed Building Consent for Change of use of 2 No. holiday lets to residential (The Old Stable and Holly Bank Cottage). In order to vary the condition 7 of the planning approval and listed building consent AVA/790/0827 and AVA/990/1049 (condition 7 is use for tourism and summer let only 0827 should read 0821) – No Comment
TRE/2014/0025	Lede House Hollins Wood Close Lea Bridge - Ash tree - dismantle crown to approximately 4m above main fork – No Comment
AVA/2006/0811	Application for a proposed woodland sculpture walk and tearoom at Leashaw Woods was refused it has been reported that the building was erected anyway – Enforcement report stating no evidence was found of the proposed woodland sculpture walk or tea room. The access to the site was also closed off with a gate and sign stating 'Leashaw Wood' private. There was no indication of advertisement or signage for either of the proposal. No further action is taken and the file is closed.

2064. FINANCIAL MATTERS Approve & sign the following – **RESOLVED** to agree and sign the cheques

10.1	Cheque No. 2004/2005/2006	Employee Costs including HMRC	£1107.72
10.2	Cheque No. 2007	L McCormick – RBL donation	£25.00
10.3	Cheque No. 2008	Keptkleen wks 1/2/3/4/5	£120.00
10.4	Cheque No. 2009	Neil Ford Tree pruning & felling at Memorial Gardens	£240.00
10.5	Cheque No. 2010	Holloway Carnival Committee for WW1 commemoration	£350.00
10.10	D/D	British Gas Toilets electricity Jan 2014	£8.13
10.11	Cheque No. 2011	DCC grass cutting to Holt Lane Rec	£478.80
10.12	Cheque No. 2012	DALC annual subscription	£300.66
10.13	D/D	BT telephone a/c	£20.84
10.14	Cheque No. 2013	JHF King PAYE advice	£60.00
TOTAL			£2,711.15

Income

10.11	Received	Plot purchase	£1000.00
TOTAL			£1,000.00

2065. Agenda items for April 2014

2066. INFORMATION in the information folder for circulation

2067. Date of next Parish Council meeting – April 2nd 2014 at 7.00pm in the Florence Nightingale Memorial Hall