

## Dethick Lea and Holloway Parish Council

Chair 2014-15

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Minutes of Dethick, Lea and Holloway Parish Council Meeting held in the Florence Nightingale Hall, Holloway, on the 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2015

**Present:**     *Chairman:*     Councillor Ian Hooker

*Councillors:*     Steve Chambers, Pete  
                                  Robinson, Bert Sheppard ,  
                                  Maggie Shields, Mike  
                                  Wiser and Barbara Wright

**Also Present:**                     Councillor David Taylor             AVBC & DCC

  14 members of the public  
  present

**In Attendance:**                 Simon Oldham                     Clerk

**2309     Apologies for absence** – Councillors Mike Taafe-Finn and Joan Ward.

**2310     Variation of Order of business**

**RESOLVED** to (1) to suspend Standing Orders to allow the “Public Speaking” agenda item to be extended to 30 minutes duration and (2) to consider Planning application consultations AVA/2015/0101, Former Picnic Site, Lea Moor Road and AVA/2015/0043, Sycamore House, Sledgegate Lane, Lea immediately after the “Chairman’s Announcements” agenda item.

**2311     Declaration of member’s interests** – None.

**2312     Public speaking**

A local parishioner, a trustee of the DK Looking Trust and owners of Elm Tree Farm, adjacent to the planning application site at Sledgegate Lane, spoke in relation to her concerns over the development proposal. She advised that there was little information on the AVBC website regarding the detail of the proposal in this tight space and especially regarding the number of storey’s

planned. She feared trees getting removed as part of the development which contributed to the rural feel of Sledgate Lane and in addition, Woodpecker's were present in the area. She concluded by advising that although she was not objecting to the development in principle, there was insufficient information available and felt there was a risk of the development being quite obtrusive.

A local parishioner voiced concern regarding the "Dethick Park" development where seemingly trees and hedges were being pulled out and gates tampered with regardless of obtaining the proper permissions. The Council reported that these matters had previously been reported to and investigated by AVBC Planning Enforcement team and seemingly the owner had complied with the requirements.

Six local parishioners expressed their objections to the planning application proposal regarding the Former Picnic Site, Lea Moor Road. A number of representations were made, summarised as follows:-

- Why has there been a change in planning policy regarding this land as the Scouts were interested a couple of years ago and backed off because they were told there was no possibility of putting a building on this site
- Reference to the Developers business plan indicating that employment opportunities would be generated, that the local authority would be supportive of a proposal that would enhance the historic landscape, architectural character of the village and schemes generally that would benefit the local rural community
- There was a plot adjacent to the development site which would be at risk of similar development if this site proposal were to be agreed
- If the development went ahead, this would be the first time that the site had been built on and a precedent would be set for the rest of the village
- This application for a change of use should be refused as it's in a conservation/green belt area and there would be a high risk of further development of a similar nature in the vicinity. The Severn Trent covenant has a restriction on what can be done here
- Ecology of the site is important but is not mentioned in the application papers and should be refused due the precedent that it would set. The Planning Officer advises that the financial prospects of this rural village would be enhanced, yet there are more than 150 local sites in the immediate local area that people can access for tourism accommodation and therefore there is no economic improvement here
- This proposal as well as setting a precedent, would represent a build outside of the village envelope, the entrance to the site is on a 60mph road
- There is an active badger sett and water voles present in the locality and therefore the impact on local wildlife has not been properly considered and is very significant
- A parishioner who lives on Lea Moor Road commented that this was such a dangerous road and the development would be built on a blind bend which was dangerous. Use of the holiday cabins would be enjoyed

by walkers/cyclists and not people who would want to use their car. The development would set a precedent outside the village envelope

Councillor David Taylor (AVBC & DCC local Ward Member) outlined that residents should express their concerns by using the website opportunity to provide their comments as thus far, very few comments/objections had been received by the Planning Department. AVBC would determine the Highways aspect of the development but only after having consulted DCC. In addition, he reported that he was pleased to confirm on behalf of DCC that Dethick Church had recently been successful in attracting a large grant to treat the current state of the roof.

**2313 To approve & sign the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2015**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 be approved as a correct record.

**2314 To determine which items, if any of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.**

There were no confidential items of business.

**2315 Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman announced that (1) notice had been received from the Planning Inspectorate confirming that a Public Inquiry had been scheduled for 3 days commencing on 8<sup>th</sup> September regarding the Footpath Order relating to Footpath 38. The Inquiry was to be held at County Hall, Matlock and (2) DCC had supplied a quantity of free sandbags for the community to use in the event of local flooding. These were available to any local parishioner on a first come first served basis, available for collection at the Receiving House at the Cemetery.

**2316 Determination of Planning Applications - AVA/2015/0101, Former Picnic Site, Lea Moor Road and AVA/2015/0043, Sycamore House, Sledgegate Lane, Lea**

**RESOLVED** that (1) AVA/2015/0101- (i) the Clerk be requested to notify Severn Trent Water of the application for development at this site and a reminder of the existing covenant in force under the Severn Trent Water Act 1983 that restricts the use of the site; (ii) the Council object to the application on the grounds that a) impact on local wildlife on the site and that no development should proceed until a "Species survey" and an environmental assessment had been undertaken. This was necessary because the site is a registered Wildlife Site and this was required to comply with the Standing Advice to Planning Authorities issued by Natural England and b) this was a development in a conservation area, on a greenfield site and outside of the village envelope.

(2) AVA/2015/0043 – the Council object to the application on the grounds of this being now classed as a greenfield site and hence contrary to the local plan. Vehicle access (required for 2 vehicles) would very tight and would be onto an almost blind bend when approaching from Lea Road. Sight lines would

also be difficult.

- 2317 Prospect of attracting volunteers to provide assistance in emergency situations**  
**RESOLVED** that the Parishioner that asked the Council to consider this matter be approached and invited to become the “Emergency Co-ordinator” and subject to her acceptance, the Council advertise for volunteers in the Parish magazine and on the website, to come forward and volunteer their services to assist the local community in the event of an emergency situation arising
- 2318 New Goal Post for Lea Play Area – To consider further quotes**  
**RESOLVED** that further consultation be undertaken with local children via the local Parishioner who previously conducted such an exercise, to establish whether there was a preference for a single goal post to be erected or the possibility of two goalposts in the form of a small 5 a side pitch or similar.
- 2319 Annual Return to the Charity Commission for Year Ending 31st March 2014 – War Memorial Pleasure Grounds**  
**RESOLVED** to note the return for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2014 submitted by the Clerk and that a further return was due shortly for the 2015 year end that the Clerk was preparing. In addition to note that replacement trustees had been appointed at the Council AGM last May.
- 2320 Parishioner Request for Planting of Trees - Jubilee Gardens**  
**RESOLVED** that approval be given for a contribution of £150.00 to the Parishioner’s request to plant 3 shrub style trees at the Jubilee Gardens, subject to provision of appropriate receipts to enable re-imbusement.
- 2321 Parishioner Request for Planting of Trees in the village to infill open spaces**  
**RESOLVED** that Councillor Bert Sheppard liaise with the Parishioner to elicit more information on precisely what he was envisaging in requesting more tree planting in the village.
- 2322 DCC – Holt Lane Grounds Maintenance Grass Cutting Contract – Quote for Summer 2015**  
**RESOLVED** that approval be given to accept the quotation from DCC in the sum of £412 for grass cutting these grounds during the forthcoming Summer season.
- 2323 PLANNING –RESOLVED (1) to respond to the following AVBC consultations, as follows:-**

TRE/2015/0031	General maintenance of garden trees- Brackenhill House, Hillside, Holloway, DE4 5AX – <b>no objection</b>
TRE/2015/0033	Crown reduce 2 trees – Sycamore Croft, The Hollow, Holloway, DE4 5AW – <b>no objection</b>
AVA/2015/0039	Lede House, Hollins Wood Close, Lea Bridge, Matlock,

	Derbyshire DE4 5AD ,Proposed erection of a two storey side extension – <b>no objection</b>
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(2) TRE/2015/0019 - Decision Notice - Remove Ash tree, 40 Church Street, Holloway, DE4 5AY - NOTED.

**2324 FINANCIAL MATTERS - Approve and sign the following cheques**  
**RESOLVED** (1) that approval be given to the following payments:-

Cheque No 2108	KeptKleen – Toilet cleaning wk's 6-9	£96.00
Cheque No 2109	Derbyshire County Council – 2014 Grass Cutting Contract re Holt Lane	£403.00
Cheque No 2110	Simon Oldham - 6 months office space re-imburement (Clerk Homeworking)	£100.00
Cheque No's 2111/2/3	Employee Costs including HMRC	£1126.64
<b>Clerks Expenses</b>		
Mileage	Attend Council meeting 4/3/15 – 50 miles @ 0.45p per mile (Sheffield – Holloway & return) & Meeting re Website Administration 6/3/15 - 50 miles @ 0.45p per mile (Sheffield – Lea Bridge & return) <b>Total £45.00</b>	
<b>Wardens Expenses</b>		
Mileage	17.25 @ 0.469 = £8.09	
Texts	4 @ 10p = £0.40	
	<b>Total £8.49</b>	
DD	British Gas – Electricity Toilets- Church Street 17/2/15	£12.01
DD	BT Refund on Internet Services re discontinuation of Former Clerk's Telephone Line	(£8.67)
DD	BT Refund on Telephone charges re discontinuation of Former Clerk's Telephone Line	(£55.11)
DD	BT final call charges on termination date of former Clerk's telephone line	£16.90
DD	BT installation charges re new Telephone installation for Clerk including quarterly line rental in advance	£171.75

DD	BT Internet Services –Quarterly rental in advance re new internet connection	£64.56
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1927.08</b>

and (2) that an additional payment be authorised in the sum of £40.80 to AVBC in relation to conducting the Holt Lane Play Ground inspection, the details of which the Clerk would be reporting to the next meeting for the Council’s consideration.

At this point in proceedings and having reached 9pm, the Council **RESOLVED** to suspend Standing Orders, to extend the duration of the meeting to complete the remaining agenda items.

**2325 Cemetery Fees (i) Interment Application 1@ £100, 1@ £350 and (ii) Additional inscription application £20 – Noted.**

**2326 Derbyshire Association of Local Council’s Circulars (previously circulated by E-mail)- Noted.**

1	DALC 6/2015	Spring Seminar – change of venue; Legal Topic Note 5; Grant Thornton Free Seminar; No referendums relating to council tax increases for local councils in England ; Automatic Enrolment Training – Guidance for Town and Parish Councils;
2	DALC 7/2015	Elections2015; Transparency Code / Smaller Authorities Audit Regulations 2014; Subscription Rates and Training Delivery; Spring Seminar Reminder ; Automatic Enrolment Training – Guidance for Town and Parish Councils
3	DALC 8/2015	Purdah Guidance; Changes to the smaller authorities’ local audit and accountability framework; Town and Parish Council websites; Sustainable Communities Act - training session for all DALC Member Councils facilitated by the Leicestershire & Rutland Association; Spring Seminar Reminder

**2327 Bank Reconciliation – February, 2015 - NOTED**

**2328 Information Items/Correspondence (previously circulated by E-mail)**

**RESOLVED** (1) to note that the Clerk had previously circulated:-

1	Grant Thornton	Annual Audit Return Y/E 31st March 2015
2	The Planning	Footpath from Lea Road to Footpath 38 – Local Inquiry

	Inspectorate	8th September, 2015
3	AVBC	Pre election letter 2015
4	Community Rail Partnership	Support needed for Ecclesbourne Valley Railway Transport and Work Order
5	DCC	Temporary Road Closure, The Hollow, Holloway
6	Derwent Valley Line Community Rail Partnership	Agenda re meeting 10th March, 2015
7	AVBC	Parish Clerks Network – Minutes of Meeting 23rd February 2015
8	Lisa Pritchard	Save Derbyshire School Crossing Patrols
9	Tinnitus Support Group	Support Conference 25th April 2015
10	Local Parishioner E-mail	Woodland Site (former picnic site) –Planning Application re 2 proposed log cabins
11	AVBC	Proposed Road Closure, Lea Fun Run 17th May 2015

(2) to note in relation to item (1) that the Clerk had made arrangements for the annual internal auditor to examine the Council's accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2015 and his fee would remain the same as last year's at £150.00 and (3) that in relation to item (2), the Clerk would publicise the forthcoming Planning Inspectorate Inquiry commencing on 8<sup>th</sup> September on the website.

**2329 Agenda Items for the AGM meeting on the 13th May, 2015**

Speed signs for entry to the village

Memorial Gardens – To consider if more work needs to be undertaken to cut back vegetation

**2330 Date of next Parish Council meeting – Wednesday 13th May, 2015 Annual Parish Meeting 6.30pm followed by AGM at 7.00pm in the Emma Stenson Rooms The meeting closed at 9.20pm**

