

## Dethick Lea and Holloway Parish Council

Chair 2015-16

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

*Councillors:* Ian Hooker, Bert Sheppard, Joan Ward and Barbara Wright

<b>Also Present:</b>	Councillor David Taylor	AVBC & DCC
	Helen Aldred and Patricia Ward	Applicants for Co-optee vacancies
	One member of the public present	
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Simon Oldham	Clerk

**2383 Apologies for absence** – Councillor Mike Taafe-Finn.

**2384 Variation of Order of business** – None.

**2385 Declaration of member's interests** – None.

### **2386 Public speaking**

A local parishioner spoke in support of a planning application he had just lodged with AVBC and wished to explain the background to his application and reasons for doing so. He introduced himself and explained that he and his family had moved back to the UK from Asia 15 months ago. Whilst there had been an application approximately 2 years ago on this historic site at Lea Hurst, which had raised local opposition, he wanted to reassure the Parish Council of his intentions. He was intending to restore the access track, the connection between the house and the village in the form that the late William Nightingale had originally planned it. He outlined that he was not aiming to create a drive for subsequent access for a housing development. The track would be a low style agricultural one around 2.5m wide with grass in the middle and used by very light traffic purely for his own family use.

The Council noted the comments. As the application had only just been posted on the AVBC web portal and was not scheduled for consideration at tonight's meeting, the Council requested the Clerk to ask AVBC Planning team for an extension to their usual 21 day consultation period, to the end of the first week in August, to enable the Council to consider its response at an extraordinary meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> August.

Councillor David Taylor (AVBC & DCC) reported on complaints made to him and investigations he had undertaken in relation to the smell and flies at the Sewage Works, which sits next to the canal and the World Heritage site. He was advised that a major project was planned to upgrade the High Peak Sewage plant. An application was being prepared by Severn Trent and he read out the contents of a letter in this regard from DCC. He undertook that as the responsible Cabinet Member at AVBC for Public Health and Housing, he would be pressing hard to see this application come forward very soon from Severn Trent Water.

**2387 To approve & sign the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2015**  
**RESOLVED** to approve the minutes as a correct record.

**2388 To determine which items, if any of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.**  
There were no confidential items of business.

**2389 Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman announced that that the Carnival was held last Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> and had been very well received. The Clerk agreed to write to the Carnival Committee to express the Council's gratitude for a very successful event that they had coordinated.

**2390 To consider applicants for the Co-optee vacancies on the Council**  
**RESOLVED** (1) that having addressed the Council in support of their applications, Helen Aldred and Tricia Ward be co-opted on to the Council and (2) the deadline be extended to the end of July seeking applicants for the remaining two co-optee places on the Council and the advert on the notice board and website, be updated accordingly.

(Councillors Helen Aldred and Tricia Ward completed their Acceptance of Office declaration in the presence of the Clerk) and participated in the remaining business of this meeting.

**2391 Lea Play Area:**

**(a) Redundant rocking horse – further consideration of options for disposal and parishioner request for donation to the Scouts**

**RESOLVED** that in view of the redundant rocking horse being of no value to the Council and likely to result in expenditure for its disposal, in principle support be given to the discussions and proposal from Councillor Wright for it to be donated to Lea Gardens who were interested in taking it and for her to liaise further with them to facilitate this at the earliest opportunity. In addition, that she would liaise and keep the Parishioner who was currently storing it, informed of the position.

**(b) Update on Lea Play Area remedial repair works**

**RESOLVED** that to note the response and timescale from AVBC to carry out the requested remedial repair works to the Play area and in addition they be requested to remove the two broken springy pieces of play kit for younger children and make safe but without removing the safety surfacing as the Council may consider replacement pieces of equipment

in the near future.

**2392 Memorial Gardens – Feedback on site meeting with Community Payback Volunteers representative re proposed undertaking of works to cut back vegetation and scope for pursuing a grant**

**RESOLVED** to note the update from Councillor Wright that it had not yet been possible to arrange the site meeting and approval be given to attempt to set this up for 2pm next Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July also involving the Chairman and Councillors Joan Ward and Helen Aldred.

**2393 Electronic communications & volume of Council agendas/attachments and options to alleviate this via the supply of paper to Members or the scope to purchase and be provided with a laptop or tablet device**

**RESOLVED** to note the available options and likely costs in purchasing either tablet or laptop devices or supplying reams of paper to Councillors to assist in being able to divulge the volume and quantity of attachments being circulated by the Clerk, but as this could not be justified as an expense in view of there being no available budget and would have to be met from reserves, the status quo position continue and Members read the material at their own convenience and only print their own hard copies of the attachments they feel they need for the Council meeting.

**2394 PLANNING – RESOLVED** to respond to AVBC on the following applications:-

AVA/2015/0446	Holly Grange Farm, Lea Moor Road, Lea, Matlock, DE4 5RA - Change of use of storage building to sales area including seasonal café; replacement of existing wood storage building; and change of use and extension of existing agricultural building to wood storage including lean-to canopy over boiler – <b>NO OBJECTIONS</b>
AVA/2015/0455	Mill House, Ribber Road Lea, Matlock, DE4 5JQ - Two Storey Rear Extension including Demolition of Existing Conservatory on same footprint - <b>NO OBJECTIONS</b>
AVA/2015/0453	Moot Hall, Bakers Lane, Lea, Matlock, DE4 5GH - Proposed single storey extension to rear elevation and porch to front elevation - <b>NO OBJECTIONS</b>
AVA/2015/0452	The Cottage, Lea Main Road, Lea, Matlock, DE4 5GR Amendment to application AVA/2014/0701 Rear Extension - Now to include Garden Store - <b>NO OBJECTIONS</b>
AVA/2015/0264	Land West Of Church Street, Holloway, Matlock - Agricultural Prior Notification for a secure store for fodder, corn and equipment etc - <b>NO OBJECTIONS</b>
AVA/2015/0513	Kirkvale, Church Street, Lea, Matlock, DE4 5JP - GARDEN SHED - <b>NO OBJECTIONS</b>
TRE/2015/0071	Fell two Cherry Trees – Pendlebury, High lane, Upper Holloway, DE4 5AW - <b>NO OBJECTIONS</b>
TRE/2015/0077	Remove Rowan Tree - Leeseide, Leashaw, Holloway, DE4 5AT - <b>NO OBJECTIONS</b>
TRE/2015/0075	Pine, reduce limb and crown lift over building and remove cherry tree - Holly Tree Cottage, Yew Tree Hill, Holloway, DE4 5AR - <b>NO OBJECTIONS</b>
TRE/2015/0050	Prune Ash trees to clear BT wires, land at Hillside, Holloway -

<b>Decision Notice</b>	<b>NOTED</b>
TRE/2015/0051 <b>Decision Notice</b>	Crown reduce hornbeam tree, Street Record, Holme Close, Holloway - <b>NOTED</b>
TRE/2015/0056 <b>Decision Notice</b>	Sycamore – prune back branches overhanging neighbouring building & roof, 3 The Croft, Chapel Lane, Holloway - <b>NOTED</b>
TRE/2015/0058 <b>Decision Notice</b>	Remove sycamore & 2 apple trees, prune remaining orchard trees, Lea Holme, Mill Lane, Holloway - <b>NOTED</b>

**2395 FINANCIAL MATTERS RESOLVED** that(1) Approval be given to the following payments

13.1	Cheque No 2132	KeptKleen – Toilet cleaning wk's 18-22	£120.00
13.2	Cheque No 2133	Amber Valley Borough Council – Fees for staging the Parish Elections	£115.25
13.3	Cheque No 2134	Jan Scott re Trees planted in Jubilee Garden (re-imburement)	£150.00
13.4	Cheque No's 2135/6/7	Employee Costs including HMRC (Note HMRC payment reduced by £66.48 per credit as notified in letter 2/6/15)	£1084.92
	<b>Clerks Expenses</b>		
	Mileage	Attend Council meeting 3/6/15 and Holloway Toilets on 29/5/15 re meter fault – 50 miles @ 0.45p per mile (Sheffield – Holloway & return x 2) <b>£45.00</b>	
	<b>Wardens Expenses</b>		
	Mileage	15 @ 0.469 = £7.04	
	Texts	6 @ 10p = £0.60	
	Petrol for strimmer	£25.61	
		<b>Total £33.25</b>	
13.5	DD	British Telecom – Internet quarterly rental June-Aug	£72.00
13.6	DD	AVBC Rates – Toilets Church Street 30/6/15	£41.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1583.17</b>

(2) An additional payment be authorised for £16.00 to the Carnival Committee for the advert in the Carnival Programme.

(3) Update on British Gas engineer visit to examine meter at Holloway, Church Street Public Toilet, to note the reporting by the Clerk that following the engineer visit on 26<sup>th</sup> June, British Gas had reported that they had credited the Council and corrected the last 3 months invoices that had been incorrectly billed and were issuing replacement bills and had apologised profusely for their error and the time taken to satisfactorily resolve the matter and as a consequence, had agreed to offer a sum of £50.00 as a goodwill gesture for the inconvenience caused. Upon discussion, the Clerk be requested to ask for this to be increased to £95.00 inclusive of mileage costs incurred to attend on site to resolve the issue.

(4) delegated authority be given for the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and another cheque signatory to authorise invoices/ commitments during the August recess period prior to the next meeting on 2nd September, 2015.

**2396 Income** – No recent income, NOTED.

**2397 Derbyshire Association of Local Council’s Circulars (previously circulated by E-mail)** - (1) Circular 14, NOTED.

1	DALC 14/2015	DALC Website Sign In Details; NALC Co-option Legal Briefing Note; Electronic Meetings’ Summons; Training Reminder; New Transparency Code Requirements; Big Lunch Extras; NALC Procurement Toolkit; Connecting Derbyshire Consultation
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(2) approval be given to the continuation of electronic distribution of Council agenda papers.

**2398 Bank Reconciliation – May 2015 – NOTED**

**2399 Information Items/Correspondence (previously circulated by E-mail)**  
**RESOLVED** (1) to note that the Clerk had previously circulated:-

1	AVBC	Uncontested Parish Council Election Fees
2	DLH Together	Acknowledgement of Grant Funding
3	HMRC	Credit on the Council’s PAYE Account
4	The Pensions Regulator	Further information in preparing for Staging Date 1/7/16
5	Cresswell Groundwork Trust	Spring 2015 Newsletter
6	DCC	Temporary Road Closure – High Lane, Tansley
7	DCC	Temporary Road Closure – Lickpenny Lane, Ashover

**2400 Resignation of the Clerk**

**RESOLVED** (1) to note the letter of resignation from the Clerk and his reasons for so doing, (2) approval be given to the draft advert and timeline to recruit a successor, subject to minor modification as discussed, for placement via DALC and notified on the notice boards in the Parish and on the website and (3) following a closing date of 17<sup>th</sup> July, interviews be conducted by the Employment Committee provisionally scheduled for 29<sup>th</sup> July with a view to hopefully being able to recommend a candidate for appointment by the Council at an extraordinary meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> August.

**2401 Agenda Items for the next meeting on the 2nd September, 2015**

Updates re Co-optee applications, Lea Play area repairs & redundant rocking horse disposal, Site meeting with Community Payback Volunteer representative.

**2402 Date of next Parish Council meeting –7pm Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August  
Extraordinary meeting (provisional) and 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2015 in the  
Florence Nightingale Memorial Hall**

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

