

Annual Meeting of Great Lumley Parish Council

Held on Tuesday 9th May
Great Lumley Community Centre

Present:

Cllr Phil Heaviside (Chair)	Cllr Alan Bell (Vice Chair)
Cllr Jeremy Whiting	Cllr Mhairi Pugh
Cllr Carol McAllister	Cllr Norman Foster
Cllr Neil Bains	Cllr Michael Burdon
Christine Colledge (Parish Clerk)	

In Attendance: 2 members of the public

1.	Election of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Introductions Cllr Carol McAllister agreed to be Vice Chair it was proposed by Cllr Phil Heaviside and seconded by Cllr Jeremy Whiting, all agreed. All agreed that Cllr Phil Heaviside will remain as Chair until a new Chair can take over. The Councillors present introduced themselves and their current responsibilities, the 3 new co opted Cllr's were thanked for volunteering to join the Parish Council.
2.	Apologies Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Hayley McAllister, Cllr Anne Lambton, Cllr Peter Brown & Cllr Tim Robson.
3.	Declarations of Interest Jeremy Whiting 7.2
4.	Public comments It was asked if Bellway had lost the planning permission for the new proposed site, Cllr Alan Bell said that there had been no change and the DCC planning committee meeting is scheduled for June.
5.	Minutes of the last meeting Minutes from the previous meeting held on 4 th April were agreed and signed.
6.	Matters arising from the minutes Cllr Alan Bell said that he has had a further email regarding the 5G mast application, he said that after investigating, the application was for an update of the existing base. The Parish Council do not have any decision on the planning and DCC have directed the complainant to contact Public Health England.
7.	Environment and Community 7.1 Lighting on rear car park of Haveli – Cllr Phil Heaviside said that the MG Trustees have written and agreed that the land is not in their ownership and are happy to move forward. The lights will be installed and the item will now be taken off the agenda. DCC have been instructed to cut back the trees under their historical agreement also to address the overhanging trees into the property of a resident. 7.2 Trees on Millennium Green – Cllr Jeremy Whiting said that he had been unable to attend the last MG meeting, he said that half of the MG Trustees are unable to continue because of personal issues. They are seeking 4 volunteers in order to run the MG Trust, Cllr Alan Bell said that because of the tree issues and ASB it may be a possibility that the

Parish Council take it back. There is a meeting on 14th May to discuss the future of the Trust. There has been no current interest in volunteers. Cllr Jeremy Whiting will give an update at the next Parish meeting in June. Cllr Alan Bell said that it needs to be addressed asap to avoid further issues with the maturing of the trees.

7.3 EV Charging Points – Cllr Phil Heaviside said that after chasing up the request for 2 charging points, Great Lumley has missed out on the current installations but will be top of the list for the next round of funding.

7.4 Consultation Feedback – Cllr Neil Bains said that the feedback requested had been received and an updated of the progress needs to be published. The facts and figures from the updated business plan can be used in the information.

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8.1 Groups – Cllr Carol McAllister said that the group hire is the same and asked for cover from Cllr’s to open and close the centre on alternate Saturdays. The code numbers for access will be emailed to the new Cllrs.

8.2 Asset Transfer – Cllr Phil Heaviside said that business plan is almost complete and will be submitted to DCC. There is £600k to start the first phase of the refurbishment which will be the roof, asbestos removal, heating, electrics and the frontage of the building. When the interest rates are lower a loan will be taken out for phase 2. **Cllr Neil Bains and Cllr Phil Heaviside offered to assist with updating the policies.**

9. Income

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Room Hire	2,478.75
Precept	68,549.94
Total income	£71,028.69

Expenditure

Salaries	1171.70
Zoom	15.59 (reimbursement to C McAllister)
HMRC Cumbernauld	167.20
DCC Rates	1014.75
Water	17.01
TG&P Electric	25.57
TG&P Electric	41.61
SEFE Gas	699.65
Total exp	£3153.08

9.1 The audit governance statement for 22/23 – was agreed and signed.

Christine Colledge said that 2 further bank accounts need to be opened and that she needs assistance to do this. Starling, Tide and Monzo were suggested. The accounts need to be covered by FSCS.

10.	<p>Personnel Sub Committee Cllr Carol McAllister said that the caretaker's wages are no longer covered by funding and the Parish Council are currently covering his wages. Cllr Phil Heaviside said that he would contact AAP to ask if there is any further funding.</p>
11.	<p>Councillor Reports – to receive updates on specific areas of responsibility: Cllr Phil Heaviside said that the potholes that were reported were filled in however filling in of the potholes on the roads does not work and keeps reoccurring. The road markings at Tintagel need to be relined. He will check to see what other road markings need to done. Cllr Alan Bell there is to be a boundary review which will potentially merge Great Lumley with West Rainton and Leamside, reducing the number of Councillors. There will be a public consultation regarding the merge which can be accessed on DCC website. The grass cutting done by Karbon Homes is running as last year with the cuts being reduced from 16 to 8 on open areas. There has been an enquiry regarding the fencing at the allotments and the Allotment Association have requested that the allotments at Castle Dene is matched with the same closed fencing as George Pitt. They have been advised to send a quote into the Parish Council. Cllr Carol McAllister said that there is still some ASB on Friday evenings at the Community Centre, 3 youths have been excluded from the Durham Area Youth group and the Neighbourhood Wardens are to issue warning letters. Cllr Norman Foster asked about the alley way between the Rivers Estate and Northumbrian Water, he said that it is currently in a disgraceful state. Cllr Alan Bell said that Northumbrian Water are supplying 2 skips and organising a clear up. Cllr Norman Foster suggested that in the future the probation service could be used to keep on top of the area. He also said that the new Bellway estate has chicken wire fencing and it is an eyesore, Cllr Phil Heaviside said that Bellway need to be chased up regarding the outstanding issues. Cllr Neil Bains said that there is an allotment meeting next week, the damage to the fencing has been resolved also the issue with dumped canisters. There is nothing in the tenancy agreement to indicate who is responsible for the surrounding fence. Cllr Jeremy Whiting said that there had been issues with bicycles being stolen and also some bikes have been dumped in places. There has been grass churned up at the top of the village near Broadviews and there has also been complaints regarding the lack of dropped kerbs. Cllr Alan Bell said there has been a quad bike racing around the village and a car set on fire. Cllr Phil Heaviside said that a car has been driving over the football field because DCC grass cutters are not locking the barrier after they have entered the field, DCC have agreed to replace a stronger lock. Soil has been removed to stop youths climbing over into the Cemetery and the water supply will be turned back on. Cllr Alan Bell said Warriors House is due to reopen by Compassionate Care North East which will be supported living for 6 residents, providing approx. 20 jobs.</p>
12.	<p>Planning applications None</p>
13.	<p>Correspondence Christine Colledge mentioned the request for a donation from Cestrian Flower Club, it was agreed that unfortunately the Parish were unable to donate.</p>
14.	<p>Matters for information Christine Colledge mentioned the magnetic release lock that was agreed to be placed on the Community Centre main door and still needed to be done, Cllr Phil Heaviside that he would chase it up.</p>

15.

Next meeting

Tuesday 6th June at 6.30pm

Signed:

Councillor

Date:

Great Lumley Parish Council