

Monthly Meeting of Great Lumley Parish Council

Held on Tuesday 6th December 2022 at 6.30pm
Great Lumley Community Centre

Present:

Cllr Alan Bell (Vice Chair)
Cllr Carol McAllister
Cllr Neil Bains
Cllr Hyleen Wood
Cllr Peter Brown
Christine Colledge (Parish Clerk)

Cllr Anne Lambton
Cllr Jeremy Whiting

In Attendance: 6 members of the public

1.	Apologies Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Phil Heaviside (Chair), Cllr Tim Robson, Cllr Hayley McAllister, Cllr Stuart Wood.
2.	Declarations of Interest Jeremy Whiting 6.3
3.	Public comments None
4.	Minutes of the last meeting Minutes from the previous meeting held on 1 st November 2022 were agreed and signed.
5.	Matters arising from the minutes None
6.	Environment and Community 6.1 Gym – Cllr Carol McAllister discussed her disappointment regarding the comments that were on Social Media regarding a new gym opening in the village. Natasha from the community centre gym expressed her disappointment at the short term leases however understood that the Parish Council is restricted to anything longer until after asset transfer. Cllr Carol McAllister said that a lot of things were said on FB which weren't true i.e no meeting had taken place with the Parish and the gym, it was an informal talk that had taken place discussing the hire agreement and it was said that it would be brought to the next meeting. It was said that discussions on social media were untrue and were not challenged or defended by parties that knew that. The Parish Councillors will not part take in hostility on social media and it was said that any issues should be brought to the meeting to discuss. Cllr Alan Bell asked what the long-term version is for the Community Centre gym and had a new lease been agreed, it was said that no long-term arrangements can be made until after asset transfer has been established. The lease will be discussed in Part B of this meeting. It was said that the Parish Council do not have any authority over a new private business opening, a member of the public asked how the car park at the old Co-op can accommodate over 20 spaces, Cllr Alan Bell said that the car park would be remarked to create more parking bays which does not need planning permission.

It was at this point 3 members of the public entered and Cllr Alan Bell asked them to talk about their issues which were regarding the thefts from graves in the cemetery. The family felt that nothing is being done by Wardens, the Parish Council or the Police to address the situation. Cllr Anne Lambton spoke of her investigation and report that she had completed last year, the report includes the rules and regulations surrounding installing lights and CCTV in the cemetery. Cllr Alan Bell expressed his disgust at the culprits for targeting the graves and the Parish will continue to work with the Wardens and the Police until the thieves are caught.

6.2 Lighting on rear car park of Haveli – It was agreed to give Haveli the go ahead to install the lighting.

6.3 Trees on Millennium Green – Cllr Carol McAllister read out an email that had been received from MG regarding ASB which included a syringe and other drug taking devices been found on the circular area of MG. In the email it was said that the MG Trustees could not fund the pollarding of the trees as this would not be a one-off payment, it would be an annual expense. They suggest working together with the Parish and the Police, Cllr Jeremy Whiting said that he had spoken with a Police Officer regarding needles that were found in the play area. Cllrs asked where did the Parish stand regarding the cutting back of the trees and it was agreed to ask Cllr Phil Heaviside to circulate the lease to establish what can be done about the obstruction of the trees.

6.4 Festival 2023 – At the last meeting it was agreed to seek volunteers, Cllr Alan Bell said that he had put out a post but there had been no response. It was agreed to contact Tom Sterling to ask if he could seek some volunteers. A member of the public said that the festival needs to be organised well in advance.

6.5 Warm Room – Christine Colledge said that the £1k grant had been awarded but not yet paid, times of when the warm space will be provided needs to be advertised.

6.6 EV Charging Points – In Cllr Phil Heaviside’s absence there were no updates.

6.7 Consultation Feedback – no update a discussion will take part in part B

7. Community Centre

7.1 Groups – Cllr Hyleen Wood said that the groups are running as normal

7.2 Asset Transfer – To be discussed in Part B

8 Accounts

Income

Room Hire 1713.00

Total income £1713.00

Expenditure

DCC Rates 886.00

Salaries 1540.49

Zoom 14.39 (reimbursement to C McAllister)

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9.	Personnel Sub Committee – Cllr Carol McAllister said that there had been some interest in the caretaker vacancy however they were unable to work the hours necessary.																								
10.	<p>Councillor Reports – to receive updates on specific areas of responsibility:</p> <p>Cllr Jeremy Whiting spoke of the ASB in the village and the police are monitoring hotspots in the area (the Cemetery and the MG area), a biker has had his bike confiscated.</p> <p>Cllr Alan Bell said that Bellway’s application had been deferred to the New Year and mentioned that needles found in the area. There has also been damage to the football field by tyre tracks.</p> <p>Cllr Peter Brown talked about the lack of lights down Castledene, Cllr Hyleen Wood that DCC need to adopt the highway before the lights can be addressed.</p> <p>Cllr Alan Bell said that the Christmas tree light switch on was a success. The Police Santa Van will be visiting the Community Centre car park on 11th December and Puffing Billy to visit Lumley on 15th December on the Old England car park.</p> <p>Cllr Alan Bell said that gullies which had been reported had been addressed.</p> <p>The bin outside the England pub still needs to be addressed, Cllr Alan Bell said that this is on private land.</p>																								
11.	Planning applications No controversial plans.																								
12.	Correspondence Parking restriction to be implemented at schools and surrounding areas.																								
13.	Matters for information None																								

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Tuesday 10th January 2023

Signed:

Date:

Councillor
Great Lumley Parish Council