

Monthly Meeting of Great Lumley Parish Council

Held on Tuesday 1st February 2022 at 6.30pm in the Lumley Room
Great Lumley Community Centre

Present:

Cllr Alan Bell (Chair)

Cllr Phil Heaviside (Vice Chair)

Christine Colledge (Parish Clerk)

Cllr Carol McAllister

Cllr Neil Bains

Cllr Anne Lambton

Cllr Jeremy Whiting

Cllr Peter Brown

Cllr Hyleen Wood

In Attendance: 6 members of the public

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Hayley McAllister and Cllr Tim Robson

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Jeremy Whiting item 6.4 Millennium Green

Cllr Hyleen Wood item 7

3. Public comments

None

4. Minutes of the last meeting

Agreed as a true record

5. Matters arising from the minutes

Cllr Alan Bell said that Stainmore Drive currently has no planning application, Cllr's Bell and Heaviside have a meeting with an agent next week and will find out if there is a proposed new development.

6. Environment and Community

6.1 View of Views – Cllr Alan Bell stated that the sculpture is made and still with the designer and the installation by DCC is to be confirmed.

6.2 Playground gates – Cllr Phil Heaviside said that the playground gate has now been installed.

6.3 Safety Barrier at Village Entrance – Cllr Alan Bell did not have any further update from DCC.

6.4 Millennium Green - Cllr Alan Bell said that there had been a meeting with the MG Trustees to discuss how to go forward, Cllr's present at the meeting were Phil Heaviside, Alan Bell, Neil Bains and Jeremy Whiting. Cllr Neil Banes discussed the notes that were taken at the meeting which included a request regarding maintenance funding of approx. £500 p.a. Anti-social behaviour, litter, trees bordering

the MG, tackling drug use around MG, the basketball area and future plans for the bowling green. Details of the meeting will be circulated to Cllrs for their responses. There is to be a further MG meeting on 10th February. Cllr Alan Bell said that the trees at the rear of Hazel Leigh need to be cut back and also the basketball area needs addressing to try and reduce ASB. All issues will be taken to the MG Trustees for consideration of moving forward. Cllr Alan Bell said that the issue of funding needs to be on the agenda for decisions to be made.

Cllr Carol McAllister said that more information is needed regarding funding for MG, Cllr Neil Bains suggested adding the MG funding to the next agenda to discuss more in-depth. Cllr Jeremy Whiting said that there is a MG Maintenance Working Group meeting on 5th February and Cllr Neil Bains said that he would pass on the feedback from this meeting to Cllrs.

Cllr Peter Brown asked if Haveli Indian Restaurant had previously agreed to install lighting on the rear car park, Christine Colledge will contact Haveli to ask when this will be done.

6.5 Northern Saints Interpretation Boards - An email was received and circulated regarding placing interpretations boards in the village, the boards will be situated on the Northern Saints Trail which pass through the village. It is proposed that 3 boards will be erected in the area, one at the View of Views, one near Pear Tree Terrace and the 3rd at Cocken Lane (more information can be accessed on the Northern Saints Trail website) all agreed to the boards being erected.

7. Co-option of vacant Parish Councillor seat – Christine Colledge said that there had interest in the vacancy and would forward the application to Cllrs.

8. Community Centre

8.1 Groups – Cllr Hyleen Wood advised that groups are going well and that a new Dance group has started, the Yoga group are looking at starting a session for children. Guides have asked for advice on funding. An updated schedule has been put on social media and the website.

8.2 Bollard – Cllr Phil Heaviside said that the bollard is now installed.

8.3 Community Consultation - Cllr Neil Bains said that a report had been sent to Cllrs and is awaiting feedback. The next steps will be to upload the online survey, to produce the paper survey, arrange face to face drop-in sessions between 21st February and 19th March. One of the questions on the survey is asking for a preference of a rebuild or refurbishment of the community centre. There will be fliers distributed which will include a link directing people to the online survey also information regarding paper surveys and face to face sessions. Once the survey is complete the information will be pulled together and a decision to move forward will be made. A previous agreed budget of £500 to cover the survey will be used, Cllr Neil Bains said that he would ask Ruth Smedley of Primary Care to assist in the promotion of the survey and to make the public aware how important their views are.

A member of the public asked would the consultation be extended if the response was low, Cllr Neil Banes explained that a response of 15% would be sufficient.

A member of the public asked a question regarding the public works loan and Cllr Alan Bell explained (as in previous minutes) the current interest rates and price of materials he also

pointed out that the asset transfer needs to be agreed before the public works loan is taken.

8.4 Licence to occupy – Cllr Phil Heaviside said that there had still been issues accessing the Government Gateway site but after using a different email address the application is almost complete.

8.5 Use of kitchen by Foodbank – Nothing to report

8.6 Outside lighting – Cllr Phil Heaviside has been looking at options for solar lighting but the quote of £1320 is too expensive and it needs to be taken into consideration that they may be temporary if the refurbishment goes ahead.

8.7 Previous Gym Subscriptions - Cllr Hyleen Wood said that there was no record of any monies paid, different amounts of payment have been given. Christine will send a further email to say the Parish Council are unable to give a refund.

8.8 Young Peoples Development – Cllr Carol McAllister said that she had met with Durham Area Youth and that consent forms will now need to be completed by the youths entering the Community Centre. There will be a programme of events set up involving the youths. After being approached by 2 girls asking about access to the Centre, Carol asked for Cllrs views as she felt that there needs to be supervision of any youths in the building. It was discussed that the CC should not have open access for reasons of health and safety and safeguarding. Currently the caretaker is managing and coping with youths entering the building. Cllr Anne Lambton suggested having monitored access with a volunteer as a group leader, also to charge a small subscription. Volunteers will be sort in the community and to seek funding where available. Cllr Alan Bell said to seek advice from the Durham Area Youth Forum.

9. Accounts

To receive details of accounts and expenditure (Christine Colledge)

Income

Room Hire 2725.00

Total income £2725.00

Expenditure

DCC 886.00

Anglian Water 16.45

C Colledge 2.25 (postage)

Zoom 14.39 (reimbursement to C McAllister)

Leamside Nurseries 115.00 (Christmas Tree)

Totalenergies 31.37

Total exp £1065.46

Cllr Alan Bell referred back to item 8.1 and said that the Toddler Group is currently having a low uptake, Cllr Neil Banes suggested asking Ruth Smedley if she could help to refer people to use the group, also a poster advertising the group was suggested to send to Ally Rose would could circulate.

10. Personnel Sub Committee – Cllr Carol McAlister said that there will be a meeting arranged for 16th February with Christine Colledge and Irvine Henderson for their 3-month review.

11. Councillor Reports – to receive updates on specific areas of responsibility:

Cllr Anne Lambton said that she is still holding surgeries prior to the monthly meetings.

Cllr Jeremy Whiting said that on the weekend of 14th/15th January there had been damage caused on the football field behind the CC, the police were unable to identify the culprits from the CCTV footage. Someone has however been identified causing damage to the MG.

Cllr Peter Brown said that the footpaths are currently being affected by works currently ongoing in the village.

Cllr Phil Heaviside said that the fence at the Bellway site has now been taken down but that the uneven paths still need addressing. There is a meeting with DCC on Thursday to discuss the road junction. Phil explained that the bollard to the football has a 'one key fits all' system so that all who need access can do so.

Cllr Phil Heaviside said that there are contractors working in the old Warriors building which will be running as an adult supported living establishment, contrary to rumours that it would be a bail hostel.

Cllr Jeremy Whiting said that the storm damage at Gloucester Close garages will be addressed.

Cllr Alan Bell discussed the storm damage at the school and surrounding trees.

12. Planning applications – NONE

13. Correspondence

Cllr Alan Bell discussed the request received by email for a memorial garden around the tree in the corner of the football field behind the CC. All were in agreement of the memorial garden and to let the requester know that any fence needs to be set back so that it does not affect the grass cutting. Christine will email the requester and also ask them to keep the PC in the loop with any progress.

Cllr Alan Bell said that the trees along the back of the church which is Parish land are dangerous and to seek estimates from Phil Loveday and TK Fencing to have them made secure or removed.

Christine Colledge said that the defibrillator at the CC needs to be registered, Cllr Hyleen said that she would help to do this. Cllr Phil Heaviside said that he would forward the previous registration details.

14. Matters for information

Cllr Carol McAllister said that there needs to be system in place where 'matters arising' from minutes are addressed.

Cllr Alan Bell said that he would contact Tom Sterling regarding the festival.

15. Day of Monthly Meeting – Cllr Hyleen Wood suggested that the day of the monthly meeting is looked at as when the first Tuesday is on the 1st of the month it is extremely tight to pull some of the information together i.e. the bank statement. It will be decided via email with Cllrs which day would be best to suit all.

16. Next meeting

To confirm the date and time of the next meeting – TBC

17. Items to be discussed following the Exclusion of the Public and Press under The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Sec 1 (2)

Signed:

Date: 07/03/22

Councillor Phil Heaviside
Great Lumley Parish Council