

## Monthly Meeting of Great Lumley Parish Council

Held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm  
Great Lumley Community Centre

### Present:

Cllr Phil Heaviside (Chair)	Cllr Alan Bell (Vice Chair)
Cllr Neil Banes	Cllr Carol McAllister
Cllr Jeremy Whiting	Cllr Peter Brown
Christine Colledge (Parish Clerk)	

**In Attendance:** 5 members of the public

<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Hayley McAllister, Cllr Anne Lambton & Cllr Tim Robson
<b>2.</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> Jeremy Whiting 6.2
<b>3.</b>	<b>Public comments</b> There was a lengthy (25mins) discussion regarding concern over the 5G mast in the Parish the member of the public said that he has been liaising with officers from DCC regarding the health implications and the legal issues. He explained fully his concerns, asking if DCC had complied to the law and was there a certificate issued and asked what the level of radiation from 1 mast is and the environmental impact. Cllr Phil Heaviside said he had been copied into emails and that he would speak to DCC to get some answers regarding the law and environmental analysis, then report back. A member of the public asked questions regarding the co-option of the positions for the Parish Councilors and the criteria was explained and at what stage the Parish were currently at with the process of filling the posts.
<b>4.</b>	<b>Minutes of the last meeting</b> Minutes from the previous meeting held on 7 <sup>th</sup> February were agreed and signed.
<b>5.</b>	<b>Matters arising from the minutes</b> Cllr Alan Bell raised the issue of the Lumley Festival and how no volunteers had come forward in order for the festival to go ahead. The public that were at the meeting said they would be happy to liaise with the Chapel to offer help with future festivals.
<b>6.</b>	<b>Environment and Community</b> Item 6.6 on the agenda was brought forward to 6.1  <b>6.1 Chester le Street Football Club Proposal</b> – A representative from CLS Football Club explained that they are a registered charity ran by volunteers who are currently renting the Community Centre field. In the past they used Worcester Close field but because of the conditions are now unable to do so. He proposed working together and to seek Pitch Power funding to help to improve both fields, their volunteers are trained to keep pitches in good condition. Cllr Phil Heaviside said that the Parish Council rent the Worcester Close field from Lambton Estates for community use and that it would need to be established

what constraints are in force. Cllr Phil Heaviside said that DCC are wanting to charge too much for maintaining the pitches, however the Community Centre field is cut by DCC under a legacy agreement with the former District Council. It was asked if the proposal would allow other users and this was agreed that this would be the case. It was explained that in order to get Pitch Power funding it would need to be approved by the FA and they would want the pitch to be enclosed to discourage any damage, Cllr Alan Bell said that it would not be feasible to enclose the Community Centre field as it would not be open to the public. Cllr Phil Heaviside explained that the Worcester Close field is currently on an annual lease to the Parish. The proposer agreed to explore with the FA and Lambton Estates, he also said that they would also be looking to use the field for multi-purpose such as rugby.

**6.2 Lighting on rear car park of Haveli –** MG have not responded to the last email sent on 2<sup>nd</sup> February, it was asked if MG could agree in principal before their next meeting in April. **Another email will be sent along with an agreement to be signed and returned.**

**6.3 Trees on Millennium Green –** The letter that was sent on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February also covered this item and MG have previously agreed that this is not their land.

**6.4 Warm Room -** Christine Colledge said that she had applied for a further £500 funding and that the service is being well attended which will run until the end of March 2023.

**6.5 EV Charging Points –** Cllr Phil Heaviside said that DCC Officers are still looking at the costs to have the power supply installed and if the current scheme is not met then there will be another to follow.

**6.6 Consultation Feedback –** Cllr Neil Banes said that the summarised information has been received from DCC but he is currently holding back from putting out the content until it is decided what is happening with the asset transfer.

- 7. Community Centre**  
**7.1 Groups –** Cllr Carol McAllister said that the groups are the same with the Dance class extending their classes, cover is needed to open the centre on Saturday 18th March.  
**7.2 Asset Transfer –** Cllr Phil Heaviside said that the business plan is being looked at Cllr Carol McAllister said that there is a lot to be amended and once it is finished it will then be submitted to DCC.

<b>8</b>	<b>Accounts</b>	
	<b>Income</b>	
	Room Hire	2530.00
	<b>Total income</b>	<b>£2,530.00</b>
	<b>Expenditure</b>	
	Salaries	1332.69
	Zoom	14.39 (reimbursement to C McAllister)
	HMRC Cumbernauld	210.00
	Welmedical (Defib pads)	79.08
	TG&P Electric	1294.63
	Chirman Ltd	360.00(asbestos removal)
	Goods for Centre	85.23 (reimbursement to F. Poulter)
	Ink for printer	14.97(reimbursement to C. Colledge)
	<b>Total exp</b>	<b>£3,390.99</b>

9.	<p><b>Personnel Sub Committee</b>  Cllr Carol McAllister said that since Hyleen Wood left the Parish Council there needs to be other Cllr's on the sub-committee, it was agreed to ask for volunteers.</p>
10.	<p><b>Councillor Reports – to receive updates on specific areas of responsibility:</b></p> <p>Cllr Phil Heaviside said potholes is still an issue and needs to be reported to DCC online. Littering is also an issue and has been reported.  Cllr Jeremy Whiting reported stolen milk and dog fouling, he emphasised that dog fouling needs to be reported to DCC 'Do it Online' if possible.  Cllr Neil Banes said that nitrous oxide canisters at allotments had been removed but the fencing still needs to be addressed regarding ownership.  Cllr Alan Bell spoke of the asset transfer and how the CC is currently running at a loss, he explained what is needed for the Parish Council to take on the asset transfer. This opened up questions from a member of the public, it was explained that the business plan needs to be amended and because of the current interest rates the public works loan would be put on hold and to use monies that are in the pot from the Parish Council and DCC. It was explained that the Parish Council took over the community centre because the previous Community Association had gone into liquidation. Cllr Carol McAllister gave the figures of the income and expenditure for the CC for the past 3 years.</p> <p>A member of the public raised again the issue of the 5G mast interrupting the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Alan Bell reported litter at the Waterworks.</p>
11.	<p><b>Planning applications</b>  No controversial plans.</p>
12.	<p><b>Correspondence</b>  None</p>
13.	<p><b>Matters for information</b></p>
14.	<p><b>Next meeting</b>  Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm  The meeting closed at 8.10pm.</p>

Signed:

Councillor

Date:

Great Lumley Parish Council