

Monthly Meeting of Great Lumley Parish Council

Held on Tuesday 2nd April 2024 at 6.30pm
Great Lumley Community Centre

Present:

Cllr Phil Heaviside (Chair)

Cllr Alan Bell

Cllr Neil Bains

Cllr Anne Lambton

Cllr Jeremy Whiting

Ian Heaviside (Parish Clerk)

1 member of the public

1.	Apologies Apologies for absence were received from, Cllr Carol McAllister, Cllr Tim Robson, & Cllr Norman Foster
2.	Declarations of Interest Cllr Jeremy Whiting item 6.1
3.	Public comments Mrs Maureen Hopkins spoke on the significance of the Millennium Green and what the future holds for this important green space in the heart of the village Great Lumley Millennium Green was funded along with 250 others around the UK via funding from the National Lottery and the Millennium commission to celebrate the dawn of a new millennium in 2000. The land, which is owned by the Parish Council was placed on a long term lease of 1000 years and the Millennium Green Trust details of which can be found on the charities commission website https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/charity-search/-/charity-details/3949721 . The funding carried with it a 40 year monitoring caveat which is now carried out by Natural England commencing in 1999 with a necessity to retain the space as a public open space until the 40 years has expired with a penalty of refunding the grant monies for non compliance. The trustees and Friends of the Green have worked hard over several decades to maintain and improve the area as a community asset however with a shift away from this type of project being a priority for funders, monies have become scarcer and following the pandemic, the availability of trustees has left the remaining two in a very difficult position The Parish Council is looking into whether it would be prudent to take over the project for the remaining period and what liabilities they would encounter by doing so.
4.	Minutes of the last meeting Minutes from the previous meeting held on 5 th March 2024 were agreed and signed.

5.	<p>Matters arising from the minutes The Sale of Gym equipment – emailed bids for the purchase of surplus gym equipment have closed and the payment and collection of equipment is ongoing. This will be fully reported on completion</p>
6.	<p>Environment and Community</p> <p>6.1 Millennium Green – Please refer to public comments</p> <p>6.2 Festival 2024 – Planning for the festival needs to be ramped up</p> <p>6.3 Feasibility Study for bowling green – A meeting with the Community resilience team from Durham County has been set up to explore funding opportunities</p> <p>6.4 Letter Head and Logo – Ongoing</p>
7.	<p>Community Centre</p> <p>7.1 Groups – Many groups are on easter break</p> <p>7.2 Asset Transfer – Cllr Heaviside has responded to our solicitor urging haste.</p> <p>7.3 Mirrors for Dance Group – Mirrors to be purchased by the Parish Council and installed by the group £121.00</p>
8	<p>Accounts - Summary of Income and expenditure</p> <p>Income Sale of Gym Equipment £1050.00 Sale of Gym Equipment £1030.00 Sale of Gym Equipment £2870.00 Interest Redwood Bank £ Interest Unity Trust Bank £1038.56</p> <p>Expenditure Wages £1108.48 Total Energy (electricity) £17.00 Unity Trust Bank Fees £22.20</p> <p>Bank Balances Unity Trust Current Account £10,648.96 Unity Trust Savings Account £152,517.05 Redwood Bank Savings Account £84,887.48</p>
9	<p>Personnel Sub Committee Nothing to report</p>

10.	<p>Councillor Reports – to receive updates on specific areas of responsibility: Allotments – no areas of concern with a healthy waiting list for plots Disabled Bays to be installed at Lumley Surgery Car Park There has been a small amount of youth ASB in the front street and Grosmont areas EV chargers are still awaiting funding and install</p>
11.	<p>Planning applications George Pitt Lane planning appeal commences 3rd April</p>
12.	<p>Correspondence Notification of payment of precept (DCC) AGARS Annual returns E Mail from Internal Auditor (annual audit) E Mail regarding traffic calming measures adjacent water treatment works Email of resignation Hayley Mcallister E mail inviting us to the Launch of Durham Pride</p>
13.	<p>Matters for information None were noted</p>
14.	<p>Next meeting Tuesday 7th May 2024 at 1830 hrs (following the Annual Assembly of electors)</p>

Signed:

Date:

Councillor

Great Lumley Parish Council