

Monthly Meeting of Great Lumley Parish Council

Held on Tuesday 9th January 2024 at 6.30pm
Great Lumley Community Centre

Present:

Cllr Phil Heaviside (Chair) Cllr Norman Foster
Cllr Peter Brown Cllr Jeremy Whiting
Cllr Carol McAllister Cllr Tim Robson
Cllr Mhairi Pugh
Ian Heaviside (Parish Clerk)

In Attendance

1 member of the public

1.	Apologies Apologies for absence were received from, Cllr Hayley Park, Cllr Alan Bell & Cllr Neil Bains.
2.	Declarations of Interest Cllr Jeremy Whiting item 6.1 & 6.3
3.	Public comments David Pugh (Representing Stainmore Drive residents) Enquired as to the current stance of the PC on planning appeal from Bellway Homes The Parish's position remains unchanged. The objections submitted at application stage will be carried forward and considered again at the appeal hearing
4.	Minutes of the last meeting Minutes from the previous meeting held on 5 th December 2023 were agreed and signed.
5.	Matters arising from the minutes None
6.	Environment and Community 6.1 Millennium Green – Ken Chung is in the process of removing himself as a trustee of the charity Maureen Hopkins has requested a meeting with the PC to discuss funding and other matters. It was suggested that the remaining trustees meet and come back to the PC afterwards Legal advice has not been sought by the trust on surrendering their lease PC will not pay for any improvements or maintenance works until the lease has been surrendered Cllr Whiting encouraged the PC to keep a dialogue open with the Millennium Greens via Natural England going forward

	<p>6.2 Play Park Improvements – Cllr Phil Heaviside to book an appointment with DCC officers to discuss potential improvement proposals</p> <p>6.3 Festival 2024 – nothing to note</p> <p>6.4 Feasibility Study for bowling green – Cllr Phil Heaviside met with the surveyor to carry out a topographical survey. Further works on trial pits to be carried out 10th January</p> <p>6.6 Letter Head and Logo – No suggestions as yet however this item to remain on agenda</p>																												
7.	<p>Community Centre</p> <p>7.1 Groups – Cllr Carol McAllister said that the groups and classes are running as normal. There are a number of additional groups in the pipeline in the coming months</p> <p>7.2 Asset Transfer – the transfer is with our solicitors at present. A payment of £350.00 in advance will be required. Although there are some concerns over one or two minor clauses, the proposal is to sign the transfer as soon as it is available</p> <p>7.3 Gym Doors – Cllr Phil Heaviside has organised quotes from 2 companies which will be reported to next meeting</p> <p>7.4 Gym Equipment Disposal – It is proposed to dispose of the gym equipment over the coming months with the option of either a sealed bid or local auction to be pursued</p>																												
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9.	<p>Personnel Sub Committee Cllr Carol McAllister announced the appointment of Ian Heaviside as Parish Clerk and welcomed him back to the Parish Council</p>																												

10.	<p>Councillor Reports – to receive updates on specific areas of responsibility: Cllr Phil Heaviside noted that there a lot of potholes in the area, many of which are being fixed. He encouraged anyone who sees one to report it</p> <p>Cllr Tim Robson noted his attendance at the Great Lumley Hospital Charity AGM on 18th January</p> <p>Cllr Jeremy Whiting noted that the previous month has seen little issues with ASB at Millennium Green although he did note a burglary which had taken place in High Barnes</p>
11.	<p>Planning applications Bellway Homes appeal against decision on Housing Development (as mentioned in public comments)</p>
12.	<p>Correspondence None Reported</p>
13.	<p>Matters for information Millenium Green – Lights to rear of Havelli premises Parish Council Logo and Letterhead</p>
14.	<p>Next meeting Extraordinary Meeting to discuss budget Monday 15th January 2024 at 1830 hrs Regular Meeting 6th February 2024 at 1830 hrs</p>

Signed:

Date:

Councillor

Great Lumley Parish Council

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

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