Monthly Meeting of Great Lumley Parish Council

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

Present:

Cllr Phil Heaviside (Chair)
Cllr Carol McAllister (Vice Chair)
Cllr Alan Bell
Cllr Michael Burdon
Cllr Mhairi Pugh
Christine Colledge (Parish Clerk)

Cllr Anne Lambton Cllr Peter Brown

In Attendance: 4 members of the public

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Hayley McAllister, Cllr Tim Robson, Cllr Neil Banes & Cllr Norman Foster & Cllr Jeremy Whiting

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Public comments

Cllr Phil Heaviside and Cllr Alan Bell and villagers were thanked for their support in objecting to the proposed Bellway site which was successfully rejected.

It was asked why it is minuted that there no controversial planning applications, Cllr Alan Bell said that this agreed with a former Parish Council that it was only necessary to publish anything controversial in the minutes and that is how it has continued, objections does not mean the application is controversial. Cllr Phil Heaviside said that all planning applications can be accessed on DCC Portal.

It was asked why Cllr's can miss so many Parish meetings when it states that missing 6 consecutive meeting means they can no longer be a Councillor. Cllr Phil Heaviside that absences have been approved and there are cases when Cllr's have work commitments or other personal issues that restrict their attendance. It was explained that Cllr's who have had been unable to attend meetings have inputted to the Parish Council work, liaising on the Council Group conversions and covering the Centre on occasions when needed.

4. Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes from the previous meeting held on 9th May were agreed and signed.

5. Matters arising from the minutes

None but Cllr Alan Bell commented that he had been asked why there was no correspondence item on the agenda, however it is on the agenda, tis will be relayed back.

6. | Environment and Community

6.1 Millennium Green – Cllr Phil Heaviside said that it has been arranged to have the lights installed behind Haveli and the trees cleared. The MG Annual Meeting is next Wednesday and representatives from the Parish Council will attend.

7. Community Centre

- **7.1 Groups –** Cllr Carol McAllister said that groups remain the same, Rainbows have requested to start their group on Thursdays 6pm-7pm.
- **7.2** Asset Transfer DCC are still reviewing the submitted business plan.
- **7.3 Community Centre Rota –** Cllr Carol McAllister said that cover is needed to open and close the Centre on Wednesday 14th June for the Way to Wellness class, Christine offered to cover the Way to Wellness class and Cllr Anne Lambton said that she could possibly cover for Brownies on the same evening. There also needs to be cover for Little Treasures on Saturday 10th June, this needs to be arranged.

8 Accounts

Income

Room Hire 1650.00
Football Pitch 325.00
VAT Refund 1819.69
Total income £3794.69

Expenditure

Salaries 1198.44

Zoom 15.59 (reimbursement to C McAllister)

HMRC Cumbernauld 173.80 DCC Rates 1010.00 **CDALC** 513.41 Gordon Fletcher (Audit) 200.00 Lord Lambton (Field Hire) 180.00 Turner & Budd (Sanitary) 23.26 TG&P Electric 21.58 **SEFE Gas** 764.40

Total exp £4100.48

Community Centre Income £1,650.00 Expenditure £2688.79

Parish Council Income £2144.69 Expenditure £1411.69

8.1 Exercise of Public Rights – Christine Colledge said that the Exercise of Public Rights for 2022/2023 Audit had been displayed on 5th June and the audit report was now on the website.

9. **Personnel Sub Committee** Nothing to report 10. Councillor Reports – to receive updates on specific areas of responsibility: Cllr Phil Heaviside said that pot holes had been marked ready for repair, he said that the mound of soil on the field near the cemetery had been reduced which should deter youths climbing over into the cemetery. The bus shelter at the bottom of the village has been reported and the graffiti in other bus stops still needs addressing. Cllr Anne Lambton said that the grass cutting in the cemetery has been reported. Cllr Peter Brown asked when the border would be planted, Cllr Alan Bell said this should be done soon. Cllr Phil Heaviside said that DCC Bereavement Services are reviewing the position regarding DIY Kerb sets fitted on graves, Cllr Alan Bell said that the cemetery issues are very sensitive. The Old England is currently having work done to reopen. Cllr Alan Bell said that he has had a further email regarding the 5G Mast and this has been directed to DCC, the grass cutting has also caused issued. Cllr Mhairi Pugh said that the grass in the play park area had not been cut and there had been glass there too, this will be raised with DCC. Cllr Alan Bell spoke of the email that had been circulated from a company offering environmental services. Christine Colledge said that their details were held on record for future works if needed. Cllr Mhairi Pugh asked if anything can be done regarding broken glass at the top of Seven Acres, this will be reported. Also, the parking at the schools is an issue, Cllr Phil Heaviside said he would ask the PCSO to monitor this. a member of the public present said that residents have had letters from DCC asking for their views regarding parking. **Planning applications** 11. No controversial plans. Cllr Alan Bell said that the planning application for Bellway housing at George Pitt Lane had been to the DCC Planning Meeting and had been refused. 12. Correspondence None **Matters for information** 13. Gym agreement review (Part B of meeting) Cllr Ann Lambton said that she had attended a class at the gym and the floor was extremely dirty this was possibly coming from debris from the ceiling. A member of the public asked about the disabled access to the entrance of the woods on Danelaw. Clirs explained that styles had been installed to stop motor bikes accessing the Woods and it would be hazardous for wheelchair access. 14. **Next meeting**

Signed: Date:

Tuesday 4th July at 6.30pm

Councillor Great Lumley Parish Council