

Monthly Meeting of Great Lumley Parish Council

Held on Tuesday 14th December 2021 at 6.30pm in the Lumley Room
Great Lumley Community Centre

Present:

Cllr Alan Bell (Chair)

Cllr Phil Heaviside (Vice Chair)

Cllr Neil Bains

Cllr Anne Lambton

Cllr Jeremy Whiting

Christine Colledge (Parish Clerk)

Cllr Carol McAllister

Cllr Hyleen Wood

In Attendance: 3 members of the public

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Hayley McAllister, Cllr Tim Robson and Cllr Gary Brown.

2. Declarations of Interest

NONE

3. Public comments

A member of the public mentioned the recent accidents on the bend of Back Lane, Cllr Bell said he had spoken with Highways and it will be discussed further on item 6.4

4. Minutes of the last meeting (*attached*)

Agreed as a true record with the following amendments:

- Cllr Jeremy Whiting asked for an amended to item 11 to state 'others commented'. Cllr Phil Heaviside pointed out that he was not present at the meeting on 2nd November.
- Neil Bains pointed out spelling error on his name on the minutes of 16th November.
- Amend next meeting date 11th January 2022.

5. Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising.

Cllr Alan Bell said that the works for the water supply to the church will be started in the near future.

The Police Christmas Roadshow on 12th December was a huge success and well attended.

6. Environment and Community

6.1 View of Views – Cllr Alan Bell stated that the sculpture at Back Lane could be started this week.

6.2 Allotment Association five-year review – Cllr Neil Bains gave an update on the Allotment Association. After 5 years of self-governance and the agreement to have a mid-term review, Cllr Bains reported that the Association is running well, with good attendance, financially and no complaints. Cllr Bains recommended that Association to continue as they are with their self-governance, the Association agreed at their AGM to reduce their quorum from four to three members. Cllr Alan Bell said that the

Association is going from strength to strength. Cllr Neil Bains proposed a 10 year review, it was seconded by Cllr Alan Bell and All agreed.

6.3 Playground gates – Cllr Phil Heaviside stated that he has had quotes for the playground gates and the bollard, both are £450 plus VAT. All agreed to go ahead.

6.4 Safety Barrier at Village Entrance – Cllr Alan Bell that he has been in contact with DCC Highways after the recent accidents on Back Lane, they are to look at the chevrons and reflective beacons. Cllr Bell said that were also talks of addressing the safety barriers. This will be deferred and discussed at the next meeting.

7. Co-option of vacant Parish Councillor seat

Christine Colledge confirmed that this vacancy would be posted in the next few weeks, inviting interested parties to submit a letter or submit their interest online. The vacancy will also be posted on the Community Centre notice board.

8. Community Centre

8.1 Groups – Cllr Hyleen Wood advised that groups now using the Community Centre are Toddlers, Ways to Wellness, Little Treasures, Gymnastics, Yoga, Guides, Durham Area Youth and Brownies to start in the New Year.

The Gym also is up and running. The days and times for classes will be published on the website and social media.

8.2 Bollard – see item 6.3

8.3 Community Consultation

Cllr Neil Bains gave an update on the feedback from DCC regarding the survey and the funding application. The survey is complete and ready to go (early New Year), Cllr Bains confirmed surveys will be distributed door to door and online. Due to the current Covid restrictions face to face surgeries may not be possible. It will be agreed by Cllrs the best and most cost effective way to print the fliers and leaflets.

8.4 Licence to occupy – Cllr Phil Heaviside confirmed that the CIC application is almost complete and an online Lloyds bank has been identified to use.

8.5 Use of kitchen by Foodbank – Cllr Alan Bell said that the Methodist Church have paused this service but have asked for it remain on the agenda.

8.6 Outside lighting – Cllr Hyleen Wood said that she had received a quote for £1300, as this seems to be expensive and the buildings possible refurbishment, other options will be looked at and other quotes sort.

8.7 Volunteers - Cllr Carol McAllister said that the paperwork for the recruit community centre volunteers has been circulated to Cllrs and All agreed to going ahead with the publication.

8.8 Shredding contract - Cllr Hyleen Wood has had a quote to shred confidential documents currently stored in the community centre. The cost is £30 + VAT and a certificate is given once the work is completed. Cllr Phil Heaviside proposed to go ahead and it was seconded by Cllr Alan Bell, All agreed.

8.9 Previous Gym Subscriptions - Cllr Hyleen Wood said that she had received a message regarding gym membership payments made before lock down and a request for a refund. This is to be looked into and will be discussed at the next meeting.

9. Accounts

To receive details of accounts and expenditure (Christine Colledge)

Income

DCC	5000.00 (grant towards salary costs)
Gymnastics	390.00
Total income	£5390.00

Expenditure

DCC	886.00
Durham Area Youth	6187.50
Citation Fire	53.76 (PAT testing)
H Wood	49.98 (comm centre consumables)
Waste Disposal	180.00
I Henderson	92.80 (workwear)
P Heaviside	47.92 (lights)
DCC	180.00 (licence)
P Denham	190.00 (toilet repairs)
Zoom subs	14.39 (reimbursement to C McAllister)
Total energies	258.46 (electricity)
I Henderson	6.99 (LED lamps)
Durham Police	150.00 (roadshow)
Peterlee Fire	69.97 (fire extinguishers)
Unity Trust Bank	8.00 (bank charges)
Total exp	£8375.77

Outstanding invoices for room hire totalling £1835.50 for 1 hirer going back to September remain unpaid, despite numerous requests for payment

AGAR – Cllr Carol McAllister confirmed this was now complete

10. Personnel Sub Committee – Cllr Carol McAlister said there was nothing to report but there will be a catch up meeting with Christine Colledge and Irvine Henderson in the New Year

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

Cllr J Whiting stated that ASB is still causing problems in the village, a takeaway have had windows broken and there have been attacks on a passing vehicles and a bus. The Police are involved with ASB reports and ask that any incidents are reported to them. The Neighbourhood Inspector has confirmed extra patrols were taking place in the village. Durham Area Youth have started working with young people in the Community centre to encourage engagement and give them some focus/activities.

Cllr Whiting asked about the possibility of CCTV in the cemetery because of damage and theft, Cllr Anne Lambton said that she has had a lengthy investigation and will publish the report from DCC regarding the installation of CCTV. Cllr Lambton also pointed out that DCC have regulations surrounding the cemetery and she would not like to see any restrictions to take place. Cllr Lambton explained that as things stand it is not possible to

install CCTV in the cemetery. Cllr Bains said it is important to report any issues to the police.

Cllr Phil Heaviside said that after the recent storm, DCC have cleared up most of the debris and things made safe, just small amounts of twigs etc are left. The Bellway site still have outstanding issues to be addressed and Cllr Heaviside will be acting on this. Cllr Alan Bell said that the stile has been addressed and the view of view ongoing. After the re-erection of the Christmas tree it now seems to be stable, next year there will be a sub-group from September onwards regarding the Christmas tree. The bins around the village have been over flowing, possibly due to resources needed after the storm, these have now been addressed. Anti social behaviour is still an ongoing issue, the police and Karbon Homes are involved which could mean tenants being evicted for continuous reported issues,

12. Planning applications - NONE

13. Correspondence

Cllr Alan Bell had said that the email from the Toddlers Group had been resolved.

Christine Colledge said that an email from the community warden states that the CCTV cameras are in working order but they need to be manned remotely by DCC. Cllr Hyleen Wood discussed the CCTV quotes and the need for protection cages. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

An email was received regarding plots of land to use for a Falcony Class – to be discussed at next meeting.

14. Matters for information

Cllr Alan Bell is to forward Christine Colledge information regarding the Community Award Scheme which was raised at the October meeting.

15. Next meeting

To confirm the date and time of the next meeting – Tuesday 11th January 2022 at 6.30 pm

Meeting closed at 19.45

Signed:

Date:

Councillor Alan Bell
Great Lumley Parish Council