

# Monthly Meeting of Great Lumley Parish Council

Held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 6.30pm in the Lumley Room  
Great Lumley Community Centre

## Present:

Cllr Alan Bell (Vice Chair)  
Christine Colledge (Parish Clerk)  
Cllr Carol McAllister  
Cllr Jeremy Whiting

Cllr Anne Lambton  
Cllr Neil Banes

**In Attendance:** 1 member of the public

### 1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Phil Heaviside (Chair), Cllr Hyleen Wood, Cllr Stuart Wood, Cllr Hayley McAllister

### 2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Jeremy Whiting item 6.2

### 3. Public comments

A member of the public spoke of the milk theft that is occurring in the village particularly Danelaw he also mentioned that children are camping out on the green on at the bottom of Danelaw. Cllr Alan Bell said that the issue has been raised with the authorities.

### 4. Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes from the previous meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022 were agreed and signed.

### 5. Matters arising from the minutes

Cllr Carol McAllister said that the Parish Councils response to the proposed Bellway proposed site is on the DCC Planning Portal.

Cllr Carol McAllister said that a 'thank you' needs to go out to those who took part in the consultation for the community centre, Cllr Neil Banes agreed to do this. Cllr Carol McAllister also said that Cllr Phil Heaviside had said that there would be a breakdown of costs for the community centre from DCC which we are still waiting for.

### 6. Environment and Community

**6.1 Lighting on rear car park of Haveli** – Cllr Jeremy Whiting said that a response from MG trustees had been sent out on 10<sup>th</sup> July. Christine said that the email had been forwarded to all Councillors and a response needs to be sent.

**6.2. Trees on Millennium Green** – There still needs to be clarity from the MG Trustees regarding their response to the cutting back of the trees. Christine will send an email to ask for a response from MG.

## 7. Community Centre

**7.1 Groups** – Cllr Carol McAllister said that the gymnastics club had left, Cllr Alan Bell said that some of the equipment had been taken which had been bought with funding for the Community Centre. The matter is being looked into by the AAP. Cllr Bell said that a gymnastics club in the village would be good for those who could not travel. The dance club has been well attended and going from strength to strength.

**7.2 Asset Transfer** – Cllr Alan Bell said that it is still in the hands of the solicitor who is liaising with DCC. It is hoped that DCC can release available funding of £400k and with other pots of money a start can be made on the future of the CC. Cllr Bell explained that because of the interest rates continuing to rise that the Public Works Loan which had been previously been an option may now be too much to borrow. Cllr Carol McAllister asked if the road at the side of the CC would be repaired before asset transfer, Cllr Bell said that the road had been booked for repair, he also mentioned that the bollard had been down allowing cars to access the field.

**7.3 Caretakers Holiday Cover** – Cllr Carol McAllister said that the caretaker is on annual leave w/c 19<sup>th</sup> September and cover needs to be arranged. Volunteers at present would not be an option because of insurance purposes.

The cost of utilities was discussed under this item and the idea of providing a heat space at the centre was discussed. It was suggested to liaise with Chapel to provide alternate days, this will be put on next agenda. Cllr Neil Banes said that the Choo Choo café had closed because of the rise in energy costs. Cllr Alan Bell asked when the gym contract was due to be reviewed, it was suggested that a special meeting should take place to discuss energy costs of the gym space, asset transfer and the PWL.

## 8. Accounts

To receive details of accounts and expenditure (Christine Colledge)

### Income for July

Room Hire	2,969.50
<b>Total income</b>	<b>£2,969.50</b>

### Expenditure July

DCC Rates	886.00
Salaries	1,860.93
Gazprom	240.97
Anglian Water	17.30
Zoom	14.39 (reimbursement to C McAllister)
HMRC Cumbernauld	173.26
Jones Boyd (Payroll)	90.00
Peter Denham (Plumber)	120.00
H. Wood reimbursement	27.50
CDALC	507.04
BHIB Insurance	1,005.98 (for Community Centre)
<b>Total exp July</b>	<b>£4943.37</b>

### Income August

Room Hire	1253.00
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Football Pitch Hire	500.00
<b>Total income</b>	<b>£1,753.00</b>

### **Expenditure August**

DCC Rates	886.00
Salaries	1860.93
Zoom	14.39 (reimbursement to C McAllister)
HMRC Cumbernauld	173.26
TG&P Electric	76.28
ALN Construction	2640.00
Wix	12.46 (reimbursement to C Colledge)
Chubb	169.38
<b>Total exp</b>	<b>£5832.70</b>

**8.1 Bank Accounts** – Cllr Carol McAllister said that because of the amount currently held in the bank account it needs to be spread across another account because of the risk element. Cllr Alan Bell said that The Post Office, Lloyds and TSB could be looked at.

**9. Personnel Sub Committee** – Cllr McAllister said that unfortunately the caretaker needs to resign at the end of September due to personal reasons. The job will be advertised asap.

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

Cllr Jeremy Whiting spoke of the break-in at the Old England, the milk thefts and the thefts from the graveyard. The bin along from the front of the Old England has set alight and still needs addressing. There is also an issue of youths drinking on the Millennium Green. Cllr Neil Banes said that the Allotment Association meetings will be starting again in September.

**11. Planning applications** – No controversial plans.

**12. Correspondence** – Christine Colledge said that a letter had been received from Durham Hospitals Radio requesting some grant support, Christine will forward the letter onto all Cllrs for their response. Christine said that the current gas supplier Gazprom are now trading as SEFE Energy. Christine also said that an email had been received from a resident in Stainmore to report broken glass that had been caused by the recycling truck, this matter had already been reported to DCC. An email from a resident at Churchside whose property backs onto the football field has asked for the undergrowth at the abutting fence to be cleared as there had been a fire started. Cllr Alan Bell said that he would assess and address the situation, he said that there had also been a report of fly tipping at the Piggery Site and Forge Lane, a truck has been caught on camera and the matter has been reported to the police.

Cllr Alan Bell said that there needs to be a decision made regarding the football field at Worcester Close, DCC will no longer be maintaining the field and it is not in use. The field is currently hired by the Parish Council from Lambton Estates at £180 per year. Quotes have been sort for the cutting and marking of the field would be more than the fees from the football teams. A member of the public suggested walkways, Cllr Alan Bell said that this had previously been looked at with DCC.

**13. Matters for information**

Football field at Worcester Close  
Warm Room

**14. Next meeting – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

Signed:

Date:

Councillor  
Great Lumley Parish Council