

Minutes Great Lumley Parish Council Meeting 6.30pm

Monday 13th June 2022
Great Lumley Community Centre

Present: Cllr Phil Heaviside (Chair) Cllr Alan Bell (Vice Chair)
Cllr Anne Lambton Cllr Jeremy Whiting
Cllr Hyleen Wood Cllr Stuart Wood
Cllr Carol McAllister Cllr Neil Bains
Cllr Peter Brown Christine Colledge (Parish Clerk)

6 Members of the public

- 1. Welcome** - Cllr Phil Heaviside (Chair) welcomed all those present.
- 2. Apologies**
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Hayley McAllister and Cllr Tim Robson
- 3. Declarations of Interest**
None were given
- 4. Public comments**
A member of the public asked why there had been no objections from the PC on the planning portal regarding the proposed Bellway development. Cllr Phil Heaviside explained that the PC have until the day before the Planning Committee to make any comments. It was also explained that as a PC all views need to be taken into account and then the PC will look at the full picture and make any comments prior to the planning committee. It was asked when was the date of the planning committee, Cllr Alan Bell said the date was unknown at present and as there are archaeologists inspecting the site that it was thought that the planners had requested further information. There will however be notice of when the planning committee date will be. Cllr Phil Heaviside explained that although there are objections there needs to be planning reasons for the development to be stopped, all objections need to be recorded on the planning portal. Cllr Alan Bell told the public in attendance that all views go to the planning committee and representatives from the public can register and attend the meeting to speak for a limited time. Cllr Anne Lambton said that the PC will look at all comments on the portal before making their comments. It was also pointed out that the PC does not have the final word on the outcome.
- 5. Minutes of the last meeting**
Minutes of the previous meeting held on 23rd May 2022 were agreed as a true record by those present and signed.
- 6. Matters arising from the minutes**
A discussion took place regarding the Millennium Green issues, since the last meeting there has been no response or feedback from MG. Cllr Carol McAllister expressed her disappointment at the lack of communication from MG (Ken Chung) as at previous meetings he has raised issues without following up what was agreed.
Cllr Hyleen Wood suggested sending an email to Ken Chung requesting an update and if there is no response then to go ahead with the work on the lighting at the rear of Haveli and the pruning of the trees. Cllr Carol McAllister said that to cause a disruption at

meetings and then not respond as agreed is disrespectful not acceptable. Cllr Jeremy Whiting said that the MG have a new Secretary and Treasurer.

7. Environment and Community

To discuss and make decisions (if appropriate) on the following:

7.1 View of Views – Cllr Alan Bell advised that the structure is almost ready to be installed.

7.2 Safety Barriers at Village Entrance – Cllr Phil Heaviside advised that there were no further updates.

7.3 Lighting on rear car park of Haveli – Cllr Phil Heaviside reported that updates from MG are outstanding. Planners need to know that there are no objections before lighting can be installed.

7.4 Parking on Front Street – Cllr Phil Heaviside said that Keep Clear lines are now down, however, there is still a parking problem.

7.5 Usage and Hire of Football Fields – There was a discussion regarding the procedure for the hire of the football fields, Christine Colledge forwarded prior to the meeting the terms and conditions of hiring the football pitches. A booking form needs to be established, the maintenance of the pitches were discussed. Fixture information is sent via the Parish email address, Cllr Alan Bell said that DCC previously had collected the rent for pitch hire. It seems it has been sometime since any rent has been paid. There needs to be further information to establish how the football pitches are rented and who collects the rent.

8. Community Centre

8.1 Groups – Cllr Hyleen Wood reported that there was no change to the group hire, a room has been booked on 23rd and 24th June for jewellery valuation.

8.2 Community Consultation – Cllr Neil Bains said that there had been a good selection of data received approx. 280 questionnaires returned. Suggestions include, sporting events and the agreeance for a refurbishment. The data will be forwarded to all Councillors for their information. Cllr Bains said that it is important to see what the parish residents are looking for from the use of the centre. Cllr Anne Lambton said that there had been a lot of interest in having a café and a social area. DCC have said that the number of responses is good, as opposed to the previous survey.

8.3 Asset Transfer – Cllr Phil Heaviside said that he is awaiting to hear from the DCC Solicitor.

9. Accounts - To receive details of accounts and expenditure – Christine Colledge confirmed income in the month of £2,578.00 and expenditure £4,363.70

10. Personnel Sub Committee – nothing to report

11. Councillor Reports – Cllr Neil Bains said that the Allotment Association has had their AGM and all is going well. Cllr Jeremy Whiting said that ASB stats were currently low, Cllr

Phil Heaviside pointed out that all crime and ASB should be reported. Cllr Alan Bell said that Karbon Home are reducing grass cuts on the open areas from 16 to 8 yearly he suggested to steer any complaints to Karbon Homes, the issue will be looked into by the PC. The weeds on the paths are also an issue, Cllr Bell said that DCC will be spraying the paths in the next couple of weeks. The flower beds are not currently flowering. Cllr Peter Brown said that the Durham Miners Gala meeting is on 9th July and the banner will be coming through the village. Cllr Phil Heaviside said that there had been problems with pot holes, but they have now been filled in.

12. Planning applications

None to report.

13. Correspondence – (All)

Christine Colledge spoke of the quote that had been received from Lumley Trees regarding the pruning of the trees and shrubs near the MG, Cllr Phil Heaviside said that he would arrange to meet Phil Loveday of Lumley Trees to discuss exactly what needs to be pruned. Cllr Alan Bell suggested having other quotes for work previously carried out by DCC to try and reduced costs.

14. Matters for information

2021/2022 Audit
Discussions re data from survey

- 15. Next meeting** – There was a discussion regarding the regularity of meetings, Cllr Carol McAllister suggested bi-monthly meetings after the asset transfer. It was agreed that it would still be monthly meetings but with a break in August. The next meeting will be Monday 11th July.

Signed:



Date: 11.7.22

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