

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Great Lumley Parish Council**  
**7pm**  
**(Or directly following Annual Meeting of Parish Electors)**

Monday 23rd May 2022  
Great Lumley Community Centre

**Present:** Cllr Alan Bell  
Cllr Anne Lambton  
Cllr Hyleen Wood  
Cllr Carol McAllister

Cllr Phil Heaviside  
Cllr Jeremy Whiting  
Cllr Stuart Wood

1 Member of the public

**1. Election of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Introductions**

Cllr Phil Heaviside was nominated as Chairman by Cllr Alan Bell and seconded by Cllr Hyleen Wood; this was unanimously agreed by those present. Cllr Alan Bell was nominated as Vice Chairman by Cllr Stuart Wood and seconded by Cllr Carol McAllister; this was unanimously agreed by those present.

**2. Welcome and Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Hayley McAllister, Cllr Neil Bains and Christine Colledge, Parish Clerk.

**3. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Whiting declared an interest in agenda items 7.3 & 7.6

**4. Public comments**

The member of the public in attendance suggested his comments would be raised and discussed elsewhere on the agenda

**5. Minutes of the last meeting**

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022 were agreed as a true record by those present

**6. Matters arising from the minutes**

A discussion took place about street lights around the village that were not working

**7. Environment and Community**

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

**7.1 View of Views** – Cllr Alan Bell advised this is waiting delivery, but specialist HIAB equipment is needed to transport it to the site. This is being explored at present.

**7.2 Safety Barriers at Village Entrance** – Cllr Phil Heaviside advised this had been first reported in Dec 21. A qualified surveyor is now going to inspect the barriers and determine if new barriers or reflectors are required and what budget is available.

**7.3 Lighting on rear car park of Haveli** – Cllr Phil Heaviside reported that Haveli are happy to install lighting to rear of the building. The member of the public was concerned about who was responsible for the maintenance of the hardcore area. The fact that it is not classified as a car park was a concern over possible third-party claims from vehicle owners using the area to park their cars; protecting the Millennium Green trustees from a claim was imperative. A lengthy discussion took place and various options were discussed, however at present there is nothing to stop anyone parking on the hardcore

surface. It was agreed that at the Millennium Green Trust AGM to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> May, it would be proposed that MGT agree to Haveli installing lighting at the rear of their building. If this was approved, MGT would feed that back to the Parish Council and then a meeting would be arranged between the PC, MGT and Haveli to move things forward.

**7.4 Cambridge Drive Playing field and surrounding area** – nothing to update.

**7.5 Parking on Front Street** – Cllr Alan Bell advised Traffic have inspected the area and plan to put keep clear lines 14m from entrance to CC car park and the east side Hazel Lea. Yellow lines would be subject to legal process. All agreed keep clear lines was positive and should hopefully keep down number of cars able to safely park there. Haveli have asked customers not to park in front of the restaurant. There is also an issue with parking on the pavement at the Church. Cllr Jeremy Whiting had already raised this with the Church. Cllr Alan Bell suggested the Parish Council could install signage on the Community Centre car park wall to encourage considerate parking and remind residents that the CC car park is free and available to use. Parish Clerk to follow this up.

**7.6 Millennium Green to also cover CCTV** – Cllr Phil Heaviside had shared pics from CCTV in front of the Community centre. The camera out front gets good pictures of the Millennium Green and if the camera can have a line of sight to the MG it could reduce ASB. The camera is maintained by DCC & police. There is a rolling programme of improvements and if we don't feel quality of images is good enough, 10/12 cameras are upgraded each year. Cllr Phil Heaviside will send the images to Millennium Green Trust's Chairperson to show line of sight; email address confirmed as [greatlumleymillenniumgreen@gmail.com](mailto:greatlumleymillenniumgreen@gmail.com). It was also confirmed that this email address is monitored and emails are responded to. A discussion took place regarding the pruning of trees and shrubs on the MG. The member of the public was concerned about removal of the greenery in that area. The Parish Council are sympathetic to the reduction in height of trees and shrubs to improve the sight line to the MG. It was agreed that this would be raised at the MG Trust's AGM on 26<sup>th</sup> May. Cllr Alan Bell was keen to make the children's play area as safe as possible and is concerned about a clear sight line to that area. Once the trees and shrubs were cut, the sight line to the Green and play area would be reviewed. The member of the public present apologised for raising his voice and committed to working with the Parish Council regarding the Millennium Green and overall maintenance of the site.

## 8. Community Centre

**8.1 Groups** – Cllr Hyleen Wood reported hire of the Community Centre is continuing well, with the Dance group requesting another evening per week for 3 hours. Dance Group are also hosting a Summer event, with 2 dance shows that are almost sold out. The Craft group have asked to use the Centre initially bi-monthly, increasing to every week in the Pimlett room 2-4pm. Cllr Carol McAllister reported that Durham Area Youth continue to run the Friday Youth group, with a regular group of young people from the Village. The DAY Manager and Cllr McAllister are currently in discussions regarding future funding of the group. Discussions are also taking place around funding an additional youth group each week. Cllr Hyleen Wood agreed to circulate a breakdown of hours currently utilised by groups each week.

**8.2 Community Consultation** – Cllr Neil Bains was not in attendance, however he had reported prior to the meeting that 250 responses had been received to the recent community consultation. Responses still need analysed and this will commence after 27<sup>th</sup> May when the analyst returns from holiday.

**8.3 Asset Transfer** – Cllr Phil Heaviside advised papers had been received today and these had been sent to the Parish Council's solicitor. Cllr Carol McAllister agreed to share this document with Councillors for comment. It was agreed to arrange a working group meeting to discuss the document once it has been reviewed by the Solicitor. DCC have

advised their legal team have all relevant paperwork prepared ahead of asset transfer. Cllr Phil Heaviside confirmed the road to the side of the Community Centre is to be resurfaced ahead of asset transfer.

**8.4 Utilities** – Cllr Phil Heaviside discussed our utility contract with Gazprom. Unfortunately we are tied into the contract until 2024, when the Parish Council will undertake a review of providers.

9. **Accounts** - To receive details of accounts and expenditure – Cllr Carol McAllister confirmed income in the month of £77,177.45 (which included the annual Precept) with expenditure of £4,592.54.
10. **Personnel Sub Committee** – nothing to report
11. **Councillor Reports** – Cllr Alan Bell advised roads to entrance of Bellway Estate off Scorer's lane have not yet been adopted. DCC are waiting for Bellway to sign this off and then a 12 month period is required before the roads can be adopted by DCC. The lighting is subject to the same situation. Cllr Stuart Wood questioned whether DCC will inspect before they are adopted; Cllr Alan Bell confirmed this was the case.

Cllr Alan Bell gave an update on the Infant/Junior school, The Head teacher has run both sights and the school Governors agreed at their last meeting to form a hard federation for both schools, with the continuation of the Head teacher running both schools, essentially meaning they can pool resources going forward. There is general movement towards academies.

Cllr Anne Lambton reported that the memorial seat and garden are well tended and being looked after.

Cllrs McAllister and Wood had nothing to add to their previous community centre feedback.

Cllr Stuart Wood will be allocated a specific area to report on.

Cllr Jeremy Whiting – Criminal incidents have been quiet since last PC meeting. Cllr Whiting has been on police website and searched on Lumley, but returned no data; he had also searched for crime on Great Lumley and no monthly data was available. Cllr Phil Heaviside agreed to screenshot and share as appropriate. Cllr Whiting discussed the consultation on GNE buses and their severely reduced services.

Cllr Phil Heaviside – potholes on Wimpey estate been reported. Happy to report others. Back of Co-op has been reported. Sevenacres behind Snooks has been reported previously. Manholes also included. Wheelchair users high expectations, trying to look at drop kerbs, had 3 last year. Policy looks at how many users would benefit from that investment i.e. wheelchair users/mobility issues. Just in case of other communications from member of the public. Cllr Anne Lambton asked if there were any updates regarding recent Virgin Media digging of pavements, Cllr Phil Heaviside confirmed inspectors had visited and Virgin Media have to make good any substandard work.

12. **Planning applications**  
These had been previously circulated by the Parish Clerk
13. **Correspondence** – (All)  
None

**14. Matters for information**

Litter bin on Millennium Green – once the sight line has been restored this may be repaired or replaced. A member of the public asked if a dog waste bin could be explored on the edge of the Millennium Green due to the removal of the general waste bin. A dog bin on the main street was also discussed. Cllr Phil Heaviside agreed to follow up.

**15. Next meeting** – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 6.30pm

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