

Monthly Meeting of Great Lumley Parish Council

Held on Tuesday 11th January 2022 at 6.30pm in the Lumley Room
Great Lumley Community Centre

Present:

Cllr Alan Bell (Chair)

Cllr Carol McAllister

Cllr Hyleen Wood

Cllr Neil Bains

Cllr Anne Lambton

Cllr Jeremy Whiting

Christine Colledge (Parish Clerk)

In Attendance: 2 members of the public

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Phil Heaviside, Cllr Hayley McAllister, Cllr Tim Robson, Cllr Peter Brown.

2. Declarations of Interest

Jeremy Whiting 6.4 Millennium Green

3. Public comments

None

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

Agreed as a true record with the following amendments:

- Cllr Jeremy Whiting asked for an amendment to item 11 re: ASB

5. Matters arising from the minutes

Cllr Hyleen Wood said that the quote for CCTV to cover door of the Community Centre would be approx. £40/50 but they would need a protective cage to cover them, Cllr Phil Heaviside had previously suggested to use chimney cowls which would bring the cost to approx. £80. Cllr Hyleen Wood requested that this should go ahead. Cllr Neil Bains asked if the CCTV would require a connection to the router, this will be discussed in more depth at the next meeting. Cllr Alan Bell suggested agreeing a budget for the CCTV in order to go ahead, Cllr Neil Bains proposed that an amount of £100, it was seconded by Cllr Alan Bell and agreed by all.

Christine Colledge said that the enquiry that had been received regarding land for Falconry Training had been responded to but no further information had been received.

Cllr Alan Bell said that the stile on the Bellway site had been changed to an underpass for dogs to pass the stile.

6. Environment and Community

6.1 View of Views – Cllr Alan Bell stated that the sculpture is now completed, it is now in 2 parts to reduce any future issues with damage and erosion. A site meeting has been requested with DCC and the arrangement of the installation will be organised.

6.2 Playground gates – In Cllr Phil Heaviside's absence he sent an update to say that it on order.

6.3 Safety Barrier at Village Entrance – Cllr Alan Bell has been in touch with Highways

at DCC and they are planning to replace the safety chevrons and posts. DCC are also considering a safety barrier.

6.4 Millennium Green - A zoom meeting is to take place on 12th January

7. Co-option of vacant Parish Councillor seat – Christine Colledge said that after approval from all Councillors the advert would be posted giving a 3-week deadline for applications. It will be posted on the Parish notice board, in the Co-op, on the Facebook page and on the website.

8. Community Centre

8.1 Groups – Cllr Hyleen Wood advised that groups using the Community remain the same and Brownies are due to start next week. There are also other groups interested to start soon.

Cllr Carol McAllister said that Durham Area Youth will be returning this week but because of restrictions it may be necessary to meet the youth's outdoors.

The days and times for classes are now published on the website and social media.

8.2 Bollard – On order

It was raised that there had been damage caused to the football field.

8.3 Community Consultation - Cllr Neil Bains said that the survey is complete and ready to go, he suggested setting up a Working Group and to go ahead asap.

8.4 Licence to occupy – Cllr Phil Heaviside sent information in his absence stating that the application had started, however, there has been issues accessing the Government Gateway site which had stopped the process. It may be necessary to re-start the application using a different email address.

8.5 Use of kitchen by Foodbank – Nothing to report

8.6 Outside lighting – Cllr Hyleen Wood had no further updates and is waiting for further quotes from Cllr Phil Heaviside.

8.7 Previous Gym Subscriptions - Cllr Hyleen Wood said that there was no record of any monies paid, therefore an email would be sent to the person who made the enquiry to explain the situation.

9. Accounts

To receive details of accounts and expenditure (Christine Colledge)

Income

Donation S. Graham	315.13
Dog Bags	10.00
Room Hire	1739.50
DCC	12000.00
Total income	£14064.63

Expenditure

DCC	886.00
H Wood	75.72 (community centre consumables)
Mazars LLP	480.00 (Audit)

I Henderson	29.75 (community centre consumables)
P Heaviside	6.82 (expenses)
HMRC	183.52 (Cumbernauld)
Zoom subs	14.39 (reimbursement to C McAllister)
C McAllister	140.00 (selection boxes & tree lights)
Gazprom	704.15 (utilities)
HR Chainsaw Sculpt	500.00
Total Energies	29.09
Salaries	3016.84 (wages)
Unity Trust Bank	27.45(bank charges)
Total expenditure	£6093.73

It was discussed, that after investigation, the £12,000 payment received from DCC was Possibly Covid related.

10. Personnel Sub Committee – Cllr Carol McAlister is to arrange a catch up meeting with Christine Colledge and Irvine Henderson asap.

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

Cllr J Whiting said that regarding ASB, the Police and Karbon Homes are involved and that the warning letters from Karbon Homes may be affective. Cllr Whiting also discussed issues relating to the bus services running through Lumley on Saturdays.

Cllr Neil Bains said that he had received a letter of thanks from the Allotment Association.

Cllr Anne Lambton said that she is in contact Durham Area Youth and she would like to involve youths for their input on the consultation. Cllr Neil Bains suggested that it would be a good idea to add this to the discussion at the Consultation Working Group.

Cllr Alan Bell said it is a good idea to involve the youths and that they had been really keen to help with dressing the Christmas tree. The memorial baubles were a good idea and it is hoped it continue in the future also involving the youths.

Cllr Alan Bell said that the footpath on new development of the Rivers Estate is dangerous (uneven) DCC are involved and are to address the issue with the developers.

Cllr Alan Bell said that the dog bins on the Rivers Estate was overflowing and a request for an extra dog bin in that area would be put forward.

Cllr Hyleen Wood asked when the fence on the development would be taken down, Cllr Bell said he is hoping that it would be taken down asap.

12. Planning applications – NONE

Cllr Alan Bell said that surveyors had been seen at Stainmore Drive but as yet no planning applications have been submitted.

13. Correspondence

Cllr Phil Heaviside sent information in his absence regarding the bank account, Phil has currently heard nothing from the bank about the new signatories therefore he has posted the information and he is hoping to hear from the bank within 7-10days.

14. Matters for information

Cllr Neil Banes suggested that at the next meeting to agree a monthly budget of approx. £100 to use for the community centre expenditure etc.

15. Items to be discussed following the Exclusion of the Public and Press under The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Sec 1 (2)

15.1 Budget Review

15.2 Financial Policy Review

15.3 HR Services

16. Next meeting

To confirm the date and time of the next meeting – Tuesday 1st February 2022 at 6.30 pm

Meeting closed at 19.45

Signed:

Councillor Alan Bell
Great Lumley Parish Council