

GREAT LUMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held at Great Lumley Community Centre
Tuesday 4th August 2020

- 1 Present
Cllr Richie Court (Chair)
Cllr Joan Robson
Cllr Phil Heaviside
Cllr Tim Robson
Cllr Audrey Willis
Cllr Lian Court
Cllr Michael Adey
Cllr John Parkin
Cllr Carole Watkiss
Cllr Ray Pirrie
Cllr Jeremy Whiting
Cllr Peter Brown
Ian Heaviside (Clerk)
James Longfield (Dixon Dawson)
4 members of the public

- 2 Declaration of Interests
There were no declarations of interest

- 3 Community Centre
James Longfield (JL) gave an update on the community centre project following his return from furlough. The requested alterations have been made to the fitness suite, the dedicated toilets to the gymnasium area was discussed and it was agreed to provide a shared use of the unisex toilets. These would be used by gymnasium only generally however they could be opened up for large scale events with access from the main hall.
Layout of fitness suite particularly toilets was discussed and minor alterations required
Main access to the gymnasium to be via an upgraded footpath from the rear/side of the building

The programme was updated with a likely commencement date in mid to late January 21 and each of the stages explained

The use of the Sports Pavilion changing rooms – Cllr Pirrie reported that the football club are using the rooms for storage and they should not be as they have been condemned. It was resolved to send a letter to the club informing them that they shouldn't be using them and they should remove their equipment immediately. Clerk to write to them asap.

The potential of re-opening the Community Centre was discussed. Cllr Willis suggested that we should consider opening part of the centre as a temporary measure until the building works commence. A full COVID Risk Assessment needs to be carried out before this can happen. Cllr Willis proposed and Cllr Adey seconded that we look into re-opening the sports hall / main hall for community use and the Parish must carry out appropriate COVID risk assessments and introduce safe use controls. Potential Hours 3 pm till 8 pm Monday to Friday

Risk Assessments (including COVID19) , Method statements, insurance and DBS checks for community centre user groups will be needed for all groups coming to use the centre. It was agreed that current, (Gymnastics and Little kickers) and future groups must provide this information to the Parish Council.

- 4 Public comments
Question– will the Parish Council give a date for re-opening the Play Area – M Stratford – due to a technical difficulty unable to access the meeting. Item was on the agenda and clerk will provide a written response

Question – would the parish consider additional cutting back of PROWs in addition to DCCs work – A Bell

Potential to use the assistance of the probation service in the longer term however in the meantime we need to get quotes to cut it back. Cllr P Brown and Cllr A Willis - Clerk to action

- 5 Police Liaison Report The following crimes have been reported to the police in July
Theft: 2, from Co-Op, of recycling bin.
ASB x 3, Co-Op, Medway, Smiths Arms.
Criminal Damage x Damage to Totum Pole
- 6 Minutes The minutes of the meetings held on 7th July 2020 and 16th July 2020 were accepted as a true record with amendments
- 7 Matters Arising Changes to licensing arrangements for football pitches – still awaiting information from DCC regarding cost to cut the fields per year.

Lock to community centre door – guidance to be taken from DCC during Fire Risk Assessment on 7/7/20

- 8 Environment and Community A quotation has been received from DCC to carry out remedial works to the play area to make it safe to use together with appropriate COVID measures and signage. To replace the wood chippings would be in the region of £3000 without the repair for the rubberised surface. The works need to be carried out before the play area reopens

It was suggested that we might remove the rubberised surface and replace it all with bark

Further quotes need to be obtained and reported back to the Council

Potential to replace the seat at Cambridge Drive which is now past its useful life and a further one overlooking the new build site on Scorers lane. Clerk to check out land ownership

- 9 Accounts The following payments were drawn on the Parish Councils Account since the last meeting:

Expenditures	Virgin Media	Direct Debit	£38.40
	TV Licensing	Direct Debit	£39.87
	DCC Bus Rates	Direct Debit	£1107.00
	BT	Transfer	£70.45
	DCC – Lighting Charge	Transfer	£626.10
Income	BHIB Insurance	Transfer	£971.56
	BT Open reach	Transfer	£804.74
	Liam Hall – Pitch Hire	Transfer	£20.00

A question was raised by Cllr Heaviside as to whether groups using the outside spaces were being charged a fee as the Model car club were contributing through barter by cutting the grass, saving the Council on costs. It was resolved that groups should be charged a nominal fee to use the spaces of £10/month

- 10 Suspension of Meeting The meeting was suspended due to the late hour to be reconvened to conclude the business later in the month.
- 11 Next Meeting Tuesday 1st September 2020 (additional meeting to be notified)

Signed _____ R Court, Chairman Date 1st September 2020