

Monthly Meeting of Great Lumley Parish Council

Held on Tuesday 4th April at 6.30pm
Great Lumley Community Centre

Present:

Cllr Phil Heaviside (Chair) Cllr Anne Lambton
Cllr Carol McAllister Cllr Peter Brown
Cllr Jeremy Whiting
Christine Colledge (Parish Clerk)

In Attendance: 6 members of the public

1.	Apologies Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Hayley McAllister, Cllr Alan Bell, Cllr Neil Banes & Cllr Tim Robson
2.	Declarations of Interest Jeremy Whiting 6.2
3.	Public comments <p>A member of the public asked what was happening to the Community Centre, Cllr Phil Heaviside explained that the asset transfer from DCC has still not been completed and that it is DCC that is holding up the process. The Parish Council explained that they plan is to do the refurbishment in 2 stages because of the financial implications and that a Public Works Loan is not now viable because of the high interest rates. It was asked why DCC is dragging their heels, Cllr Phil Heaviside said that DCC keep moving the goalposts and it that the Parish Council have done their utmost to have the asset transfer completed after taking on the building when the Community Association went “bust”. The Parish Council are continually pushing DCC to get the building transferred. There were restrictions during the Covid 19 period which hindered the process. It was asked if the building would need to be closed during the asbestos removal and it was explained that there would be minimal disruption, however there may need to be a closure.</p> <p>A member of the public asked who was responsible for the footpaths at the bottom of the village as there is rubbish dumped and the footpaths are covered in mud. Cllr Phil Heaviside said that he would report the issue to DCC.</p> <p>It was mentioned that the brick bus shelter on Scorers Lane was full of graffiti, this has previously been reported but nothing has been done. It was said that the bus shelter opposite the Co-op on Front Street is also full of graffiti, Cllr Phil Heaviside said that this will be picked up by an inspection that is due to take place by DCC officers.</p> <p>A member of the public who attended last month asked to speak regarding his concern about the 5G mast, Cllr Phil Heaviside said he is aware of emails that have been sent to DCC and would speak outside the meeting as it is not a Parish Council matter. Cllr Heaviside explained that DCC have said it is a matter for Public Health England and the Health and Safety Executive. It was asked if there were any other plans for further masts in Great Lumley and Cllr Phil Heaviside said that he was not aware of any. It was then challenged why the current mast had not been public, Cllr Heaviside once again said that he did not want to discuss the matter further as it was not a Parish Council issue. It was then asked how the County</p>

	<p>Councillors voted at a DCC meeting regarding the 5G masts, Cllr Heaviside said that he was not at any meeting that voted on the 5G masts and did not make a vote he asked for an email to be forwarded regarding what meeting was being referred to. It was explained again that it was not a Parish Council matter and the allowed 5mins for discussion and been exceeded, Cllr Phil Heaviside told the member of the public that if he continued to disrupt the process then he would be asked to leave and if he would not leave then the police would be called and the meeting would be suspended. The member of the public continued, he was implying that things were not being answered and things were being hidden, Cllr Phil Heaviside asked him to leave and he was then ushered out of the meeting.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Minutes of the last meeting Minutes from the previous meeting held on 7th March were agreed and signed.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Matters arising from the minutes None</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Environment and Community</p> <p>6.1 Lighting on rear car park of Haveli – Cllr Jeremy Whiting said that the next MG is meeting is 13th April and had misunderstood that an agreement was needed from them for the Parish meeting. The MG Trustees will liaise with DCC Planning Officer (John Laidlaw) to agree the installation and remove the prior objection, MG also need to respond to the Parish Council and Cllr Phil Heaviside said the works will go ahead as it is Parish land and the issue has been ongoing for over a year.</p> <p>6.2 Trees on Millennium Green – Cllr Jeremy Whiting said that an email sent to Kevan Jones MP from MG Trustees regarding the issue did not look promising, Cllr Heaviside said that it would be a breach of the lease if the maintenance of the trees were not being adhered to. Cllr Jeremy Whiting said that he would raise the issue again with MG Trustees and ask someone to report back to the Parish after the MG meeting on 13th April.</p> <p>6.3 EV Charging Points – Cllr Phil Heaviside is still waiting for further information.</p> <p>6.4 Consultation Feedback – Nothing further to report.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Community Centre</p> <p>7.1 Groups – Cllr Carol McAllister said that groups remain the same, there will be some groups not attending during the Easter break. Durham Area Youth are holding extra activities on Good Friday from 1pm – 7pm and have paid £400 to hire the CC.</p> <p>7.2 Asset Transfer – Covered in public comments</p> <p>7.3 ASB – Cllr Carol McAllister said that there have been some ASB surrounding the Community Centre on Friday evenings and there have also been incidents during the week when youths hid in the building. The culprits have been identified on CCTV and a female from the village has been excluded from attending the youth group. The male toilets were trashed with hand gel being smeared over the mirrors, walls and floors and 2 other male youths have also been excluded. The caretaker of the CC is facing abuse from the youths and this is causing a concern as a lone worker, he has asked for a magnetic release lock on the entrance door so that it can be controlled from inside the building. Cllr Phil Heaviside</p>

	agreed that a magnetic lock would be a good idea, it was agreed to source the lock and not to allow any youths into the building unless they are attending a group. Cllr Heaviside said that he would contact Laura Hood at the police to seek advice.																										
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9.	Personnel Sub Committee Cllr Carol McAllister said that Jones Boyd (payroll services) need to be contact to ensure that the caretakers wage is increased to the new minimum wage. Christine Colledge will contact payroll to arrange this.																										
10.	Councillor Reports – to receive updates on specific areas of responsibility: Cllr Jeremy Whiting reported broken glass on Front Street and MG saying this will be a hazard to dogs. Cllr Phil Heaviside will chase up the verges and bus shelters. Cllr Peter Brown said that the road works near Tintagel have been completed but the lines on road need remarking.																										
11.	Planning applications No controversial plans.																										
12.	Correspondence None																										
13.	Matters for information None																										
14.	Next meeting Tuesday 9 th May at 6.30pm																										

Signed:

Councillor

Date:

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