Monthly Meeting of Great Lumley Parish Council

Held on Tuesday 7th February at 6.30pm Great Lumley Community Centre

Present:

Cllr Phil Heaviside (Chair)
Cllr Anne Lambton
Cllr Jeremy Whiting
Christine Colledge (Parish Clerk)

Cllr Alan Bell (Vice Chair) Cllr Carol McAllister Cllr Peter Brown

In Attendance: no members of the public

1.	Apologies
	Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Hayley McAllister & Cllr Neil Banes
2.	Declarations of Interest
	Jeremy Whiting 6.2
3.	Public comments
	None
4.	Minutes of the last meeting
	Minutes from the previous meeting held on 10 th January were agreed and signed.
5.	Matters arising from the minutes
	Cllr Alan Bell said that the View of Views structure has had to be remade and is ongoing.

- 6. Environment and Community
 - **6.1 Lighting on rear car park of Haveli –** Christine Colledge said that a letter was sent to MG on 2nd February, however no response had been received. Cllr Jeremy Whiting agreed to ensure that it was raised at the next MG meeting on Wednesday 8th February. The Councillors agreed that if no response is received from the MG Trustee's by the next Parish meeting in March, then the Parish will give the go ahead for the lighting to be installed.
 - **6.2 Trees on Millennium Green –** Christine Colledge said that an email was sent on 16th January requesting a copy of the MG's Deed of Trust and also a copy of their insurance policy, however, no response has been received. The Cllr's all agreed that the trees need to be trimmed, Cllr Jeremy Whiting said that arrangements are in place to have some trees trimmed on 12th March. Cllr Carol McAllister said that the MG Trustees need to work with the Parish to resolve the ongoing issues and decisions need to made. Cllr Anne Lambton asked if the trees could be cut without MG's agreement, Cllr Phil Heaviside said that planning may need to be agreed, Cllr Alan Bell said that planning was already approved. **Action: Cllr Phil Heaviside to look at the planning approval document and Cllr Jeremy Whiting to report back after the MG meeting on 8th February.**
 - **6.3 Festival 2023 –** It was agreed that as there had been no response seeking volunteers the Parish could not assist and to take it off the agenda.
 - **6.4 Warm Space –** The Warm Space is running well on Wednesday afternoons, this provision will continue until 31st March.

- **6.5 EV Charging Points** Cllr Phil Heaviside reported this is still progressing.
- **6.6 Consultation Feedback –** Cllr Bains forwarded an email to all Cllr's with information regarding the consultation. **Action: A Working Group is to be set up.**

7. Community Centre

7.1 Groups – Cllr McAllister said that Dance class had extended its hours on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Well Being for Life have requested to use the Centre and Cllr Carol McAllister has arranged to discuss this with them on 14th February. They also would like to use the Centre for a meeting which will also be discussed.

There has been a request to hire the Centre on Sunday 8th October for a brass band event, they are looking to use the Main Hall, Lumley Room and Kitchen. It would depend on the outcome of asset transfer and also cover would be needed if this goes ahead. In principle an agreement was discussed. Action: Cllr Carol McAllister to email a price of £450 for the day, however this may need to change depending on Asset Transfer.

7.2 Asset Transfer – Cllr Phil Heaviside said that a meeting had taken place with DCC which was positive. The Business Plan needs updating if not renewed, this needs to be done with a Working Group and needs to be asap as there is a deadline to complete this. Cllr Alan Bell said that there needs to be independent valuations for the gym, Cllr Phil Heaviside said that he would seek a quote to have a separate utility meter for the gym.

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Accounts

Income

Room Hire 1438.00
Grant Funding(Warm Space) 1000.00
Total income £2438.00

Expenditure

DCC Rates 886.00 Salaries 1346.79

Zoom 14.39 (reimbursement to C McAllister)

HMRC Cumbernauld 213.40
Jones Boyd Payroll 90.00
TG&P Electric 28.84
Gazprom 235.93
Welmedical (Defib) 192.00
CDALC Training 40.00
Water 17.21

Total exp £3,064.56

	Precept 2023/24 : It was agreed in Part B of the meeting on 6 th December that the precept would remain the same as last year. This was submitted on 19/12/22
9.	Personnel Sub Committee Cllr Carol McAllister said that there would need to be cover at the Centre for the caretakers annual leave, dates will be forwarded for the cover needed.
10.	Councillor Reports – to receive updates on specific areas of responsibility: Cllr Phil Heaviside reported a number of potholes which are identical to last year. Cllr Jeremy Whiting reported youths gathering on the centre piece of MG. Cllr Peter Brown said that cars had been broke into. There was a discussion about the damage to the allotment fence and who was responsible for the repair, Christine is to ask for a copy of their insurance and also request that the MG and the Gym send a copy of their insurance documents. This is an annual requirement for the Parish to have a copy of insurance documents. Cllr Carol McAllister said that she had responded to an email regarding an issue at the youth group and the safety of visitors at the centre is taken very seriously. Cllr Anne Lambton said that the mounds of earth had been levelled at the cemetery which hopefully will stop anyone climbing over the fence.
11.	Planning applications No controversial plans.
12.	Correspondence Cllr Carol McAllister said that an invitation had been received for the Durham Area Youth Awards. DAY have also requested to use the Community Centre on Friday 24 th February and as this is half-term, they have asked for permission to open and close the building. This was agreed. There was a discussion about an email that had been sent to Cllr's and a FOI request, it was agreed that the information that was been asked for is in the public domain therefore not considered as FOI. There was a discussion about the security of the CC and the importance of making sure the building was locked on leaving. There was a discussion about the proposal from Chester-le-Street United for the Worcester Close playing field, it was agreed to defer this and to discuss it more in depth with the proposers. Cllr Jeremy Whiting discussed the email and information received from Cornerstones regarding the 5G mast and that while it may be safe some of the information is not correct.
13.	Matters for information 2023/2024 Budget Ducks Hospital Charity
14.	Next meeting Tuesday 7 th March at 6.30pm The meeting closed at 8pm.
	Signed: Date:

Great Lumley Parish Council

Councillor