

## Monthly Meeting of Great Lumley Parish Council

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

### Present:

Cllr Phil Heaviside (Chair)	Cllr Anne Lambton
Cllr Carol McAllister (Vice Chair)	Cllr Peter Brown
Cllr Alan Bell	Cllr Norman Foster
Cllr Tim Robson	Cllr Anne Lambton
Cllr Mhairi Pugh	Cllr Jeremy Whiting
Christine Colledge (Parish Clerk)	Cllr Neil Bains

**In Attendance:** 2 members of the public

The start of the meeting was suspended as a member of the public who had been previously banned was in attendance. It was agreed that the ban would continue.

1.	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Hayley McAllister, Cllr Michael Burdon
2.	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> Cllr Jeremy Whiting item 6.1
3.	<b>Public comments</b> A member of the public said that he is currently a volunteer for the Millenium Green and has emailed them to express his interest in becoming a trustee but has not had a response.
4.	<b>Minutes of the last meeting</b> Minutes from the previous meeting held on 6th June were agreed and signed.
5.	<b>Matters arising from the minutes</b>  Cllr Mhairi Pugh said that the playpark area has been cleaned up and the grass has been cut but broken glass at the top of Sevenacres is worse, <b>Cllr Phil Heaviside said that he would report it again.</b>
6.	<b>Environment and Community</b>  <b>6.1 Millennium Green</b> – Cllr Phil Heaviside said that an email had been received regarding the resignations of all of the MG Trustees and that they are looking to hand it back to the Parish Council. A further email had been received from the MG secretary stating that Natural England as stakeholders need to be contacted if there are to be any changes to the MG lease. Cllr Jeremy Whiting said that the MG secretary would like to meet with the Parish Council, it was agreed that any communication needs to be done formally through the Parish Clerk. Cllr Phil Heaviside said that the green space/wildlife status under by a third party needs to be removed before it is handed back to the Parish. Cllr Carol McAllister asked what it would mean if the MG was passed back to the Parish as she is not available to take on the extra responsibility. Cllr Phil Heaviside that once any status is removed and it is handed back to the Parish DCC will maintain the grass cutting, however, the trees that

have become overgrown will need to be addressed. The issue of the overgrown trees have been a issue for months if not years and MG Trustees have not responded to emails from the Parish. Cllr Alan Bell said that MG Trustees could be liable for the outstanding work and that there could be legal implications. Cllr Alan Bell suggested that MG seek some legal advice about surrendering the lease and the legal liabilities. The member of public present said that his expression of interest to MG to become a Trustee had gone unanswered. Cllr Phil Heaviside the MG would need to hand it back to the Parish in a reasonable condition, a tree expert had said that the trees will continue to grow and that they are too close together which would need addressing. Communication from MG has been poor and the MG email address has not been monitored appropriately. After discussing the legal implications, it was agreed that MG should readvertise for new trustees using an email address that would be managed. It was suggested that the Parish would assist in doing this. Christine Colledge will email the MG secretary to say what was discussed and to forward a monitored email address.

**7. Community Centre**

**7.1 Groups** – Cllr Carol McAllister said that the groups are the same and that Rainbows have started up again on Thursdays. Durham Area Youth are planning some summer activities.

**7.2 Asset Transfer** – Cllr Phil Heaviside that DCC have requested more information for the business plan, they asked for footfall figures which has been provided. It has been asked that the asset transfer is moved forward as the roof of the building will not within another winter.

**7.3 Community Centre Holiday Cover** – Cllr Carol McAllister said that there needs to be cover at the centre during the caretakers holiday, an email will be sent to Cllrs with the dates that need covering.

**7.4 Emergency Lighting** – Cllr Carol McAllister said that there was an inspection of the Community Centre lighting and there are some fitting that needs replacing, it was asked who was responsible and Christine Colledge said that she had spoken to DCC and it was confirmed that there is a service level agreement in place, however, under the lease agreement the Parish are responsible for the cost of replacement parts. DCC said that they would send a quote for the works. **Cllr Phil Heaviside said that he would check if he could help with any of the parts.**

<b>8</b>	<b>Accounts</b>	
	<b>Income</b>	
	Room Hire	2330.50
	<b>Total income</b>	<b>£2330.50</b>
	<b>Expenditure</b>	
	Salaries	1179.92
	Zoom	15.59 (reimbursement to C. McAllister)
	HMRC Cumbernauld	169.40

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<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Personnel Sub Committee</b> Nothing to report</p>																												
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Councillor Reports – to receive updates on specific areas of responsibility:</b> Cllr Tim Robson said that following concern of his absence from meetings he wanted to inform the public of his attendance at extraordinary meetings and his attendance at meetings regarding the Community Hospital. He reported that it is going from strength to strength and that the secretary is due to retire. The Christmas parcels service has been changed to a food bank and includes supplying Great Lumley and surrounding areas with food parcels. Funding has been received from local charitable organisations. Cllr Neil Bains said that there had been some notices issued from the Allotment Association, which were positively received. The AGM is due in 2 weeks, the waiting list is healthy and the plots are being managed well. Overall, the progress is good. Cllr Phil Heaviside asked if there had been further quotes for fencing at the Castle Dene allotments as the quotes that had been received was very expensive. It was asked who was responsible for the fencing, however the lease only states who is responsible for the boundary fencing. Cllr Phil Heaviside said that he will continue to liaise with the Bereavement Team regarding the kerbs in the cemetery. Cllr Alan Bell said that there had been damage caused to the Infant School Forest Garden, he advised that all incidents should be reported to the police. The application at Leamside for football pitches has been refused. Cllr Bell has tried to contact the company who are making the View of View sculpture, a new sculpture had been made after the first one was damaged. When the company were not responding a comment was put on their FB page to which they responded saying that the sculpture would be ready by September, Cllr Bell asked them to confirm this in writing. Cllr Bell continues to report issues regarding grass cutting and overgrown trees. The flower beds in the village have been planted. Cllr Mhairi Pugh spoke of the overgrowing shrubs at the Aged Miners Homes at Castle Dene, <b>Cllr Alan Bell said he would report the overgrown hedges at junctions.</b> Cllr Phil Heaviside spoke of the paths and potholes that are still outstanding and that he will chase them up, new bollards have been installed on the golf course road and Back Lane, a</p>																												

	<p>job to cut back vegetation in order to see the bollards and signage needs to be done. Cllr Heaviside said that the broken fence on the bend near Back Lane is to be taken out. The Public Rights of Way Officer has checked areas which has been sprayed and will take effect soon.</p> <p>Cllr Jeremy Whiting said that there had been a police helicopter over the area but was unsure why.</p>
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Planning applications</b></p> <p>No controversial plans received; Cllr Alan Bell spoke of his own application (for the purpose of transparency) as there had been an objection submitted on the planning portal. The site at Fenton Well Lane which was formally a school is a brown field site and has been owned by Cllr Bell for over 20yrs. The land has stood derelict since the school was demolished in the 1970's and has attracted considerable ASB on the site.</p> <p>Cllr Anne Lambton said that she had witnessed ASB on the site. There has also been fly tipping on the site. The objection was saying that there was no evidence of ASB on the site.</p>
<b>12.</b>	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>An email received regarding the non-attendance of Cllr's at meetings, the email was responded to and it was recorded in June's minutes that it was resolved.</p> <p>An email from DCC stated that they disputed wording in April's minutes, the dispute was that it had been said that DCC were holding up the process of the Asset Transfer, Cllr Phil Heaviside said that it was referring to the bigger picture of the whole process and having to redo work that had already been done.</p> <p>An email stating that the Snooker Football Club would not be using the pitch next season, it was suggested to contact Chester le Street Football Club to inform them that the pitch was now free on Sundays.</p> <p>A quote to renew the insurance for the Community Centre was circulated and it was agreed to go ahead with the renewal.</p> <p>An email from the Toddler Group had been circulated, it stated they may need to cut there group to Thursdays only, Cllr Phil Heaviside said that Action Area Partnership had been contacted to see if they could help with funding.</p> <p>A request to hire the Community Centre for N.E. Jewellery for 2 consecutive days.</p> <p>A request to hire the Community Centre for a Bridge Club on Thursdays, it was agreed but they would need to set the security alarm on leaving the building.</p> <p>A request to hold a children's party in November on a Saturday, it was agreed that it was not possible to host a party at this time.</p>
<b>13.</b>	<p><b>Matters for information</b></p> <p>Worcester Close football field.</p>
<b>14.</b>	<p><b>Next meeting</b></p> <p>There will be no meeting in August, next meeting 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023</p>

Signed:

Date:

Councillor

Great Lumley Parish Council