

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Great Lumley Parish Council

Held Tuesday 1st June 2021 at 6.45 pm
Main Hall, Great Lumley Community Centre

Present:

Cllr Alan Bell (Chairman)
Cllr Neil Bains
Cllr Hyleen Wood
Cllr Hayley McAllister
Cllr Jeremy Whiting
Cllr Joan Robson

Cllr Gary Brown
Cllr Phil Heaviside
Cllr Peter Brown
Cllr Carol McAllister
Cllr Phil Heaviside

In Attendance:

Miss F Ford (Clerk) and 9 Members of the public

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were submitted from Cllr Tim Robson.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest submitted.

3. Police Liaison Report

Cllr Joan Robson delivered the Police report.

4. Public Comments

Poppies for the village – As part of Remembrance Day, additional poppies for the lampposts was requested. Cllr Alan Bell confirmed he will use his members budget to purchase these.

5. Minutes from the previous meeting

The following items were amended:

- The minutes read that the previous meeting had taken place in the main hall, this should have read Sports Hall.
- The nominations for Vice Chair should have included Tim Robson as the seconder.
- The Clerk advised, she had taken advice from CDALC regarding the statement in the minutes from former Councillor Ray Pirrie, and they advised that as that was the statement read out at time, that should be reflected in the minutes.

The minutes were then agreed as a true record.

6. Matters arising from the minutes

The following items were discussed:

- **View of Views** – Cllr Robson advised she was still awaiting a price from the artist
- **Toddler Group** – Decided not to go ahead with using the Bowling Green.
- **Community Centre Items** – Will be holding a table top sale to sell remaining items.

7. Environment

- **Remembrance Day** – already discussed
- **View of Views** – already discussed
- **Grass cutting** – As it is not clear if DCC have confirmed they will be ceasing cutting the football pitches. Clerk to enquire with Steven Craig
- **Play Area** – It was noted the surface has now been repaired and the swings be re-erected in a few days.
- **Water supply at Christ Church** – A discussion took place regarding how best to have a water supply in the Church Grounds. There a couple of options (1) the Parish Council pay the water bills or (2) a new water supply is ran from the Community Centre. To be discussed at the next meeting.
- **Castle Dene** – A discussion took place regarding having a flower bed at Castle Dene, it was agreed to ask DCC to include it in the annual flower bed contract. Clerk to contact Martin Briscoe and request the same as what is outside the Old England, to be placed at the end of Pear Tree Terrace near the seating area.
- **Social Media Policy** – The Clerk circulated the current policy, it was agreed for all Councillors to review, add any comments and take to the July meeting for approval.
- **Passwords** – It was noted the passwords for the social media accounts had now been handed over.
- **Bollard at the side of the Community Centre** – It was agreed to have a bollard installed up to a cost of £250 for the supply and fitting. Clerk to progress this.

8. Community Centre

- **Establishing a Community Interest Company (CIC)** – A discussion took place regarding the current CIO and the current members. As members of the public kept interrupting it was agreed to discuss the CIO and CIC at a working group meeting.
- **Repairing the toilets** – Clerk to arrange for the main toilets to be repaired.
- Allowing the Toddler Group to use the Bowling Green for free in return for cutting the grass – As this request had now been withdrawn the item was not discussed.
- **Personal Trainer taking on the gym in the short term** – This was discussed and agreed to advertise the opportunity on facebook to see if there would be any interest.
- **Keys for User groups** - Clerk to chase up Insurance company regarding issuing keys to user groups

9. Public comments

Allowing members of the public to speak at the meeting without giving notice was discussed. The following options were available:

1. Keep current policy
2. Speak at the meeting without giving notice
3. Hybrid of 1 and 2, allowing members of the public to either submit their request before the meeting or speak at the meeting. The following vote then took place:

Option 2 – Proposed by Alan Bell, Seconded by Phil Heaviside – 3 votes

Option 3 – Proposed by Hyleen Wood, Seconded by Neil Bains – 7 votes

Option 3 was agreed with the updated policy coming into effect from the next meeting and would be reviewed in 6 months time. Clerk to update the Policy and circulate for information.

10. Live Streaming Meetings

Cllr Neil Bains updated the group regarding the options available:

1. Bring an organisation/person in to undertake the recording and live streaming – cost in the region of £400-£800 per meeting.
2. Purchase the equipment and the Parish Council set it up – cost in the region of £150 - £200 as a one off purchase.

Option 2 up the value of £200 was proposed by Cllr Joan Robson and seconded by Hayley McAllister – agreed unanimously. Clerk to liaise with Cllr Bains on purchasing the equipment.

11. Councillor Roles

It was agreed for the Clerk to circulate areas for consideration on dedicated roles for Councillors.

12. Accounts

This item was deferred as the Clerk does not yet have access to the bank accounts. A special meeting to approve the accounts and annual report would be set up as soon as the Clerk has access to the bank account. She also advised she is in the progress of producing the report on the alcohol sale from 2020.

13. Correspondence

The Clerk advised she had forwarded various emails to Councillors over the past couple of weeks and would continue to do so.

15. Planning Applications

There were no planning applications to consider.

16. Matters for Information

The following items were noted:

- Allotments – Update from Cllr Neil Bains
- Bark chipping along the road

14. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meetings will be held as follows:

Working Group Meeting – 8th June 2021 6.30 via Zoom

Monthly Parish Council Meeting – 13th July 2021, 6.30 pm Community Centre

It was noted that members of the public continually interrupted the meeting, even though they were asked to remain quiet and were also asked to leave. Clerk to see advice on how to deal with disruptive members of the public.

Signed Chair _____ Date: 24th June 2021