

Monthly Meeting of Great Lumley Parish Council

Held on Tuesday 4th April 2022 at 6.30pm in the Pimlett Room
Great Lumley Community Centre

Present:

Cllr Alan Bell (Chairman)	Cllr Hyleen Wood
Cllr Phil Heaviside (Vice Chair)	Cllr Stuart Wood
Christine Colledge (Parish Clerk)	
Cllr Carol McAllister	
Cllr Jeremy Whiting	

In Attendance: 9 members of the public

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Tim Robson, Cllr Hayley McAllister, Cllr Neil Bains, Cllr Anne Lambton, Cllr Peter Brown and Cllr Gary Brown.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Jeremy Whiting and Cllr Alan Bell item 6.4

3. Public comments

There was a discussion from the members of the public regarding item 6.4 the Bellway proposed development. It was asked if the Parish Council had made any comments to DCC and would the Parish support the majority if there are objections. Cllrs gave their views on the proposed development. It was asked what benefits the village had from the last development at the Rivers Estate, Cllr Alan Bell confirmed that currently no funding had been received for that development. Cllr Bell also confirmed that the schools and the doctors surgery are consulted regarding any new development. It was asked how any funding would be distributed, Cllr Hyleen Wood said that any funding needs to be applied for and then the funding allocators would decide how it is distributed.

Areas of concern regarding the new development were, schooling, doctors surgeries, traffic management and other amenities. There was concern of the timescale for spending the S106 funding. Of the Councillor's present 4 were against the new development, however there were concerns that DCC may still approve the development. Cllr Alan Bell said that the DCC Planning Team had expressed how impressed they were with the turn out for the consultation.

4. Minutes of the last meeting

Cllr Jeremy Whiting had one slight amendment in public comments to 'Virgin Media'.

5. Matters arising from the minutes

There is an ongoing issue with Virgin Media regarding the paths, DCC is to contact the contractor to resolve any issues.

6. Environment and Community

6.1 View of Views – Cllr Alan Bell said that the sculpture is still with the designers ready to be installed.

6.2. Safety Barrier at Village Entrance – No updates

6.3 Lighting on rear car park of Haveli – Christine Colledge said that there had been further contact with Haveli who will have more information regarding the installation of the lights by the end of the week. There was a question asking if the lights would reflect onto the trees and not to cut down trees on the Millennium Green. The ownership deed of the land was looked at and it was asked for any further feedback to be sent to the Parish Clerk.

6.4 Bellway Proposed Development – See discussion above.

7. Co-option of vacant Parish Councillor seat – Cllr Stuart Wood was welcomed into his new role.

8. Community Centre

8.1 Groups – Cllr Hyleen Wood said that the Dance class is now running an extra class on Mondays. There is a footfall of approx. 875 per week in the community centre, a member of the public asked how many boys took part in the activities, Cllr Hyleen Wood told of various activities involve boys, including gymnastics, dance and the youth group. There is to be a sponsored toddle by the Toddlers Group on 5th May and they have requested to use the Lumley Lions costume. IFUCS is planning a fun day. There will be a Police Roadshow on 26th May.

8.2 Community Consultation - Cllr Neil Bains sent an update in his absence saying that the leaflets are ready to be printed then they will distributed throughout the village. The online survey is also ready to go live.

8.3 Licence to occupy – Cllr Phil Heaviside said that the CIC application is now complete.

8.4 Outside lighting – It was agreed to put these on hold as the nights now lighter and the possibility of future works to the centre.

8.5 Young Peoples Development – Cllr Carol McAllister said that the youth group on Friday evenings is proving to be a success. Activities for over the summer are being looked at along with future funding. It was suggested that it may be a good idea to have the group run charging a small subscription. The request for volunteers is still underway.

9. Accounts

To receive details of accounts and expenditure (Christine Colledge)

Income		
Room Hire	2,647.00	
BT Refund	11.11	
Transfer	2,400.00 (from savings account for Business Rates)	
Total income	£5058.11	

Expenditure	
CDALC	510.93 (Subscription)
Salaries	1,988.73
British Legion	240.00 (Poppies)
Lord Durham	180.00 (Field Rent)
Gazprom	776.46
DCC Election	4,580.41
Lumley Trees	250.00
HMRC Cumbernauld	156.96
Currys	618.99 (Laptop & software)
Zoom	14.39 (reimbursement to C McAllister)
Totalenergies	30.13
CDALC	20.00 (Training)
I Henderson	5.50 (Cleaning products)
HMRC Cumbernauld	241.34
Total exp	£9,613.84

10. Personnel Sub Committee – No Reports

11. Councillor Reports – to receive updates on specific areas of responsibility:

Cllr Jeremy Whiting said that there had been an incident of a road accident on the view of view bend, other asb has been low.

Cllr Phil Heaviside said that the issue with the footpaths is still ongoing, the potholes at Runnymede and near the view of views have been addressed, the paths at the Bellway site still need to be solved.

Cllr Alan Bell said that the memorial seat near the view of views had been installed and also the memorial garden behind the community centre had been started.

Cllr Alan Bell said that after liaising with Tom Sterling that there would be no festival this year due to the time schedule and volunteer availability. It was proposed that the Parish could play a more active role for next year.

12. Planning applications – No controversial plans.

13. Correspondence

Christine Colledge said that someone had been in contract regarding helping to claim for utility VAT and CCL but it was decided that this is something that can be done ourselves. There had been a late email from a member of the public regarding the Cambridge football field, this will be discussed at the next meeting.

14. Matters for information

Cllr Phil Heaviside asked for Asset Transfer to be discussed at the next meeting.

15. Next meeting – Monday 9th May in Pimmlet Room (Rescheduled to 23rd May)

Signed:

Date: 23/05/22

Councillor Alan Bell
Great Lumley Parish Council