

GREAT LUMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held at Great Lumley Community Centre
Tuesday 5th May 2020

- 1 Present

Cllr Richie Court (Chair)	Cllr John Parkin
Cllr Joan Robson	Cllr Carole Watkis
Cllr Phil Heaviside	Cllr Michael Adey
Cllr Tim Robson	Cllr Ray Pirrie
Cllr Audrey Willis	Ian Heaviside (Clerk)
Cllr Lian Court	1 member of the public
Cllr Jeremy Whiting	

- 2 Confirmation of New Councillors

The Councillors confirmed the appointment of the following councillors after having selected them for co opting using the adopted procedure.

Cllr Michael Adey, Cllr Raymond Pirrie and Cllr Carole Watkis

The clerk confirmed that each of the councillors had provided an acceptance of appointment, had completed an ROI form all of which had been forwarded to the relevant DCC department

- 3 Election of Chair

Cllr Richie Court was elected as Chair and Cllr Joan Robson as Vice Chair unopposed

- 4 Police Liaison Report

There was no police Report however the following was noted:

Police report to be circulated with the minutes when received from Cllr Willis

Cllr Tim Robson advised that following discussion with a police officer intimated that crime had changed significantly and the police are having to change their approach. This has taught the police lessons on warranted backroom staff
Sitting in backrooms when they should be pushed back into front line services employing clerical staff to carry out these duties cheaper

- 5 Declaration of Interests

Cllr Jeremy Whiting - Festival and Millennium Green
Cllr Joan Robson – Festival
Cllr Tim Robson - Festival
Cllr Michael Adey – Festival

- Public comments

DCC Cllr Alan Bell – Fundraiser happening on Saturday to raise funds for both the Fence houses foodbank and Heavens Kitchen. Wondered whether the Parish would chip in to the effort via the go fund me page. It was resolved to be kept on the agenda and revisited on a meeting by meeting basis.

- Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3rd March 2020 were accepted as a true record

Amendment that the business plan was agreed in principle by the meeting

The Council resolved to adopt an amendment to the January 2020 minutes
“The budget for the 2020/2021 year was presented and agreed in the amount of £83,059.00 giving a precept amount for the year of £64,512.00”

- 6 Matters Arising There were no matters arising
 7 Environment and Hedge Trimming to Allotments –£150 quotation from Phil Loveday – this years
 Community growth only to comply with nesting season - resolved

Millennium Green – Nothing to report

Great Lumley Festival – Festival has been cancelled due to pandemic

Summer Activities – have been cancelled due to pandemic

Update on Heavens Kitchen – Cllr Robson gave an update on the work being carried out at the community centre in conjunction with Heavens Kitchen

- 8 Accounts The following payments were drawn on the Parish Councils Account since the last meeting:

06-04-20	Dixon Dawson	Transfer	12000.00
06-04-20	Lambton Estates	Transfer	180.00
21-04-20	Chubb Security	Transfer	59.35
21-04-20	Gazprom	Transfer	1914.15
06-04-20	I Heaviside Salary	Transfer	723.45
21-04-20	British Telecom	Transfer	105.70
14-04-20	Virgin Media	DD	38.40
06-04-20	"Heavens Kitchen"	Transfer	500.00
20-04-20	Dixon Dawson	Transfer	5400.00
20-04-20	CDALC	Transfer	496.39
06-04-20	BHIB	Transfer	38.24
30/04/2020	Turner and Budd	Transfer	1,223.08
30/04/2020	Gordon Fletcher	Transfer	150.00
30/04/2020	Gazprom	Transfer	1,391.11
30/04/2020	I Heaviside Expenses	Transfer	78.64
30/04/2020	I Heaviside Salary	Transfer	756.60

The following cheques were cancelled

Dixon Dawson Fees	300018-	12000.00
Lambton Estates	300016-	180.00

The Council adopted the audited accounts for the year ended 31st March 20

The Council ratified the £500 donation to the Heavens Kitchen project having been agreed via e mail during the lockdown period

The Council adopted the suggested amendments to the Financial Management Guidelines to incorporate recommendations from the auditor and to include provision for online payments during the current lockdown making cheques difficult

The clerk has been using his own telephone with a sim only deal from the Council however the phone is now at the end of its life and needs replacing Two options were presented for the replacement of his telephone with the finance options evaluated over a 2 year period - Resolved

1. Take out a monthly contract with Vodafone business
 £25 upfront and then £42 per month, monthly equivalent £43 =
 £1033.00

2. Purchase the phone up front online (current lowest price wowcamera.com) £441.00 and retain existing sim only £10.25 x 24 = £246.00, monthly equivalent £28.00 = £678.00 saving £355.00

Resolved to action option 2

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| Correspondence | As contained in the distributed correspondence Log |
| | Cllr Alan Bell DCC has requested that we change our policy on public speaking at meetings – suggested that this should be placed on the agenda for next months meeting. |
| 10 Planning Applications | As contained in the distributed planning log |
| 11 Policies and Procedures | There were no polices submitted for approval |
| 12 Miscellaneous Items | There were no new miscellaneous items submitted |
| 13 Community Centre | Architects have all been placed on furlough so the work is at a standstill for the time being |
| | The cost of the BT phone service is £40 per month and is not being used at present |
| | Lock to the main entrance via the kitchen is to be changed as there are no records of who have keys. Key holders to be R Court, I Heaviside, J Robson |
| | Adoption of a CIO – It was resolved to host a Special meeting on Monday 19 th May to discuss the CIO only |
| | Building Subgroup – Cllr Ray Pirrie and Cllr Michael Adey agreed to be part of the building sub group |
| 14 Items for discussion at next meeting | Policy on public participation
Consider changing the day of the meeting |
| 15 Next Meeting | Tuesday 2 nd June 2020 |

Signed _____ R Court, Chairman Date