

# Monthly Meeting of Great Lumley Parish Council

Held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 6.30pm in the Lumley Room  
Great Lumley Community Centre

## Present:

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

Cllr Hyleen Wood  
Cllr Stuart Wood  
Cllr Neil Banes  
Cllr Anne Lambton  
Cllr Peter Brown

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

### 1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Hayley McAllister

### 2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Jeremy Whiting item 6.3

### 3. Public comments

A member of the public spoke of his concern regarding motor bikes speeding around the village especially Danelaw and Broadviews. Cllr Phil Heaviside he would report it to the neighbourhood wardens and he said that incidents should be reported to the police on 101.

### 4. Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes from 13<sup>th</sup> June and the special meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> June were agreed and signed.

### 5. Matters arising from the minutes

None

### 6. Environment and Community

**6.1 View of Views** – Cllr Alan Bell said that the sculpture is still not installed and that he is liaising with ALN Construction to carry out the work.

**6.2. Safety Barrier at Village Entrance** – Cllr Phil Heaviside said that DCC are to carry out a road inspection and to decide what is needed.

**6.3 Lighting on rear car park of Haveli** – Cllr Phil Heaviside said that an email had been received from Millennium Green saying that they have no objection to pruning the trees, shrubs and installing lighting. They were however requesting CCTV to reduce ASB, Cllr Phil Heaviside said that the installation of the lights should reduce ASB. Installing CCTV has data protection implications. Millennium Green Trust will be contacted further with an update.

**6.4 Parking on the Front Street** – Cllr Phil Heaviside said that the 'keep clear' lines seem to be having an effect on the parking.

**6.5 Football Fields, maintenance/hire** – Christine Colledge said that she had been trying to establish the procedure for hiring out the football pitches. Cllr Phil Heaviside explained DCC had previously managed the hire but passed it back to the Parish Council as they own the land. FA guidance says that only 3 teams per pitch play in any one season, pre pandemic the fees for the season were paid upfront. Cllr Phil Heaviside said that DCC are now quoting £7.5k to maintain the pitches and without fees being paid this would not be viable. Christine Colledge said that she would seek further quotes for grounds maintenance and that there had been some interest already sent via email. Cllr Alan Bell talked about the previous policy for renting the football pitches and that the teams that used the fields were Chester le Street United and Lumley Snooker Club. It was explained that because of the costs and the maintenance i.e cutting and marking of the pitches, it may be better to put it to the teams to manage and maintain themselves. If Worcester Close pitch is not hired and maintained then it may just end up as walkways. Cllr Phil Heaviside that to move forward we need to know what the fixture list is for next season, Cllr Neil Banes asked if there would be any funding available to help with the costs, Cllr Phil Heaviside said that he would look into it. While DCC are to continue cutting the Community Centre field they will not mark it as a football pitch. Cllr Peter Brown suggested bringing together the teams to discuss the procedure for hiring the pitches. A member of the public asked if anyone had approached Support England for assistance and it was said that Gary Brown would probably know this information. In order to progress the teams need to provide information of how many teams will be using the pitches, fixture dates and payment of fees.

**6.6 Karbon Homes grass cutting** – Cllr Phil Heaviside said that the reduction of the grass cutting was causing various issues/complaints, Karbon have said that the reason behind the reduction was to cut carbon emission. There is to be a meeting with Karbon and County Cabinet and the results of that meeting will be fed back at the next Parish meeting.

**6.7 Bellway Proposed Development** – Cllr Neil Banes said that he had forwarded a policy document to Cllrs, the document lays out the role of a Parish Council on planning matters. Before the Parish Council make any comments on the portal it was suggested that a meeting take place with Cllrs and a representative of the public and decide what comments to put onto the portal as a Parish Council, individual comments can also be added. There are some good planning issues that have already submitted on the portal and a list of planning policy issues that can be considered along with those that cannot were read out from the policy document. Cllr Neil Banes proposed that the document is downloaded onto the Parish website and social media, this was seconded by Cllr Hyleen Wood.

Cllr Neil Banes raised the request to have an extraordinary meeting regarding the proposed development, Cllr Phil Heaviside said that once the policy is put in place there would not be a need for an extraordinary meeting, he explained that the planning committee meeting would be held after recess in August. Cllrs and a member of the public discussed their concerns of health and safety issues. Cllr Neil Banes proposed that the Parish Council would submit their objections based on the discussions, onto the planning portal, this was seconded by Cllr Stuart Wood.

## **7. Community Centre**

**7.1 Groups** – Cllr Hyleen Wood said that there was not much change in the room hire from the groups. There has been a successful weekend with Summer Rutter's

Dance shows. The support was overwhelming with 100 people at each show. Cllr Phil Heaviside asked what the current weekly footfall in the centre was, Cllr Hyleen Wood said that it was approx.1200 and it would be monitored.

**7.2 Community Consultation** - Cllr Neil Bains said that a summary of the consultation survey had been circulated to Cllrs, some key points are sports, exercise and group classes. Additionally, people have said they would like to use the centre for improving health and fitness, activities for children, making new friends, social health and wellbeing and feeling less lonely and isolated. Some of these groups are already in place, there is a gap for groups for older people and one common request was to have the café and community events. Other data from the survey was discussed including opening times and the future for the community centre. Cllr Hyleen Wood suggested thanking everyone on social media who took part in completing the survey. Cllr Phil Heaviside said he would ask DCC for a breakdown of the survey without giving out personal data.

**7.3 Asset Transfer** – Cllr Phil Heaviside said that the solicitor has requested a copy of the title deeds for the centre and surrounding land. Cllr Phil Heaviside that it needs to be decided what can be afforded to borrow for building works and inform the architect our maximum budget. Because of the rise in interest rates work needs to fit around the budget.

## 8. Accounts

To receive details of accounts and expenditure (Christine Colledge)

### Income

Room Hire	2,681.00
<b>Total income</b>	<b>£2,681.00</b>

### Expenditure

DCC Rates	886.00
Salaries	1,831.11
Total Energies	25.07
Audit (G. Fletcher)	200.00
Zoom	14.39 (reimbursement to C McAllister)
HMRC Cumbernauld	203.08
Bank Fees	31.65

**Total exp**                      **£3,191.30**

Cllr Phil Heaviside explained that a significant funding sum was been received to assist with the care takers salary.

**8.1 Audit 21/22** – Christine Colledge said that the audit went well and had been submitted.

## 9. Personnel Sub Committee – No Reports

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

Cllr Anne Lambton said that there had been gravel dumped at the cemetery and she would check to see if it had been removed.

Cllr Jeremy Wood said that there had been break-ins at businesses in the village.

Cllr Peter Brown said that the path behind the co-op needs to be addressed.

Cllr Neil Banes said that the allotments are running well and are due to have their meeting and he will feedback at next meeting. Cllr Hyleen Wood said that a plumber had resolved blocked toilet at the Community Centre.

Cllr Alan Bell said that the waterpipe to Church is currently ongoing, overgrown hedges to be addressed. Karbon Homes and the Police have agreed to contribute towards funding for Durham Area Youth, ASB apart from the current break-ins has been low.

Cllr Phil Heaviside said that the sunken gully at Bellway has been repaired. Public rights of way are overgrown due to the rain and hot weather and are to be to be strimmed.

**11. Planning applications** – No controversial plans. Cllr Alan Bell asked if the dog bin at the Vicarage had been put in place, Cllr Hyleen Wood said no.

**12. Correspondence** – Cllr Alan Bell said that an email had been received requesting to use the football field during the school holidays, it was agreed that £1 per head for any usage of the field. There would need to be an arrangement put in place, dates and times would attract interested users.

Christine Colledge said that after responding to Kevan Jones's email regarding the proposed Bellway development he had responded saying that he looks forward to reading the Parish Councils views on the proposed development on the planning portal.

**13. Matters for information**

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

**14. Next meeting** – There will be a recess in August and the next meeting is Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Signed:

Date:

Councillor  
Great Lumley Parish Council