

## Monthly Meeting of Great Lumley Parish Council

Held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022 at 6.30pm  
Great Lumley Community Centre

### Present:

Cllr Phil Heaviside (Chair)  
Cllr Alan Bell (Vice Chair)  
Cllr Neil Bains  
Cllr Hyleen Wood  
Cllr Stuart Wood  
Christine Colledge (Parish Clerk)

Cllr Carol McAllister  
Cllr Anne Lambton  
Cllr Jeremy Whiting

**In Attendance:** no members of the public

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| 1. | <b>Apologies</b><br>Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Tim Robson, Cllr Peter Brown, Cllr Hayley McAllister  |
| 2. | <b>Declarations of Interest</b><br>Jeremy Whiting 6.2   |
| 3. | <b>Public comments</b><br>None  |
| 4. | <b>Minutes of the last meeting</b><br>Minutes from the previous meeting held on 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2022 were agreed and signed.  |
| 5. | <b>Matters arising from the minutes</b><br>Cllr Alan Bell said that DCC have said that the rates for the Community Centre are in place until the asset transfer is complete therefore unable to reduce or amend. Cllr Phil Heaviside said regarding the lighting installation to the rear of Haveli, the shrubs on the back wall need to be cut and then of the lights can be installed. Phil Loveday will be contacted regarding his quote for cutting back the shrubs. Cllr Alan Bell proposed to have all the necessary shrubs cut, it was seconded by Cllr Carol McAllister and all agreed.<br>Cllr Bell said that the installation of the View of Views structure is being arranged with ALN Construction.<br>Cllr Phil Heaviside that he had been in touch with Phil Cummings of Lumley FC advising that they liaise with DCC regarding their suggestions of maintenance on the Centre football field.<br>Cllr Bell read out an email from Bellway regarding the incomplete works at Scorers Lane (footpaths and road surfacing) the email indicated that the works were due to be started in the next 2-3 weeks. The landscaping will be addressed in the next few months after the winter season. The shrubs obstructing the view crossing the road from the Rivers Estate to Seven Acres side of the road will be looked at. Customer Care issues regarding outstanding works were also an issue for some residents. |
| 6. | <b>Environment and Community</b><br><b>6.1 Lighting on rear car park of Haveli – Covered in item 5</b>  |

**6.2 Trees on Millennium Green** – Christine Colledge forwarded to Cllrs an email received on 31<sup>st</sup> October from Ken Chung. The email was stating that the MG Trustees were objecting to the cutting of the trees and to take more proactive actions. Cllr Carol McAllister said that in July an email from MG said that they agreed to have the trees sympathetically pruned. Cllr Neil Bains pointed out that after reading the emails, MG agree to pruning the trees at the back of Haveli but nothing further and in a Zoom meeting with MG they agreed to review the pollarding of the trees. Cllr Phil Heaviside said that he had spoken with Janelle?? regarding a residents bin been set on fire and that she had asked MG about cutting back the trees so that it isn't so dark and a better sight line for the camera. Cllr Carol McAllister said that the MG Trustees want proactive actions, Cllrs agreed that cutting back the trees would be proactive, this is also something that the police have asked for. Cllr Neil Bains pointed out that in the email from Ken Chung it says that CCTV is reactive to any issues and would not stop incidents, however it had been previously suggested installing CCTV at the rear of Haveli as a proactive measure. Cllr Alan Bell said it was disappointing that after MG Trustees previously asking to work together with the Parish Council they are not forthcoming with their views in order for decisions to be made. Cllrs Hyleen Wood asked how involved the police can be with any anti-social behaviour, Cllrs agreed that Christine is to contact Ken Chung again asking what their proactive measures would be, they will be given a deadline to response and if no response is received the Parish Council will proceed to cut the trees back. Cllrs also suggested to review the lease.

**6.3 Festival 2023** – Cllr Alan Bell said that he had spoken to Tom Sterling who needs help to run the Festival, while the Parish Council will provide the field the Cllrs said that they are restricted to committing to the organisation of the Festival due to the amount of work ahead with asset transfer and the community centre. As in the last meeting it was suggested setting up a sub committee and to ask for volunteers.

**6.4 Warm Room** – Christine Colledge said that she had started the application for funding and that she was due to have some online training to assist with the application and advice on setting up the warm space. There was a discussion of when the warm space would be provided and there was a suggestion to provide a warm space when the building was open to other users. It will be aimed at offering residents access to a warm space and should be on separate days from the Chapel's provision, Christine will contact the Chapel to ask when they will be providing their warm space.

**6.5 EV Charging Points** – Cllr Phil Heaviside explained that this service would be cheaper than other outlets and we could provide an ideal location. This would be at no cost to the Parish, further information is needed.

**6.6 Christmas Tree decoration, lights and switch on** – The Christmas tree has been ordered and it was agreed to have it delivered on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December and to switch on the lights on 4<sup>th</sup> December which will coincide with the Police's Santa in a Van. There was a suggestion to ask for volunteers to help decorate the tree and to order more lights, there has also been a suggestion of memorial baubles and the Parish will invite residents to come and hang their baubles on the tree. Durham Area Youth would also be asked to get the youths involved decorating the tree on 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec.

**6.7 Consultation Feedback** – Cllr Phil Heaviside will make further contact with DCC and bring feedback to next meeting. Cllr Neil Banes will be posting a ‘thank you’ on social media to those that took part in the survey in April.

**7. Community Centre**

**7.1 Groups** – Cllr Hyleen Wood said that a new caretaker had been appointed for 24hrs a week and that there had been no change in the groups.

**7.2 Asset Transfer** – Cllr Phil Heaviside said that information is still needed from DCC, public borrowing is currently risky because of the high interest rates. Cllr Hyleen Wood said that a meeting with the Parish Council and DCC Gordon Elliot needs to take place in order to iron out the outstanding issues. There was a discussion regarding the current interest rates and borrowing, detailed costings for a refurbishment need to be looked at and priorities such as the asbestos removal, roof, windows and doors need to be the main concerns. Cllr Alan Bell will email the architect to ask for a PDF copy of the plans and to request a detailed breakdown of the costings. The plans need to be looked and amendments made where necessary and quotes requested for the works.

**8 Accounts**

**Income**

Room Hire 1662.00

VAT Reclaim 2467.87

**Total £4129.87**

**Expenditure**

DCC Rates 886.00

Salaries 500.69

Zoom 14.39 (reimbursement to C McAllister)

HMRC Cumbernauld 2.00

Anglian Water 17.39

TG&P Electric 24.23

Gazprom 20.48

H Wood reimbursement 22.00

Payroll Jones Boyd 90.00

Chubb call out 198.00

Audit Mazars 360.00

Peterlee Fire Service 42.00

**Total exp £2177.18**

**8.1 Financial Control Guidelines Document** – Christine Colledge said that she had made an amendment to the financial control guidelines document, she had emailed the document all Cllrs prior the meeting. The amendment was surrounding the procedure for online payments, the amendment was agreed and Christine will up date the document on the Parish website and forward to the auditor.

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| <b>9.</b>  | <p><b>Personnel Sub Committee</b><br/> Cllr Carol McAllister said that following the appointed new caretaker for 24hrs per week a vacancy for the remaining 12hrs will be advertised.</p>   |
| <b>10.</b> | <p><b>Councillor Reports – to receive updates on specific areas of responsibility:</b><br/> Cllr Alan Bell said that no date had been set for the planning committee regarding the new Bellway proposal, DCC has said that there is currently no funding for the gym. He also suggested a manager for the community centre who could take on the role of applying for funding and asked Cllrs to consider the suggestion.<br/> Cllr Jeremy Whiting spoke of ASB, damage to community centre door, residents had their doors kicked, bins and tyres had been burned on the MG.<br/> Cllr Stuart Wood is working with the new centre caretaker.<br/> Cllr Neil Banes said that the Allotment Association had held its AGM.<br/> Cllrs Alan Bell and Phil Heaviside will be putting up the poppies throughout the village and asked for a volunteer to lay the wreath, Cllrs Hyleen and Stuart Wood agreed to do this.</p> |
| <b>11.</b> | <p><b>Planning applications</b><br/> No controversial plans.</p>  |
| <b>12.</b> | <p><b>Correspondence</b><br/> An email was received regarding a Walk and Talk provision, it was circulated to all Cllrs and Cllr Alan Bell said that he is to meet them to discuss their proposal.<br/> It was decided to delay the instalment of dance mirrors and barres until after the refurbishment of the centre.</p>   |
| <b>13.</b> | <p><b>Matters for information</b><br/> The lease for the gym will be discussed in a closed part of the next meeting. Cllr Jeremy Whiting said that there is to be a Brass Band Concert 2<sup>nd</sup> December at the Chapel.<br/> Co-option of the vacancy for parish councillor will be discussed at next meeting.</p>  |
| <b>14.</b> | <p><b>Next meeting</b><br/> Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022</p>  |

Signed:

Date:

Councillor  
Great Lumley Parish Council