

# Monthly Meeting of Great Lumley Parish Council

Held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 6.30pm  
Great Lumley Methodist Church Hall

## **Present:**

Cllr Phil Heaviside (Chair)  
Cllr Jeremy Whiting  
Cllr Alan Bell  
Ian Heaviside (Parish Clerk)

Cllr Peter Brown  
Cllr Becca Gregory  
Cllr Peter Brown Jnr

## **1. Apologies**

Cllr Anne Lambton

## **2. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Jeremy Whiting item 6.1 Millennium Green

## **3. Public comments**

There were no public comments

## **4. Minutes of the last meeting**

Minutes from the previous meeting held on Monday 1st September 2025 were agreed and signed

## **5. Matters arising from the minutes**

There were no matters arising

## **6. Environment and Community**

### **6.1 Millennium Green –**

Cllr Whiting held a meeting with our MP Luke Akehurst on 12<sup>th</sup> September who has agreed to write to the charities commission to seek clarity. He intends to convene a meeting once he has more information, of all interested parties to discuss a way forward

### **6.2 Play Area**

Replacement bark chippings to the play area are ongoing

### **6.3 View of Views**

This project will go ahead shortly, S106 funding has been obtained from Durham County Council which will cover the majority of the costs

## **7. Community Centre**

1 - Groups – All groups have been contacted via e mail to see whether they will be returning to the community centre once it re-opens and indicate which booking slots / rooms they wish to resume in. Once this is clarified the other interested groups will also be contacted for their ongoing bookings

2– CIC Lease - Ongoing.

3 – Construction works update – The works are 8 weeks behind programme due to additional works being identified once areas of the building were opened up

4 - Funding Applications – S106 application was made to DCC to fund the view of views and an application is in progress for County Councillor Capital Budgets via Local Networks to fund some additional works at the Community Centre

## **8. Accounts and Governance**

8.1 Summary of Income and Expenditure - As per the attached appendix A

8.2 The external audit has now been concluded and we have passed with flying colours

## **9. Personnel Sub Committee**

Nothing to report

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

Trees – A number of trees have been removed in the village however these were classified as diseased or dangerous which is the only reasons which allow trees to be taken down in this way  
There have been a number of incidents of fly tipping near the allotments at George Pitt lane  
2 Sweet Peas and the Pizza shop next door were broken into  
Graveyards have remained without incident

**11. Planning applications**

There were no planning applications filed in September

**12. Correspondence**

Ray Pirrie – Asking about website and minutes etc  
PWLB – various emails regarding the Public Works Loan application which is now complete  
West Rainton PC re information on our construction works and VAT  
Little Lumley PC – re grant funding opportunities  
Lynda Spencer – re flags on lampposts

**14. Matters for information**

There were no matters for information

**15. Next meeting**

**TUESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 1830 hrs – Great Lumley Methodist Church**

Signed:

Philip Heaviside  
Chair Great Lumley Parish Council

Date:

## GREAT LUMLEY PARISH COUNCIL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SEPTEMBER 2025

| PARISH COUNCIL                 | COMMUNITY CENTRE         |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Income</b>                  | <b>Income</b>            |
| Interest on Investments        |                          |
| 465.46                         |                          |
| Durham Area Youth (Refund)     |                          |
| 1,500.00                       |                          |
| CLS United Pitch Hire          |                          |
| 1,100.00                       |                          |
| <b>Total Income</b>            | <b>Total Income</b>      |
| <b>3,065.46</b>                | <b>-</b>                 |
| <b>Expenditure</b>             | <b>Expenditure</b>       |
| Parish Clerk Expenses (Aug 25) |                          |
| 67.15                          |                          |
| NEECO                          |                          |
| 540.00                         |                          |
| NB Architects                  |                          |
| 1,750.02                       |                          |
| HMRC                           |                          |
| 192.70                         |                          |
| Parish Clerk Salary (Aug 25)   |                          |
| 1,000.31                       |                          |
| NEST Pensions                  |                          |
| 233.43                         |                          |
| NB Architects                  |                          |
| 3,500.00                       |                          |
| BGP Engineers                  |                          |
| 420.00                         |                          |
| Simpson and Parsons            |                          |
| 2,504.34                       |                          |
| LWP Partnership                |                          |
| 6,870.00                       |                          |
| GLC CIC (Construction Works)   |                          |
| 245,000.00                     |                          |
| Total Energies                 |                          |
| 300.67                         |                          |
| Bank Charges                   |                          |
| 8.10                           |                          |
| <b>Total Expenditure</b>       | <b>Total Expenditure</b> |
| <b>262,386.72</b>              | <b>-</b>                 |