

Annual Meeting of Great Lumley Parish Council

Held on Monday 11th May 2026 at 6.45pm
Great Lumley Community Centre

Present:

Cllr Phil Heaviside
Cllr Anne Lambton
Cllr Jeremy Whiting
Ian Heaviside (Parish Clerk)

Cllr Peter Brown Jnr
Cllr Peter Brown
Cllr Becca Gregory

Cllr Kathryn Pearce
Cllr Alan Bell
Cllr Tony Pearce

1. Apologies

There were no apologies

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Jeremy Whiting declared an interest in item 8.1 Millennium Green

Cllr Philip Heaviside declared an interest in all items relating to the planning application for 93 dwellings on land to the North of George Pit Lane and left the meeting whilst this subject was being discussed

Cllr Alan Bell declared an interest in all items relating to the planning application for 93 dwellings on land to the North of George Pit Lane and left the meeting whilst this subject was being discussed

3 Election of Council Chair

It was resolved that Cllr Becca Gregory be the Councils Chair for the ensuing year.

4 Election of Council Vice Chair

It was resolved that Cllr Peter Brown (Jnr) be the Councils Vice Chair for the ensuing year.

5 Public comments

A member of the public wished to be heard on the planning application for 93 dwellings on land to the North of George Pit Lane. She thanked the Council for their support over a similar application last year and expressed concerns from the residents group particularly surrounding increase in traffic in that part of the village, the impact on local infrastructure and the inadequacy of public transport links

6. Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes from the previous meeting held on 2nd March 2026 were agreed and signed

It was resolved to make some retrospective amendments to the minutes of the May 2025 meeting as follows:

The Internal Audit Report was approved and recommendations noted

The Councils Standing Orders were approved as fit for purpose

The Councils Risk Assessment was approved as appropriate

Mr Gordon Fletchers appointment was approved as the councils internal auditor

The Councils asset register was unavailable due to its storage situation in the Community Centre with no access available at present

7. Matters arising from the previous minutes

There were no matters arising

8. Environment and Community

8.1 Millennium Green

It was agreed to send a revised letter to

8.2 Green Spaces

View of Views

The sculpture is complete however will require several more coats of preserving oil over the summer to fully protect it. Quotations to be sought for this work

9 Community Centre

9.1 Update – Bookings are slowly increasing and the centre is now breaking even. The Solar and battery system have been commissioned in the past month and the system has generated in excess of 2000kwh so far making a significant saving in electricity costs

9.2– CIC Lease – Ongoing

10 Accounts and Governance

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

The following items were deferred until the next meeting

To consider the fitness for purpose of the current Standing Orders.

To approve the current Council Risk Assessment

To re-appoint Mr Gordon Fletcher as the councils internal auditor

To review and approve the Councils asset register

To review and approve the summary of accounts for the year ending March 2026 and the AGAR return

11. Personnel Sub Committee

Nothing to report

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

Further instances of young people digging large holes on the Millennium Green which has been reported to the police. Also there has been an increasing number of cases of persons unknown lighting candles and leaving them around the MG area

Northern Gas Networks continue to work replacing gas main in the village and are due to start on the Front Street however the majority will be in the verges / paths so traffic disruption will be minimal

Issues with bushes overhanging on the edge of Scorers Lane estate. This is being dealt with as an enforcement issue by DCC

13. Planning applications

The following planning applications have been filed since the last Parish Council meeting and it was resolved not to comment:

Proposed detached garage. 9 Nenthead Close

Ref. No: DM/26/01063/FPA | Received: Mon 27 Apr 2026

Removal of conservatory and erection of single storey extension 11 Holyrood

Ref. No: DM/26/01046/HPN | Received: Tue 21 Apr 2026

Single-storey rear extension 10 Fernleigh

Ref. No: DM/26/00646/FPA | Received: Fri 13 Mar 2026

Two storey side extension 46 Danelaw

Ref. No: DM/26/00622/FPA | Received: Thu 12 Mar 2026

The following planning applications are to be commented on by the Parish Council:

Erection of 93 dwellings with associated access, infrastructure and landscaping
Land To The North Of George Pit Lane

It was resolved that the Parish Clerk should lodge an objection to this application under the following headings prior to the deadline of 12th May 2026:

- Highway Safety and Traffic Impact
- Insufficient Local Infrastructure Capacity
- Harm to the Character of the Village
- Loss of Open Space and Landscape Impact
- Ecological Impact
- Drainage and Flood Risk Concerns
- Overdevelopment of the Site

14. Correspondence

Mike O'Rourke - 15 Lincoln Walk multiple messages on dog fouling
Luke Akehurst MP re the above
CDALC various updates
Gordon Fletcher – various audit e mails
Mazars various audit details
PCSO email for dates for future meetings so she can attend

Change of e mail address to clerk@greatlumleyparish.gov.uk

15. Matters for information

There were no matters for information

16. Next meeting

Monday 1st June 2026 at 1830 hrs – Great Lumley Community Centre

Signed:

Rebecca Gregory
Chair Great Lumley Parish Council

Date:

Appendix A

GREAT LUMLEY PARISH COUNCIL INCOME MARCH & APRIL 2026	
Income	
Interest	225.52
Precept	84,203.00
DCC UKSPF Funding	5,000.00
Total Income	89,428.52
<i>March 2026 EXPENSES</i>	
Clerks Expenses	184.86
View of Views Sculpture (1st Payment)	2,000.00
HMRC	152.14
Clerks Salary	907.99
Mazars Audit	1,260.00
Total Energies Electricity	1,695.28
PLUGYY Solar	13,500.00
View of Views Sculpture (2nd Payment)	1,500.00
Misc Expenses	122.38
Bank Charges	8.65
<i>April 2026 Expenses</i>	
HMRC Cumbernauld	259.81
Clerks Expenses	151.35
Clerks Salary	1587.87
Billy Carr Plasterer	3860
Jones Boyd(Durham)	108
Direct Debit (PUBLIC WORKS LOANS)	19766.13
Direct Debit (NEST)	549.11
B/P to: CDALC	692.39
GLC CIC (Room Rent)	27
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Anglian Water	170.11
Anglian Water	23.09
Total Energies	1429.85
PLUGYY	9000
Bank Charges	8.35
Total Expenditure	58,806.50