

Monthly Meeting of Great Lumley Parish Council

Held on Monday 3rd March 2025 at 6.30pm
Great Lumley Community Centre

Present:

Cllr Phil Heaviside (Chair)

Cllr Jeremy Whiting

Cllr Alan Bell

Ian Heaviside (Parish Clerk)

Cllr Neil Bains

Cllr Peter Brown

Cllr Anne Lambton

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mhairi Pugh Cllr Tim Robson and Cllr Carol McAllister

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Jeremy Whiting item 6.1

3. Public comments

There were no public comments

4. Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes from the previous meeting held on 3rd February 2025 were agreed and signed

5. Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising.

6. Environment and Community

6.1 Millennium Green –

There is still some reluctance to enter into the proposed agreement on the part of one of the MGT Trustees particularly on item 5 that the Trust will....“Not enter into any agreements with third parties for funding or incur any financial liability without the express permission of Great Lumley Parish Council” once the agreement is signed. It was clarified that this clause was merely to ensure that no agreements could be made without their knowledge.

6.2 Millennium Green Play Area Improvements

It was resolved that these improvement works be held until after the election in May to ensure that the new Parish Council were not encumbered

6.3 Tree Maintenance to rear of Norwich Close Bungalows

The Parish clerk is to chase an answer to the outstanding issues brought up by residents

7. Community Centre

7.1 Groups – Nothing to report as the centre is closed

7.2– It was resolved that a long term lease for 15 years minimum be granted to Great Lumley Community CIC for the management of the Community Centre with periodic review clauses etc. This will allow the CIC a greater level of opportunity to apply for funding and ensure the long term sustainability of the Centre going forward. It was resolved to ask BHP law who handled the asset transfer legal work, to provide a quotation for these services and if within budget to proceed.

7.3 Funding Applications –

Outstanding applications – National Lottery Awards for All - £20,000 Ninja Trail Play Equipment – awaiting decision

8 **Accounts - Summary of Income and Expenditure**

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Income

Northern Powergrid Grant (Solar & Battery)	£20,000.00
DCC AAP Grant Funding for Centre Manager	£20,934.00
UKSPF Grand Funding for Professional Fees	£20,950.00
DCC AAP Neighbourhood Budget (PA System)	£ 536.25
DCC AAP Neighbourhood Budget (Sportshall Lining)	£ 1,000.00

Costs

NEST Pension (Jan and Feb 25)	£ 389.98
Clerks Expenses (Jan 25)	£ 156.38
HMRC	£ 133.02
Clerks Salary	£ 889.56
Bank Charges	£ 8.55
Payment for Xmas Tree Lights	£ 62.86

Community Centre

Income

Hall Hire	£ 165.00
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Costs

British Gas	£ 1266.45
Turner and Budd	£ 411.79
Total Energies	£ 21.64

It was resolved unanimously, to seek the approval of the Secretary of State for levelling up, Housing and communities to apply to the Public works Loan Board loan of £500,000.00 over a borrowing term of 25 years towards the refurbishment of Great Lumley Community Centre. The annual loan repayment will come to approximately £38,000.00. This loan repayment will not cause any increase in the Parish Precept payable by residents

9 **Personnel Sub Committee**

Consideration was given to the various aspects of engaging a full time Centre Manager in good time for the Centre re-opening later in the year. It was resolved to make contact with the other Centres around the locality to share their job descriptions and the like and report back to the next meeting

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

Potholes are being repaired throughout the village by DCC however those who have only had a temporary repair seem to be breaking down very rapidly

There have been no reported incidents with Cemeteries

There are ongoing issues with hedge trimming by landowners where they encroach on the highway Goal posts at our leased football field off Cambridge Drive need to be cut off and made safe

Dog fouling remains a significant issue in the village

The nuisance motorcyclist has not made an appearance this month

Ongoing discussions are taking place with the FA Foundation and Netball England to assist with funding to convert the former bowling green into two all weather pitches. A feasibility study has already been carried out by the council. Updates to be given at future meetings

11. **Planning applications**

1 Crossways, Scorers Lane – Existing garage to be demolished and single storey extension to be erected

12. **Correspondence**

DCC – Various UKSPF Funding emails

Numerous e mails re centre closure

Numerous e mails with Architect, QS firm and Contractor regarding Community Centre Project

Numerous e mails with CDALC regarding public works loan application process
Wheels to work scheme
Numerous e mails re Norwich Close tree issues

14. Matters for information

Matters to be included on next months agenda

The purchase of a living Christmas Tree to be planted at the front of the community centre

The purchase of additional large lamp post poppies ready for Remembrance Day in November

15. Next meeting

Monday 7th March 2025 at 1830 hrs

Signed:

Philip Heaviside
Chair Great Lumley Parish Council

Date: