

# Monthly Meeting of Great Lumley Parish Council

Held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 6.30pm  
Great Lumley Community Centre

## **Present:**

Cllr Phil Heaviside (Chair)

Cllr Tim Robson

Cllr Peter Brown

Cllr Neil Bains

Ian Heaviside (Parish Clerk)

Cllr Anne Lambton

Cllr Jeremy Whiting

Cllr Alan Bell

## **1. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Carol McAllister, Cllr Norman Foster

## **2. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Jeremy Whiting item 6.1

## **3. Public comments**

Mrs Maureen Hopkins was in attendance to respond to the recent letter from the Parish Council regarding the Millennium Green. Mrs Hopkins alleges that the Millennium Green land in fact belongs to the Trust and not the Parish Council. This fact was disputed by the Council as incorrect and will be investigated.

The Chair pointed out that regardless of the previous paragraph the Trust remain liable for the land under the terms of their lease and need to make immediate improvements in line with the tree survey carried out by Durham County Council. Failure to act on these recommendations could be construed as negligent.

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

Minutes from the previous meeting held on Tuesday 10th October 2024 were agreed and signed with a number of minor amendments

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

There were no matters arising.

## **6. Environment and Community**

### **6.1 Millennium Green –**

See public comments

### **6.2 Millennium Green Play Area Improvements**

The cost to borrow monies from the Public Works Loan Board to finance these works would mean an approximate repayment of £12600 per year for 10 years with the current rate at 6%. This will be considered amidst the budget process.

### **6.3 Fencing to Tinkler Terrace Allotments**

It was resolved that the cost of providing the fencing requested by the Allotments Association was prohibitive and couldn't be progressed.

### **6.4 Tree Maintenance to rear of Norwich Close Bungalows**

The costs to carry out these works will be £550 and it was resolved to engage Lumley Tree Services to carry out the works as soon as possible

**6.5 Hedge Maintenance at Cocken Lane Allotments** The price to cut back the hedges adjoining the highway at Cocken Lane is a statutory requirement and will be £250. It was agreed to engage Lumley Tree Services to carry out the works as soon as possible

## 7. Community Centre

**7.1 Groups** – No changes to groups at present. Enquiries have been made to book the Sportshall which will be at a rate of £20 per hour for the first quarter

**7.2 Great Lumley Community CIC Update** – No updates

**7.3 Funding Applications** – No updates

## 8 Accounts - Summary of Income and Expenditure

### Parish Council Costs

Unity Trust Service Charge	6.60
Jones Boyd(Durham)	210.00
Misc Expenses	258.99
Clerks Wages	1,616.47
HMRC	320.90
Misc Expenses	86.38
DCC (Grass Cutting Bowling Green	81.38

### Community Centre

#### Income

Hall Hire	180.00
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#### Costs

SEFE	159.49
Total Energies	226.57
Pheonix Decorators	1,205.00

## 9 Personnel Sub Committee

Nothing to report

## 10 Changes to regular Parish Council Meeting Dates

Due to difficulties for many Councillors in attending 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month it was resolved to trial 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month to see whether this would be beneficial starting in December

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

There have been a significant number of potholes and defective kerbs marked around the village ready for repairs

The John Duck trust meeting is scheduled for this month Cllr Robson to attend

Speed advisory signs are due for installation soon

Christmas Tree to be purchased from Leamside Nurseries with a switch on 1<sup>st</sup> December

Parish Clerk to source selection boxes and a replacement Santa Suit

## 12. Planning applications

None to report

## 13. Correspondence

Quotations from Lumley Tree Services (previously noted)

Cllr Whiting enclosing response from Luke Akehurst / Natural England

CDALC – Budget Process and 25/26 Tax Base calculations

CDALC – Royal Garden Party

Durham City AFC – use of football pitch

Jack Hubbard – Ninja Trail play equipment

## 14. Matters for information

There were no matters for information

## 15. Next meeting

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024 at 1830 hrs

Signed:

Date:

Councillor

Great Lumley Parish Council