

AGENDA ITEM 14

Resolution - Cllr Stabler is resubmitting a resolution originally submitted more than 6 months ago which was rejected by the parish council to install a Permanent living Christmas Tree on the Village Green next to the heritage garden (tradition started back in 2015). The supporting documentation that Cllr Stabler submitted with his original resolution has been updated and included.

The Parish Council is under a legal obligation to ensure value for money for local tax-payers when spending public funds under Local Government Act 1999. Annually West Rainton and Leamside Parish Council is spending in the region of £2500 to £3000 each year (Durham County Council). This compares with Great Lumley Parish Council that was spending £500 annually for a similar sized Christmas tree sourced from Leamside Nursery before moving to a living Christmas Tree.

I move that the Parish Council purchases a living 8ft Christmas Tree as a more environmentally sustainable solution, minimize carbon footprint, enhance biodiversity and promote green procurement. This change will result in substantial saving. An 8ft (approx. 240cm) live, real Christmas tree generally costs between £50 and £120.

Supporting Evidence below:

16/10/2025 Xmas provision - supply, erection and disposal of tree & programming of lights
£2750.71

21/11/2024 Durham County Council Festive Lighting / supply, erection & disposal of Christmas tree
£3010.12

21/09/2023 Durham County Council Christmas - Supply of tree, lighting, assisted switch on and removal of tree £2907.97

17/11/2022 Durham County Council Supply, erection and removal of Christmas tree and lighting arrangements £2958.25

18/11/2021 Durham County Council Supply/Removal of Xmas tree and lights
£2480.35

18/03/2021 Durham County Council Christmas Tree & Light Installation
£10958.48

Total Christmas Tree Expenditure

£25065.88

Christmas Tree Christmas 2025:

