

GREYSOUTHEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF THE
PARISH COUNCIL IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY
20TH MAY 2024 AT 7 PM

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Present: Jennifer West, Angie Sims, Helen Davies,
Joan Postlethwaite, Lisa Clark, Andy Proctor, John Howcroft
One member of the public present

24/24 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON FOR ENSUING YEAR

Jennifer West was proposed by John Howcroft, seconded by Andy Proctor. There were no further nominations and Jennifer West was duly elected. Jennifer West signed the acceptance form.

25/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Dawn Watson and Ewan Roberts.

26/24 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th April 2024 were agreed as a true record – proposed by John Howcroft, seconded by Lisa Clark and unanimously agreed.

27/24 MATTERS ARISING

Contract for maintenance – the Clerk confirmed this had been signed at £35.00 per month. The Clerk had requested any work needed should be backed up with photographic evidence.

28/24 DECLARATION OF INTEREST – none

29/24 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR ENSUING YEAR

Angie Sims was proposed by Andy Proctor and seconded by John Howcroft. There were no further nominations. Angie Sims was duly elected as Vice Chairperson. Angie Sims signed the declaration of acceptance.

30/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – none

31/24 CONFIRMATION OF STANDING ORDERS, RISK ASSESSMENT POLICY, COMPLAINTS POLICY, HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY, DATA PROTECTION AND DATA RETENTION AND DISPOSAL POLICIES, FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The above Standing Orders and Policies were ratified – proposed by John Howcroft, seconded by Joan Postlethwaite and unanimously agreed.

32/24 MEETING DATES 2025

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The following dates were agreed:

20th January, 17th February, 17th March, 28th April (one week later because of Easter), 19th May (Annual meetings), 16th June, 21st July no meeting in August 15th September, 20th October, 17th November no meeting in December

33/24 REPORT BY CUMBERLAND COUNCILLOR ANDREW SEMPLE

Councillor Semple gave the following report:

Lakes to Sea Community Panel

Our Community Panel – Lakes to Sea (council wards of Bothel and Wharrels, Broughton and Dearham, Cockermouth North, Cockermouth South, Keswick, Maryport North, Maryport South) is chaired by Councillor Andrew Semple. Community Panels are a way of listening to our communities and directing investment where it is needed most. This new process puts local people at the hearts of decision making and supports Cumberland Council's focus on health and wellbeing. Our panel meets four times a year, to decide what our communities need and to direct investment towards projects that tackle those priorities. In our first year we have agreed our priorities which are:

- Transport for the Community
- Community Health and Wellbeing
- Community Involvement
- Community Resilience

The Cumberland Council Executive, in May 2023, recommended and agreed that all Community Panels have the delegated authority to approve grant applications funded from a new Neighbourhood Investment Fund. The intention also is to set up and nurture a Community Network of residents, businesses, third sector partners. We are currently recruiting independent members for co-option to the Lakes to Sea Community Panel.

In summary:

In the last 12 months the following grants have been allocated

Cockermouth Town Council £670.00

All Saints Cockermouth £10,000.0

Friends of Fairfield Primary £3029.00

Kirkgate Arts £1000.00

Cockermouth and District Civic Trust £313.00

Cockemouth Festival Group £1000.00

Healthy Hopes £4323.50

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- Cumberland Council's aim to establish 8 Community Panels (sub committees of the Executive) to create local decision making and local focus
- Currently recruiting up to 3 co-opted members. (5 out of the 8 panels are co-opting this year)
- Community engagement throughout the panel area to assist with the setting of priorities and key themes
- Distributed £60,183 across 20 organisations. Applications ranged from £300 to £10,000
- Set up community networks (engagement arm of the panels)
- Formed neighbourhood investment plan (new and will be developed in coming year)

Moving forward

- Approx £60k Neighbourhood investment funding for 2024/25 (amount tbc) Fund available for communities to bid into. The agreed priorities help panels to decide where funding goes.
- Further development of the Neighbourhood Investment Plan - based around the identified priorities and key themes
- Other network events based on priorities and key themes.
- Building a new council

I have played an active role in developing our new council through membership of the following council committees: Audit Committee, Planning Committee, Senior Appointments Committee, Staffing Committee, LEP Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

It was also an honour to have been elected as Chair of Cumberland Council at the Annual Meeting of Cumberland Council last week.

34/24 NOTICEBOARD INSPECTION FOR 2024

Jennifer West agreed to carry out the noticeboard inspections

Jennifer West

35/24 SEAT INSPECTION FOR 2024

Andy Proctor had already carried out the inspection of the seats in the Parish and they were all in order.

36/24 X4/X5 UPDATE

Councillor Semple agreed to set up meeting between Cumberland Motor Services, Brigham Parish Council, Little Clifton Parish Council and John Howcroft to be held in Bridgefoot Village Hall. Date to be sent directly to John Howcroft.

Councillor Semple

37/24 GREYSOUTHEN GOSSIP

John Howcroft had previously circulated a mock up of the proposed two sided A4 version together with the online version. Jennifer thanked John for all his work. It was agreed the Clerk would print off 320 copies of the A4 version on 100g paper to be circulated to every property in the parish. The online version would be much more comprehensive. Proposed by Angie Sims, seconded by Andy Proctor and unanimously agreed.

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**John Howcroft
Clerk**

38/24 CLIMATE CHANGE

Andy Proctor reported the group were endeavouring to recruit new members through facebook.

Andy Proctor

39/24 PLAYING FIELD

It was agreed there should not be any vehicles on the field on 31st August if the weather is inclement and in the case of fair weather no vehicles should be allowed beyond the level area. The Committee to be informed of this.

Any financial contribution will be discussed at the June meeting once a balance sheet has been received following the 2023 event.

Angie Sims had done an inspection and noted the following:
Fencing – repair required – Ewan Roberts agreed to undertake this work.

Wooden fence – 1 lath missing – Roger agreed to look into this.

Tunnel – Roger agreed to look into this

Pinfold – flags missing – Jennifer West to ask W. Rawling for quotation

Rendering of high wall – Jennifer West to ask W. Rawling for quotation.

New football nets – Jennifer West to source new nets

New basketball net – Angie has got

The following also need to be looked at – loose gatepost, cracked noticeboard and hedge which has been taken out.

Ewan Roberts

Jennifer West

Jennifer West

**Jennifer West
Angie Sims**

Equipment – it was agreed Lisa Clark and John Howcroft look into putting in a bid for funding for new/additional equipment for the playing field – this to include a zip wire. The deadline for the bid is 27th May 2024. The Clerk to provide evidence of the Liability Insurance document and a copy of the minutes to be forwarded to Jennifer West for signature to accompany the application.

**Lisa Clark
John Howcroft**

40/24 ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported the majority of the payments for rent for 2024 had been received. Agreed the Clerk to check the next bank statement and then issue reminders to those who have not paid.

Clerk

It was agreed to carry out

the allotment inspection following the June meeting.

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41/24 FINANCIAL ISSUES

Community Account £14607.28

Deposit Account £7607.26

The following payments were agreed and cheques signed:

Clerks salary	£231.20
Tax on salary	£ 57.80
Clerks expenses	£ 54.50
T N Maintenance	£ 35.00
Greysouthen village hall – meetings	£ 200.00
Eaglesfield Paddle Primary	£ 250.00

42/24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS – NONE

43/24 PLANNING DECISIONS

WTPO/2024/0007 – works to Tree Preservation Order Pear Tree House, Mansion Gardens, Greysouthen – approved by Cumberland Council on 18th April 2024.

44/24 NEW NOTICEBOARD, SILECROFT

The Clerk reported three tenders had been received for the new noticeboard at Silecroft

Tender 1 - £780.00 – not oak

Tender 2 - £1080.00 – oak with brass fittings

Tender 3 - £1250.00

Clerk

It was agreed to award the tender to No.2 Simon Watson at £1080.00. The Clerk to inform all people tendering and ask Simon Watson if he could carry out the work as soon as possible.

45/24 CORRESPONDENCE

Jennifer West reported she had received a complaint regarding noise emanating from Jubilee Gardens whilst work was being carried out to trim. The complainant had referred to the Local Authority noise level rules. Jennifer West had spoken to both the complainant and the grasscutter.

46/24 REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

No reports of meetings attended. However the meeting of the Village Hall Committee is 21st May. John Howcroft agreed to attend if Ewan Roberts was unable to.

**Ewan Robert
John Howcroft**

47/24 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

17TH June 2024 at 7.15 pm in the Village Hall

The meeting ended 8.55pm

Signed as a true and correct record

Date