

GREYSOUTHEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL IN
THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 15th April 2024 AT
7.15 PM

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Present: Jennifer West, Helen Davies, Dawn Watson,
Joan Postlethwaite, Lisa Clark, Ewan Roberts,

01/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Andy Procter,
Angie Sims, Councillor Andrew Semple (Cumberland
Council)

02/24 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th March 2024 were
agreed and signed as a true record – proposed by Helen
Davies and seconded by Joan Postlethwaite.

03/24 MATTERS ARISING

Fence, playing field – Ewan Roberts has looked at this
and is going to send an estimate of the costs.

X4/X5 bus service – John Howcroft gave an update – also
see report from Councillor Andrew Semple.

Noticeboard, Silecroft – Jennifer West reported the
person who had volunteered to look at the noticeboard was
no longer in a position to do so. It was agreed to get three
estimates for a new board and to discuss this further at the
May meeting.

05/24 DECLARATION OF INTEREST– NONE

06/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – none

07/24 REPORT BY CUMBERLAND COUNCILLOR
ANDREW SEMPLE

Councillor Semple had forwarded the following report:
Stagecoach – I have asked Tom Waterhouse, Managing
Director for Stagecoach Cumbria and North Lancashire, to
attend a joint meeting with Parish Councils about the X4/X5
route. Having been at a meeting with him very recently I
can tell you he is receptive to listening to communities (and
he is a member of Cumbria Chamber of Commerce) and I
find he is very much to the point (a refreshing thing for me
as a “professional meeting attender 😊)

I think his concern will be maintaining the reliability of the
service, balanced with the needs and wants of the
community. I have advised him that I feel passenger
numbers could grow (in all senses of that word) with the
users from the villages. I’ll get back to you once I have a
date soon.

Local Transport Fund – I am advised that advice from DfT
will be received next month about the budget devolved to
Cumberland from 2025 to 2032. A roundabout at Brigham
remains my priority to support our communities and again

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I'll let you know when we are able to share and consult on plans.

John Howcroft referred to a proposed joint meeting with Greysouthen, Brigham and Little Clifton Parish Councils. Jennifer West asked how soon any changes could be made to the timetable.

08/24 CLIMATE CHANGE

Nothing to report. However, John Howcroft referred to a recent documentary on Climate Change and raised some anomalies (his opinion)

09/24 GREYSOUTHEN GOSSIP

It was agreed John Howcroft would liaise with Andy Procter regarding a future edition. It was agreed this would take the form a 2 sides of A4. The aim would be for the first edition to be published in June and then quarterly.

John Howcroft suggested provision should be made in the new noticeboard at Silecroft in which to incorporate editions of the Gossip for anyone to pick up. It was agreed the first new copy of the Gossip would be distributed to every household in the parish.

Andy Procter

John Howcroft

10/24 PLAYING FIELD

It was agreed to ask Ben Goulding to pressure wash the equipment. It was also agreed to get refresh the varnish/paintwork on the swings and to repaint the tunnel. It was also agreed to look into the purchase of either new nets for the goalposts or new goalposts.

Jennifer West

It was also agreed to ask the children at Paddle School what they would like to see on the playing field.

Playing field inspections – it was agreed to renew the contract with TN Maintenance but to ask if there were any problems they could provide photographic evidence. The contract is for £35.00 per month (thirty five pounds).

Clerk

11/24 ALLOTMENT INSPECTION

It was agreed to carry out an inspection in early June by the Clerk and two members of the Parish Council.

Following the meeting it was agreed to send the following letter to allotment holders

This is to inform you that the Clerk and some members of the Parish Council will be carrying out an allotment/shed/garage inspection in early June.

Clerk

Should you wish to raise any concerns prior to the inspection please contact me, if possible, via e-mail Balamb912@outlook.com or by telephone (07425 792 995).

12/24 FINANCIAL ISSUES

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The Community Account balance is £6336.24

The Deposit Account balance is £7331.99

The following payments were agreed and cheques signed:

Clerks Salary April	£231.20
Tax on Salary	£ 57.80
Clerks expenses	£ 29.24
Zurich Municipal	£574.15
TN Maintenance	£ 35.00

It was agreed the Clerk investigate with the Cumberland Building Society the possibility of BACS payments.

Clerk

13/24 PLANNING APPLICATION

WTPO/2024/0014 – removal of sycamore tree,
Wentwood, Greysouthen – no objection

Clerk

14/24 PLANNING DECISIONS

FUL/2024/0032 – agricultural building for farm use, Tarn Bank, Greysouthen – approved by Cumberland Council on 9th April 2024

15/24 CORRESPONDENCE – NONE

16/24 REPORTS ON MEETING ATTENDED – NONE

17/24 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

20th May 2024 7 pm in Greysouthen Village Hall – Annual Parish meeting followed by Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

Meeting ended 8.15 pm

Signed as a true and correct record.....

Date.....