

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

Action

Present: Jennifer West, Helen Davies, Dawn Watson,
Angie Sims, Joan Postlethwaite, Ewan Roberts
1 member of the public in attendance

123/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Andy Proctor and
Gwenda Ward

124/23 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th November 2023
were agreed and signed as a true record.

125/23 MATTERS ARISING

Fence, playing field – Ewan Roberts agreed to look at
this.

Ewan Roberts

126/23 DECLARATION OF INTEREST– NONE

127/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The member of the public was in attendance concerning the
X4/X5 bus services and was disappointed not to see the
Cumberland Councillor present. He explained again about
the need for both services to cover the village routes. The
Clerk said she had written to both Cumberland Council and
Stagecoach regarding his concerns following the November
meeting but had not had the courtesy of a reply. The
member of the public referred to an alleged agreement with
Stagecoach whereby passengers could request the X4 to
divert if X5 cancelled.

**128/23 REPORT BY CUMBERLAND COUNCILLOR
ANDREW SEMPLE – NONE**

129/23 CLIMATE CHANGE

In his absence Andy Proctor had sent the following report:

- No climate change meeting since the last
meeting of the Parish Council but looking for a
date towards the end of the month
- Continuing to pursue 20mph request
- Encourage local energy development but our
resources are limited.
- Have been contacted by the transport Committee
in Cockermouth Climate Group about a plan to
reignite public transport in the area and as part
of that to lobby to have bus routes in the village

reinstated. We have responded positively but also advised that on our survey mixed responses were given in relation to people's willingness to use it.

- Noticed with disappointment that the biomass development at Tarn Bank has been refused.

130/23 GREYSOUTHEN GOSSIP

Jennifer West expressed concern regarding the future of The Gossip as the latest edition had not materialised. It was agreed this needed to be a shorter version i.e. 2 sides of A4, printed on ordinary paper if it was to continue. The member of the public present offered to collate the information. It was agreed this would be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting in February.

131/23 PLAYING FIELD

See 123/23 above

132/23 FINANCIAL ISSUES

Request from Great North Air Ambulance for donation – it was proposed by Angie Sims, seconded by Joan Postlethwaite and unanimously agreed to donate £200.00 (two hundred pounds).

NALC pay award – the Clerk reported all Clerks had been awarded a £1 per hour pay increase – this was unanimously agreed.

The following payments were agreed and cheques signed – proposed by Dawn Watson, seconded by Angie Sims and unanimously agreed.

Clerks salary January	£ 215.20
Tax on salary January	£ 53.80
Clerks expenses	£ 31.65
T N Maintenance	£ 35.00
Clerks pay increase back dated	£160.00
Tax on pay increase	£ 40.00
Savills	£ 1.00
TN Maintenance	£ 35.00
GNAA	£ 200.00

133/23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

HOU/2023/0179 – Formation of off street parking, 2 Main Street Greysouthen – no objection

HOU/2023/0205 – Single storey extension to the side and rear to provide new kitchen and additional living space and double storey extension to the rear to relocate and increase the size of one bedroom (resubmission of HOU/2022/0226 – 3 Silecroft Main Street Greysouthen – no objection

Action

WTPO/2024/0001 - We must undertake tree trimming to feed the fibre optic cable to each pole. We minimised our impact by regularly assessing routes and working alongside qualified professionals to undertake the work. A walkout of Greysouthen found that a Silver Birch (T1 - TPO282) would require tree trimming to feed the fibre optic cable between two existing BT poles (see AF_OLT26_TPO_1_Photos). The description of works are as follows: A crown thinning around the existing pole and aerial span (see VO_DAF_OLT26_TPO_1_Sketch_Plan/Photos) allows operatives to successfully install the new aerial span across the two existing BT poles and adjacent properties. An alternative suggestion of works is a crown reduction to remove top branches to the level of the existing pole and aerial span to allow operatives to successfully Install the new aerial span across the two existing BT poles and to adjacent properties and to potentially avoid further tree works later on when spans are checked for maintenance – Woodside House, The Went, Greysouthen – no objection
FUL/2024/0001 – Change of use of land from agricultural to part of the domestic curtilage, Highfield, Greysouthen – no objection
CAT/2024/0001 – Application under Section 211 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to carry out works to trees in conservation area, oak (T1) crown thinning around the existing span of the oak, Went Cottage, Main Street, Greysouthen – no objection

134/23 PLANNING DECISIONS

FUL/2023/0210 – Sheep penning building, Tarn Bank, Greysouthen – refused by Cumberland Council on 13th December 2023.

FUL/2023/02509 – machinery store, Tarn Bank, Greysouthen – refused by Cumberland Council on 13th December 2023

FUL/2023/0208 – bale storage shed, Tarn Bank, Greysouthen – refused by Cumberland Council on 13th December 2023

FUL/2023/0207 – erection of biomass building, Tarn Bank Greysouthen – refused by Cumberland Council on 18th December 2023

HOU/2023/0179 – formation of off street parking 2 Main Street Greysouthen - approved by Cumberland Council on 21st December 2023

135/23 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported there had been a request from Mr. and Mrs. Smith for an allotment. The Clerk to advise them if they wished they could convert all or part of the garden plot into an allotment but if they did not want to do that they would be put on the waiting list.

Clerk

136/23 REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED – NONE

137/23 PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY**Action**

The Clerk reported she had not received a response from Lee Jackson and the letter stated if no response was given by the end of December Lee Jackson would no longer serve as a Councillor.

The Clerk to inform Cumberland Council and to advertise the vacancy accordingly.

138/23 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

19th February 2024 at 7.15 pm in the Village Hall

Meeting ended 8 pm

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

Date.....