

**GREYSOUTHEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL IN
THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 18th MARCH 2024 AT
7.15 PM**

Action

Present: Jennifer West, Helen Davies, Dawn Watson,
Angie Sims, Joan Postlethwaite, Ewan Roberts, Andy Proctor
Councillor Andrew Semple (Cumberland Council)
Two persons present registering an interest in the Parish
Council vacancies

155/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – none

156/23 PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES

Vanessa Roberts and John Howcroft presented their case for
consideration as a Parish Councillor. The other candidates
had submitted details and these had been circulated to
members prior to the meeting.
The two candidates left the room

The Clerk distributed ballot papers to Councillors explaining
that in the event of a tied place there would be a second
vote to secure a winner.

The voting took place and John Howcroft was co-opted on
the first ballot.

Following the second ballot Lisa Clark was co-opted.
The candidates returned to the room and were informed of
the result of the ballot.

The Clerk handed the paperwork to John Howcroft and the
paperwork was delivered to Lisa Clark following the meeting
The Clerk to inform Cumberland Council of the co-option
and the Clerk to update the website accordingly.

Clerk

157/23 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th February 2024
were agreed and signed as a true record – proposed by
Helen Davies and seconded by Joan Postlethwaite.

158/23 MATTERS ARISING

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

Meeting with TN Maintenance – Angie Sims said she had
not received a response from TN Maintenance

X4/X5 bus service – John Howcroft expressed his
dissatisfaction with both Stagecoach and Cumberland
Council at the lack of support and response. He said the
new timetables were now operational and he felt there
should have at least been dialogue prior to the production of
the new timetables.

Councillor Semple referred to additional Council funding
from HS2 some of which was to be allocated to bus services

Councillor Semple said he had a meeting with the portfolio holder Denise Rollo and the Bus tea on Thursday and would raise the issue

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159/23 DECLARATION OF INTEREST– NONE

160/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – none

161/23 REPORT BY CUMBERLAND COUNCILLOR ANDREW SEMPLE

Councillor Semple referred to the HS2 funding and said his priority would be the Brigham junction along with bus services. Councillor Semple referred to the money allocated for potholes. This is a response to Councillor Semple from Cumberland Highways.

We are aware of the issues and complaints around Chapel Terrace and have responded to the complaint via the complaints department stating that we will carry out an assessment of the area and compile patching schedule and arrange for the works to be carried out in the new financial year (no dates at this point) I will also arrange for Main St and the Greysouthen to Dean road to be assessed.

Marran Scar to Bleamire House was resurfaced in 2019/20 attached are a couple of before photos to show the condition, as discussed regarding budgets this scheme in 2019 cost £42,000 to repair, today this would cost in excess of £150,000 to £200,000 due to the increase in materials etc.

Potholes are determined on a depth and risk to the road user/public (location outside a School Care Home etc) villages and towns inside the 30mph area and at a depth of 40mm would be categorised as a 20 day defect (20 days for the defect to be repaired) between 40mm to around 100mm is a 5 day defect. A safety inspection is undertaken on a yearly basis.

Councillor Semple had raised the speed limit in the village and had received the following response from Cumberland Council,

A paper went to the Highways & Transport Strategic Board on 30th January regarding 20mph speed limits. I've attached a copy for you. A further report it is due to be taken to the board on 22nd April for a decision.

Speed limits are next due to be reviewed in 2026/27, and any requests for 20mph limits (or any limit for that matter) will be logged for assessment when the review takes place.

The Traffic Team's intention is that assessments for 20mph limits will take into account the criteria highlighted below, however, this is all dependant on the policy being approved by

Members. Please note that the criteria highlighted below is still in draft form, and may not reflect the exact content of the report once published, but it should be pretty close, if not the same.

To meet the criteria for a 20mph speed limit or zone, a location must:

- *have existing mean speeds throughout that provide a realistic opportunity for compliance (where existing mean speeds are at or below 24mph) or have clear justification that measures are required to lower vehicle speeds to such a level.*
- *be outside a school or where vulnerable road users frequently mix with vehicles, such as a town centre, or village with no footway provision.*
explain and justify the need for lower speed to the driver.

The key statistics and factors that will be analysed when assessing for a 20mph limit or zone include:

- *Existing traffic speeds*
- *Collision history*
- *Road geometry and engineering*
- *Road function*
- *Makeup of road users (vulnerable etc.)*
- *Road environment (urban/rural)*

John Howcroft asked Councillor Semple to report back to the Clerk following his meeting on Thursday and for the Clerk to circulate to all members.

There was a discussion about what the priority process was for repairing potholes and the amount in the budget for pothole repairs.

162/23 CLIMATE CHANGE

Andy Procter said there was very little to report. Two households had signed up for the thermal imaging assessment.

163/23 GREYSOUTHEN GOSSIP

Andy Procter reported he had little update.

John Howcroft offered to assist with the production of the Gossip and this was accepted. It was agreed two sides of an A4 sheet would be all that was needed with all the information collated by Gwenda Ward to be put on line.

164/23 PLAYING FIELD – ongoing

165/23 FINANCIAL ISSUES

Confirmation of bank balances –Community Account £7061.50

Confirmation of Building Society Balance £7331.99

The following payments were agreed and cheques signed:

Clerks salary February	£ 231.20
Tax on salary February	£ 57.80
Clerks expenses	£ 17.75
Wordpress – website payment for next 3 years	£ 62.40

CALC – training	£ 30.00
TN Maintenance	£ 35.00

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166/23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

FUL/2024/0032 – agricultural building for farm use, Tarn Bank, Greysouthen – no objection

Clerk

WTPO/2024/0007 – Yew – reduce lower lateral limbs towards south by 1-2m to give a minimum clearance of 1m to neighbouring property and buildings and to roadside wall – this will not adversely influence the shape, health of amenity value of the tree, Pear Tree House, Mansion Gardens, Greysouthen – no objection

Clerk

167/23 PLANNING DECISIONS

FUL/2024/0001 – Change of use of land from agricultural to part of the domestic curtilage, Highfield, Greysouthen – approved by Cumberland Council on 1st March 2024

168/23 CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

169/23 REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED – NONE

170/23 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

15th April 2024 at 7.15 pm in the Village Hall

Meeting ended 8.45 pm

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

Date.....