

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

Action

Present: Jennifer West, Helen Davies, Vanessa Roberts,
Lisa Clark, Ewan Roberts

129/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Joan
Postlethwaite, Dawn Watson, Andy Procter, Councillor Andy
Semple (Cumberland Council),

130/24 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st October 2024 were
agreed as a true record – proposed by Vanessa Robert,
seconded by Helen Davies and unanimously agreed.

131/24 MATTERS ARISING – all covered on agenda

132/24 DECLARATION OF INTEREST – none

133/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – none

132/24 PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

The Clerk reported there had been one expression of
interest from Jo Forster, 44 Main Street, Greysouthen.
It was agreed to co-opt Jo Forster to the Parish Council.
The Clerk to notify Mr. Forster and send him the relevant
paperwork and to notify Cumberland Council.

Clerk

133/24 PARISH CLERK VACANCY

There are two applicants for the post of Clerk. Interviews
are to be held on 10th December in Eaglesfield Paddle
School – the interview panel to be Jennifer West, Dawn
Watson and Andy Proctor.

Clerk

**134/24 REPORT FROM CUMBERLAND COUNCILLOR
ANDREW SEMPLE – none**

136/24 NO THROUGH ROAD SIGN, CHAPEL TERRACE

The Clerk reported there had been two offers to site a no
through road sign. It was agreed to accept the offer from
Mr and Mrs. James and to write to the other person who
offered thanking them for their consideration. It was
agreed the Clerk write to Cumberland Council explaining the
offer from Mr and Mrs. James.

Clerk

13724 GARAGE PLOT 3A

The Clerk reported garage plot 3A had been let to Mrs.
Collins. The ground rent had been paid to the Parish
Council covering the period 1st November to 31st March
2025. Mrs. Collins had arranged payment of the garage
itself to the previous

occupant. The agreement had been signed and returned.

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138/24 GREYSOUTHEN GOSSIP

Vanessa Roberts agreed to do the Gossip in future. This is to be put online three to four times per year starting in January 2025. A few paper copies to be put in the two noticeboards

Vanessa Roberts

139/24 PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

Three quotes to be sought for the formation of a new website. This to be done as a matter of urgency.

Andy Procter

139/24 PLAYING FIELD

Ewan Roberts has completed the work to the fence
The remainder of the work is nearing completion.

The new equipment is to be installed prior to 31st December. Agreed a letter be sent to the residents adjoining the site informing them of the details of the installation.

Lisa Clark

It was agreed Lisa Clark would look at the new sign to be erected once the new equipment is installed.

Lisa Clark

140/24 CLIMATE CHANGE

In his absence Andy Procter sent the following report:

At the last meeting I mentioned a potential feasibility study about a local energy network in the Greysouthen parish and surrounding villages. Unfortunately, we had to take the decision to not apply for the funding at this stage. The time window was too tight and a combination of waiting for information, each of us having work commitments and the number of steps to complete the form meant the deadline was impossible.

We have contacted the landowner to say we would like to continue discussions so we can be ready to move if a similar funding grant became available. We have received no response as yet. Also, the landowner may decide to progress with a purely private venture.

There were many positives to take out of the process, including greater interaction with Cockermouth CAN, CAFS and CLEP as well as the thought processes that are required to be gone through for an initiative such as this.

141/24 NALC PAY RISE FOR CLERKS BACKDATED TO 1ST APRIL 2024

The Clerk reported the pay rise equated to 0.67p per hour. This was agreed – proposed by Helen Davies, seconded by Lisa Clerk and unanimously agreed.

A new contract was signed.

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142/24 FINANCIAL ISSUES

Community Account £26117.39 excluding grant for new play equipment of £28436.25

Request from Village Hall for funding – it was agreed to put a nominal amount in the precept for 2025-26 but to ask the Village Hall Committee for details of how such a donation would be spent.

Precept for 2025-26

It was agreed to raise a precept of £20900.00 (twenty thousand nine hundred pounds) for 2025-26 -proposed by Lisa Clark, seconded by Helen Davies and unambiguously agreed.

Clerk

	£
Clerks salary	4300.00
Clerks expenses	600.00
Jubilee Gardens	200.00
Insurance	2000.00
Subscriptions	300.00
Donations	1000.00
Audit	500.00
Admin	1000.00
Playing field	3000.00
Repairs and maintenance	2000.00
Grasscutting	50000.00
Village Hall	1000.00
TOTAL	20900.00

The following payments were agreed and cheques signed:

Clerks salary - November	£231.20
Tax on salary - November	£ 57.80
Clerks expenses	£ 20.80
Clerks salary – December	£231.20
Tax on December salary	£ 57.80
NALC pay rise Clerk – back dated to 01.04.24	£120.60
TN Maintenance	£ 35.00
S. Watson	£1080.00

143/24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS – NONE

144/24 PLANNING DECISIONS – NONE

145/24 CORRESPONDENCE – NONE

146/24 REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

Ewan Roberts reported on the meeting of the Village Hall Committee. He said much of the conversation was regarding the lack of bookings, financial issues including plans for the future.

147/24 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

20th January 2025 7.15 pm in the Village Hall

Meeting ended 8.10.pm

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

Date.....