

**DRAFT GREYSOUTHEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL IN
THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 18th SEPTEMBER
2023 AT 7.15 PM**

Action

Present: Jennifer West, Helen Davies, Gwenda Ward, Angie Sims, Andy Procter, Ewan Roberts, Councillor Andy Semple (Cumberland Council)

Also present 2 members of the public

85/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Dawn Watson and Joan Postlethwaite

86/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The two members of the public present was in reference to the sale of their property and the garden plot which is rented from Greysouthen Parish Council. The sale is being held up because the buyer wants confirmation that the garden plot can be transferred to his name following the purchase of the property.

Jennifer West explained this was not possible as had been explained previously. The prospective buyer can go on the waiting list (which at present has no one on it) and once the sale of the property goes through then the buyer can ask to be put on the waiting list.

The members of the public present were not happy with this situation and then left the meeting

Following their departure there was further discussion which resulted in a proposal from Andy Proctor "the Parish Council will hold the tenancy of garden plot 20 for the purchaser of 44 Main Street, Greysouthen for one month from the date of the letter sent by the Clerk (19th September) Immediately on exchange of contracts the purchaser must contact the Clerk requesting the tenancy of garden plot 20". This was seconded by Helen Davies. The voting was 3 in favour, 2 against with 1 abstention. The Clerk to write to the occupier of 44 Main Street to inform him of this decision.

Clerk

87/23 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th June 2023 and 17th July 2023 were agreed and signed as true records.

88/23 MATTERS ARISING

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

89/23 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – NONE

**90/23 REPORT BY CUMBERLAND COUNCILLOR
ANDREW SEMPLE**

Councillor Semple reported on the following:

- Community Panels – most recent meeting held last week at Maryport.
- Next meeting of Community Panel in December – no date or venue confirmed.
- Food Festival in Cockermouth Saturday and Sunday 23rd and 24th September.
- Importance of food produced locally and sold locally
- Healthy eating in schools
- Neighbourhood Investment fund with overall budget of £60,000.00
- Launch of Neighbourhood Investment fund at The Kirkgate Centre in Cockermouth on 26th October
- Importance of community involvement – asked for community projects for consideration for funding
- Referred to 20mph road signage. Westmorland and Furness have imposed 20 mph in all villages. No such plans as yet for Cumberland.
- Refence made to Cumberland Council survey on Community Panel priorities.
- Meeting he is attending to inspect bridges in parish.

91/23 GREYSOUTHEN GOSSIP

Andy Proctor offered to arrange for printing of the delayed Summer edition of The Gossip (335 copies). It was agreed a solution needed to be found as to who in the village wanted a hard copy of The Gossip as opposed to those who were happy to read online.

Andy Proctor

92/23 CLIMATE CHANGE

Andy Proctor gave the following update:

- Free events for residents to find out more about how to refurbish or upgrade their home
- Free thermal imaging surveys for residents
- Group of volunteers to be trained on how to conduct surveys using a thermal imaging camera (loaned from CAFS)
- EV charging point outside Village hall – no possible due to road width and other factors
- 2nd October – Village Climate Change Group meeting
- 2nd November – Melbreak area – Solar Made Easy – similar to the session in Bridgefoot a few months ago
- 3rd November – Low Lorton – Retrofit Made Easy
- 15th February 2024 - Bridgefoot – Retrofit Made Easy

93/23 PLAYING FIELD

Ewan Roberts agreed to look at the problem with the fence The Clerk reported certain matters had been brought up in the monthly inspection regarding the climbing frame – Gwenda Ward agreed to get a quotation for the work.

Gwenda Ward

Angie Sims reported the Village Show had gone well but thought in the future it was not necessary for all the heavy traffic to be on the field.

Jennifer West was disappointed that no reference had been made to the financial contribution from the Parish Council.

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94/23 JUBILEE GARDENS

It was agreed the Clerk to write to Ben Goulding to ask him to look at Jubilee Gardens and to liaise with Angie Sims.

**Clerk
Angie Sims**

95/23 FINANCIAL ISSUES

The bank balances were reported as Community Account £6958.43 and deposit account £7331.99

The following accounts were agreed and cheques signed

Clerks salary September	£215.20
Tax on September salary	£ 53.80
Clerks expenses	£ 48.89
TN Maintenance August	£ 35.00
TN Maintenance September	£ 35.00
Community Heartbeat Solutions	£ 130.74
BG Gardening Services	£2240.00

96/23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

CAT2023/0001 – purple hazel – partial coppice/partial pollard to reduce height, hazel – pollard to reduce height, Thorngarth, 39 Main Street, Greysouthen – no objection

97/23 PLANNING DECISION

VAR/2023/0023 – Variation to condition 2 to amend design to include new garage, condition 4 to retain current access for farmhouse and condition 6 to be required before commencement on barn conversions as new dwelling only for application FUL /2021/0036 . Overend Farm, Greysouthen – approved by Cumberland Council on 28th July 2023.

98/23 CORRESPONDENCE – NONE

99/23 REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

Ewan Roberts reported on the combined Parish Council meeting regarding the A66 improvements.

100/23 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

16TH October 2023 at 7.15 pm in the Village Hall

Meeting ended 9.05 pm

Signed as a true and correct record

Date