

# GREYSOUTHEN PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of meeting of the Parish Council in the Village Hall On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 7.15pm

Present: Cllr J West (Chair), Cllr H Davies, Cllr L Clark, Cllr J Forster, Cllr D Watson, Cllr E Roberts, Cllr A Semple (Cumberland Council)

Clerk: Susan Stuart

Members of the Public: 1

Meeting starts 19.16

### 167/24 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies have been received Cllrs V Roberts, A Procter, J Postlethwaite.

### 168/24 **Minutes of meeting dates 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

- The minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025 were agreed and signed, proposed by Cllr Clark, seconded by Cllr Davies, all in agreement.

### 169/24 **Matters arising from the January Minutes** - None.

### 170/24 **Declaration of interests** – none.

### 171/24 **Register of Interest.** None.

### 172/24 **Public Participation** – none present.

### 173/24 **Report from Cumberland Councillor, Andrew Semple:**

- Cllr Semple spoke about the Lakes to Sea Community Panel. The last meeting of the year will be on 13<sup>th</sup> March. This panel has now been running for two years, it covers Maryport to Keswick. The aim of the panel is to look at the common threads in community life; there has been a lot of investment in village halls, things that will get people out and get people together. They have a strong emphasis on helping mental health, loneliness and isolation.
- Cllr Semple also spoke about the Cockermouth Mechanics Band which has now been playing for 200 years. The Lakes to Sea Community Panel has provided funding for this organisation.
- Cllr Semple introduced Paul Shearsby from Education and Enforcement for Cumberland Council. This deals with waste management, dog fouling, fly tipping, abandoned vehicles, etc.
  - A public space protection order came through at the end of last year, meaning it is now a criminal offence to let dogs foul, with fines and if necessary, court appearances.
  - There has been action of fly tipping in the area, which has had some success in the reporting of fly tipping.
  - They are about to launch a new initiative against dog fouling in the area. Reports of dog fouling will be investigated and fines will be issued, which can also be escalated for repeat offenders. There will also be cameras used for litter and dog fouling on a trial basis.
  - Mr Shearsby also spoke about the rise in abandoned dogs and puppy farms, which is something that they also plan to tackle.
  - It was agreed that when the new operation starts, we can advertise this on our website and Facebook page.

**174/24 Greysouthen Gossip update.**

- Cllr V Roberts was unable to attend the meeting. Cllr Roberts will be attending a social media course through CALC; this may be revisited in the future.

**174/24 Parish Council website update.** The new website is now live, so agendas and minutes can now go on the website, minutes no longer need to be put on the noticeboards. Documents to go on the website should be sent directly to Cumbria Creative.

**175/24 Playing Field update**

Cllr Clark gave an update:

- Two picnic benches have been ordered for the playing field.
- There is an underspend on the playpark funding, with £1981.81 still available to spend. The Community Panel has given the parish council until the end of February. They would be keen for this funding to be used, as it could affect future funding requests.
- It was agreed the parish council would look at bike ramps that could be put around the running trail.

**Action – Clerk to investigate the possibility of bike ramps for the playpark**

- The order must be placed and paid for by the 28<sup>th</sup> of February.
- There will also be a new quote expected from B Goulding for grass cutting in the playpark. Invoices have been received for the last year's work and will be covered in financial issues.

**Action – Clerk to email and ask when the new quote would be sent to the parish council**

**Action – Chair to contact about costing in the next year**

**176/24 Climate Change**

- Cllr Procter couldn't attend the meeting, there were no updates.

**177/24 Financial Issues**

- The following payments were approved:

| Ref | Payee                   | Details                            | Amount (£)        |
|-----|-------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| FP  | S McLachlan (Stuart)    | Salary (January, February)         | 642.40            |
| FP  | B Goulding              | Wildflower Grass Cutting           | 800.00            |
| FP  | B Goulding              | Pressure Washing                   | 180.00            |
| FP  | B Goulding              | Grass Cutting/Memorial Garden Work | 2420.00           |
| FP  | TN Maintenance Services | Playground Inspection              | 35.00             |
| FP  | TN Maintenance Services | Return Visit                       | 17.00             |
| FP  | J West                  | Councillor Expenses                | 116.80            |
| FP  | Cumbria Creative        | Website                            | (PAID) 248.00     |
| FP  | NBB Recycled Furniture  | Picnic Tables                      | (PAID)<br>1956.00 |
|     |                         | <b>TOTAL</b>                       | <b>6398.40</b>    |

- Bank Statement as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025 is £12,404.00.
- All members agreed that the banking should be moved to Unity Banking.

**Action – Clerk to start the application process to move the banking to Unity Banking**

- Cllrs Clark, West, Davies and Postlethwaite agreed to be signatories on the new bank account.
- An expenditure form was received from the Village Hall. All members agreed to give the Village Hall a donation of £1,000.00.
- Faster Payment forms were given to Cllr West for approved payments.

**178/24 Planning Applications**

- Ref CAT/2025/0010: Ash tree to be removed or pollarded to approximately 8ft - no objections.
- Ref HOU/2025/0016: Lifting single storey rear flat roof and add insulation and rooflights and opening back up first floor area window – no objections.

**179/24 Planning Decisions**

- Grant of planning permission for application ref VAR/2024/0026 received.

**180/24 Correspondence – none received.**

- Regarding closed path discussed in last meeting between Greysouthen and Brigham, this seems to now be open.
- There is a broken stile and a wall has been disturbed, agreed to potentially contact Brigham Parish Council about this.

**Action – Cllr Roberts to look into whether the path is now open**

- Gates have been received, the hangers need to be adjusted.

**Action – Cllr Roberts to hang**

**181/24 Reports on meetings attended - none**

**182/24 Confirmation of date and time of next meeting - Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 7.15pm.**

Meeting ended 20.29

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

Date .....