

GREYSOUTHEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting of the Parish Council in the Village Hall On Monday 28th April 2025 at 7.15pm

Present: Cllr J West (Chair), Cllr H Davies, Cllr L Clark, Cllr E Roberts, Cllr J Forster

Clerk: Susan Stuart

Members of the Public: None

Meeting starts 19.15

001/25 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies have been received Cllrs A Procter, J Postlethwaite, D Watson, V Roberts and Cumberland Councillor A Semple

002/25 **Minutes of meeting dates 17th March 2025**

- The minutes of the 17th March 2025 were agreed and signed, proposed by Cllr Davies, seconded by Cllr Clark, all in agreement.

003/25 **Matters arising from the March Minutes** None

004/25 **Declaration of interests** – Cllrs Clark and Forster declared an interest in item 7 on the agenda, as they both have plots.

005/25 **Register of Interest.** An email was received to remind all councillors that if any personal details change, to remember to let the Clerk know so a new form can be filled in.

006/26 **Public Participation** – none present.

007/25 **Report from Cumberland Councillor, Andrew Semple:**

- Cllr Semple was unable to attend the meeting but sent a report that the Clerk read out.
 - Work began on the transfer of Cockermouth Library from the Town Council to Cumberland Council. There was a link for a survey on library services that had been distributed to councillors.
 - Last year was the centenary of Cockermouth Library, councillors were invited to read this at their leisure.
 - Cumberland Council are looking for volunteers for driving people to hospital appointments.
 - The bus improvement plan is now in its next stage.

007/25 **Allotments**

- It was noted that the agreement for allotments did not specify that allotment holders must live in Greysouthen Parish. Cllr Davies proposed, Cllr Clark seconded this.
- It was agreed to add a specification that allotment holders must live in Greysouthen Parish and send this out with the payment renewal letters.
- This will also be changed for garden plots and garage plots, letters and agreements to be sent out for these.
- It was agreed that all payments would remain the same for 2025/26.
- The waiting lists need to be updated, the Clerk will undertake this.

008/25 Greysouthern Gossip update.

- The first edition of Greysouthern Gossip has been distributed.
- The next edition will be due in July.
- Cllr Roberts was attending a social media course on the evening of the meeting.

009/25 Playing Field update

- The current monthly playpark inspection company are not looking to move forward.
- The Clerk reported we are still awaiting to hear back from Cumberland Council regarding monthly and yearly inspection. Someone will go out to look at the playpark and we will be sent a quote.
- There is an issue with the roundabout which has already needed to be tightened a couple of time, as well as a dent in the slide from over tightening.
- It was agreed that Cllr Clark would contact Wicksteed about these issues, as the playpark is new and it was felt this shouldn't need to be tightened every month.
- It was agreed to contact CALC to discuss advice on the legal requirements for playpark inspections.
- Cllr Roberts will be installing the playpark gate this week. He will also report back about the drainage problem in the playpark, as well as taking any photos of damage that has been caused.
- It was noted that human excrement was found in the playpark, the situation will be monitored going forwards.
- The bin in the playpark is very full and hasn't been emptied. Cumberland Council have suggested that this bin may be the responsibility of the Parish Council, but historically this has never been the case.

010/25 Climate Change

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

011/25 Financial Issues

- The following payments were approved:

Ref	Payee	Details	Amount
FP	Susan Stuart	Salary	256.96
FP	HMRC	PAYE	64.24
FP	TN Maintenance Services	Playground Inspection (Paid by Clerk)	35.00
FP	CALC	Annual Renewal	238.69
		Total	594.89

- The bank statement was unavailable and it will be brought to the next meeting.
- The remittance advice for the precept for 2025/26 has been received from Cumberland Council.
- The Clerk asked all signatories for the new bank account to sign the form to go back to Unity.
- Faster Payment forms were given to Cllr West for approved payments.
- The Clerk will contact the previous clerk to ask who is used for the external auditor.
- Cllr Davies proposed acceptance of payments for approval and Cllr Clark seconded this.

012/25 Planning Applications

- Reference No: HOU/2025/0074 Opening of window in front elevation to form french doors and closing of glazed panel/doors in rear elevation to form windows, Hunters House, Main Street, Greysouthen, CA13 0UL – no objections.
- Reference No: HOU/2025/0016 Lifting single storey rear flat roof and add insulation and rooflights and opening back up first floor area window, Barnyard Court. Main Street, Greysouthen, Cockermouth, CA13 0UL – no objections

013/25 Planning Decisions

- Reference No: CAT/2025/0010 Application under Section 211 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to carry out works to a tree in a Conservation Area - 27 Main Street, Greysouthen, CA13 0UG

014/25 Correspondence

- An email was received from Ben Goulding with a quotation for grass cutting and maintenance in 2025/26. All in agreement to accept this.
- An email was received regarding new regulations under Martyn's Law. This was noted but does not affect Parish Council at this time.

015/25 Councillor Matters

- Paving slabs are going to be used to make the ground under the new picnic tables bigger.
- It may be necessary to remove some of the grass cuttings area, Cllr Roberts will take this is required.
- The donation for the Village Hall will be paid in the May meeting.

016/25 Reports on meetings attended

- Councillor Clark attended a meeting with Josh MacAllister and gave a brief overview of the meeting.
- There have been no Village Hall meetings attended.

017/25 Confirmation of date and time of next meeting – Monday 19th May at 7.00pm. This will be the Annual Council Meeting.

Meeting ended 20.12

Signed as a true and correct record

Date