

GREYSOUTHEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting of the Parish Council in the Village Hall On Monday 17th March 2025 at 7.15pm

Present: Cllr J West (Chair), Cllr H Davies, Cllr L Clark, Cllr V Roberts, Cllr A Semple (Cumberland Council)

Clerk: Susan Stuart

Members of the Public: None

Meeting starts 19.15

183/24 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies have been received Cllrs A Procter, J Postlethwaite, J Forster, D Watson and E Roberts.

184/24 **Minutes of meeting dates 17th March 2025**

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

185/24 **Matters arising from the February Minutes**

- The two concrete pads in the playpark are too small for the new picnic tables. It was agreed to seek quotes to make the areas bigger; as well as making a concrete ramp at the accessible picnic table site. Once this area has been done, the benches will be secured to the concrete pads.
- The replacement parts for the swings have been delivered, Cllr Roberts to take these to install at a later date.
- It was agreed to advertise the old picnic bench on Facebook, marked free to a good home.

186/24 **Declaration of interests** – none.

187/24 **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.

188/24 **Public Participation** – none present.

189/24 **Report from Cumberland Councillor, Andrew Semple:**

- Cllr Semple spoke about the Lakes to Sea Community Panel meeting in Ireby. Last financial year the community panel invested £52,000 in village halls and community groups. For the new financial year the budget will be £60,000, the aim is to fund sustainable projects.
- At the last full council meeting there was a critical report about the budget. Cllr Semple stressed how complicated the budgeting is and that this is not to do with mismanagement. There will be no cuts to community grants for the upcoming year.
- Once the current roadworks are finished, work will start on the Lorton Road area of Cockermouth. The current roadworks are the last part of funding provided by the previous government.
- It was discussed that the bus shelter repairs are caught up in the current changes to the bus service.
- Cllr Semple also advised that Greysouthen Village Hall Committee should apply for funding to do some improvements to the village hall. Details of the Lakes to Sea Panel are available on the Cumberland website.

190/24 Greysouthen Gossip update.

- Cllr V Roberts spoke about putting the Greysouthen Gossip on village Facebook pages and also put on Greysouthen Parish Council website.
- Cllr V Roberts will be attending a social media course through CALC on the 28th April.
- It was agreed that Greysouthen Gossip should also be put on the noticeboards in the village.
- It was agreed that groups could advertise through Greysouthen Gossip going forward.
- The Clerk reminded everyone that all photos that are used have to be free, as fines can be given without the correct permissions.

191/24 Playing Field update

Cllr Clark gave an update:

- Two new picnic tables are now built, with the third being put up this week.
- The gate will be put up shortly.
- The Clerk has to ask for updated grass cutting costs for 2025/26 from Ben Goulding. This job will go out to tender next year.
- The Clerk needs photos of the equipment in the playpark for the inspection company.

Action: Cllr Clark to forward photos to the Clerk

- It was agreed by all members that the new sign for the playpark shouldn't have an age limit on it, this is not a legal requirement.

192/24 Climate Change

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

193/24 Financial Issues

- The following payments were approved:

Ref	Payee	Details	Amount (£)
FP	Susan McLachlan	Salary (March)	128.48
FP	HMRC	Tax (Jan, Feb, Mar)	192.72
FP	NBB Recycled Furniture	Picnic Benches (Paid by Clerk)	1128.00
FP	Playdale	Shackles (Paid by Clerk)	327.24
FP	Wicksteed	Replacement Swings (Paid by Clerk)	967.39
		TOTAL	2743.83

- Bank Statement as at 28th February 2025 is £6,300.77.
- The last payment from the playpark grant has still to be paid into the account, this will be 25% of the grant.
- A remittance advice was received from Cumberland Council on the day of the meeting, it is not clear what this is for so the Clerk will contact Cumberland for clarification.
- The Clerk gave all signatories for the new bank account forms to be filled out, these will then be sent back to the Clerk to complete the application.
- Faster Payment forms were given to Cllr West for approved payments.
- Cllr Davies proposed acceptance of payments for approval and Cllr Clerk seconded this.

194/24 Planning Applications – none.

195/24 Planning Decisions

- Ref CAT/2025/0010: Ash tree to be removed or pollarded to approximately 8ft – this has now been approved.

196/24 **Correspondence**

- An email was received from the Village Hall Committee, the battery on the defibrillator may need to be replaced in July; they will get back to the parish council closer to the time.
- The Village Hall Committee gave thanks for reinstatement of the grant to the village hall, this payment will be put on the payments list in the April 2025 meeting.

197/24 **Reports on meetings attended** – none.

198/24 **Confirmation of date and time of next meeting** – Monday 28th April at 7.15pm.

Meeting ended 20.15

Signed as a true and correct record

Date