

GREYSOUTHEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting of the Parish Council in Paddle School On Monday 23rd June 2025 at 7.15pm

Present: Cllr L Clark, Cllr H Davies, Cllr D Watson, Cllr E Roberts, Cllr A Procter, Cllr V Roberts

Clerk: Susan Stuart

Members of the Public: None

Meeting starts 19.15

042/25 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies have been received Cllr J West, Cllr J Postlethwaite and Cumberland Councillor A Semple. It was also noted that Councillor J Forster has resigned.

043/25 **Minutes of meeting dates 19th May 2025**

The minutes of the 19th May 2025 were agreed and signed, proposed by Cllr Davies, seconded by Cllr Watson, all in agreement.

044/25 **Matters arising from the May Minutes** None

045/25 **Declaration of interests.** Cllr Clark when discussing the allotments.

046/25 **Public Participation** – none present.

047/25 **Report from Cumberland Councillor, Andrew Semple.** Unable to attend.

048/25 **Review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.**

- The Clerk had sent out the current standing orders, as well as the model NALC standing orders, which she would suggest the parish council adopt. It was decided to review this in July when Cllr West was back from holiday. There will also be a need to review the Code of Conduct at this time.
- The model Financial Regulations were adopted in 2024, therefore the amendments sent out by NALC were agreed for this.

049/25 **Confirmation of the annual accounts:**

- a) The Annual Internal Audit Report was received and agreed by all councillors
- b) The Annual Governance Statement was read out by the Clerk, all items noted in the affirmative and signed by the Clerk and Cllr Clark
- c) The Accounting Statement was reviewed and agreed by all councillors, signed by the Clerk and Cllr Clark
- d) The Clerk confirmed that there would be a charge for an external audit this year as the playpark grant meant we were not exempt.

050/25 **Grass Cutting.** There is an additional area that has previously been cut by the property owner, however, they no longer want to do this.

Action: Clerk to ask Ben Goulding to add this to his schedule for grass cutting

051/25 **Allotments.** The Clerk brought a copy of last year's letter for allotment inspections, it was agreed to update this and send it out again, with the inspection to take place at the end of July.

Action: Clerk to send letter to all allotment, garden plot and garage holders by the end of June

052/25 **Greysouthen Gossip update.** No updates, the next edition will be due in August.

053/25 **Playing Field update**

- Cllr V Roberts spoke about extending the concrete areas for the picnic benches. This would be a difficult and costly job to do. It was resolved to leave the picnic benches as they are at the moment.
- The Clerk hasn't heard back about the missing parts of the replacement swings, Clerk to follow up.
- A resident who lives next to the playpark makes signs, Cllr Clark to put together wording for this.
- Cllr Clark will get in contact with CALC to check on age restrictions and wording for signs.
- It has been confirmed that the bin in the playpark will be emptied when Cumberland Council inspect the equipment every month.

054/25 **Climate Change**

- Cllr Procter remarked that there is no longer an active village group working on climate change issues. It was agreed to take this off the agenda as a monthly item, in future this will be put on the agenda only when there is something to report.

055/25 **Financial Issues**

- The following payments were approved:

Reference	Payee	Details	Amount (£)
CHQ	Susan Stuart	Salary	256.96
CHQ	HMRC	PAYE	64.24
CHQ	Rachael Kelly	Internal Audit	75.00
CHQ	Village Hall	Annual Room Hire	1200.00
CHQ	Zurich Municipal	Parish Insurance	498.00
		Total	2094.20

- The bank statement as at 31st May was £33,815.80.
- Cllr Davies proposed acceptance of payments for approval and Cllr Watson seconded this.

056/25 **Planning.**

- Application CON/2025/0036 Description Compliance with Conditions 9, 11, 12 and 13 on application FUL/2022/0089. Site address Brompton House (Plot 5 Site Adjacent Overcroft Farm), Greysouthen, Cockermouth, CA13 0UN – No objections
- Application VAR/2025/0013 Description Variation of conditions 2 (drawings), 3 (means of enclosure) and 4 (hedgerow) on application 2/2018/0166. Site address 1-4 Harrison Park, Little Clifton Workington CA14 1BW – No objections

057/25 **Correspondence.** None received

058/25 **Councillor Matters**

- Cllr Procter spoke about faded and bent road signs in the village. These should be reported to Highways, which can be done online.
- Clerk to report again the sign across from the caravan park, which has disintegrated.

- There has been fly tipping of sofas, Clerk advised reporting this to Enforcement on the Cumberland website.

059/25 **Reports on meetings attended.** None

060/25 **Confirmation of date and time of next meeting.** Monday 21st of July 2025 at 7.15pm. Cllr Watson will be unable to attend this meeting.

Meeting ended 20.09

Signed as a true and correct record

Date