

GREYSOUTHEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting of the Parish Council in Paddle School On Monday 21st July 2025 at 7.15pm

Present: Cllr J West, Cllr L Clark, Cllr H Davies, Cllr E Roberts, Cumberland Councillor A Semple

Clerk: Susan Stuart

Members of the Public: None

Meeting starts 19.15

061/25 **Apologies for absence**

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

062/25 **Minutes of meeting dates 23rd June 2025**

One typographical error was made to the minutes of the 23rd June 2025, they were then agreed and signed, proposed by Cllr Davies, seconded by Cllr Roberts, all in agreement.

063/25 **Matters arising from the May Minutes** None

064/25 **Declaration of interests.** None.

065/25 **Public Participation** – none present.

066/25 **Report from Cumberland Councillor, Andrew Semple.**

- Councillor Semple spoke about the Cumberland Planning Committee, who he has been with since its inception. He discussed changes that have been made because of the different Local Plans, as well as the governments white paper to reduce local government input on planning. The Cumberland Local Plan has sent out a call for sites email, which he requested the Clerk send to all councillors.
- Workington Library will be hosting plans for economic regeneration and redevelopment of the town centre and sports village, from 3.00pm-8.00pm.

067/25 **Review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.** It was decided to move this to the September meeting.

068/25 **Greysouthen Gossip update.** No updates this month.

069/25 **Grass Cutting.** A quote was received from Ben Goulding to add the additional area of grass cutting, at an amount of £250.00 from now until October. It was agreed to move forward with that quote, Clerk to update Ben.

070/25 **Playing Field update**

- A representative at Wicksteed wants a photo of the swing where the item is missing, Cllr Roberts to send this to the Clerk who will forward it on.
- There was a comment on a Greysouthen Facebook page about broken glass in the playpark. Cllr Clark had gone to investigate but found no evidence of glass, so it is assumed that it has been removed.

- Open Spaces had previously informed the parish council that they would remove rubbish from the bin when the inspecting the playpark. Clerk to follow up on this as the bin needs to be emptied.
- An email was also received about the playing field being used for a family fun day, instead of the village show. All councillors were in agreement that this could go ahead.
- Cllr Clark has contacted CALC to find out about rules and regulations for playparks, but has yet to hear back.
- A member of the public had also asked about dogs being allowed in the playpark, Cllr Clark to follow up on this.

071/25 Financial Issues

- The following payments were approved:

Reference	Payee	Details	Amount
CHQ	Susan Stuart	Salary (July)	256.96
CHQ	HMRC	PAYE (July)	64.24
CHQ	Susan Stuart	Salary (August)	256.96
CHQ	HMRC	PAYE (August)	64.24
CHQ	Susan Stuart	Postage Costs	19.22
CHQ	Village Hall	Replacement Defibrillator Battery	270.00
		Total	931.62

- The bank statement as at 30th June was £33,660.
- Unity Bank forms needed to be signed again, as well as forms for the change of Clerk on the Cumberland Building Society.
- Cllr Davies proposed acceptance of payments for approval and Cllr Clark seconded this.

072/25 Planning. No applications received.

073/25 Correspondence.

- An allotment holder has given notice of his wish to vacate his allotment and has enquired if there was a possibility of renting a garden plot. Cllr West to look at this.
- A replacement defibrillator battery has been renewed, which was noted in payments for approval.
- A member of the public has complained about people using her green bin for dog waste. Unfortunately there is nothing that the parish council can do about this, but would suggest getting a camera and sending videos to enforcement.
- An email was received about dogs not being on leads around the village. Unfortunately this is outwith the remit of the parish council.
- There was also an email received about the Brigham roundabout, this was noted but did not directly affect the parish council.

074/25 Councillor Matters

- Cllr Roberts expressed a wish to send a card and flowers following the passing of an ex member of the parish council. This was agreed by all members.
- Cllr Davies spoke about the yearly competition for flowers in the village, she will be seeing this year's flowers before the end of July. Photos will be put on to Facebook.

075/25 **Reports on meetings attended.** None

076/25 **Confirmation of date and time of next meeting.** Monday 15th September 2025 at 7.15pm.

Meeting ended 20.01

Signed as a true and correct record

Date