

GREYSOUTHEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting of the Parish Council in Greysouthen Village Hall On Monday 15th September 2025 at 7.15pm

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

Clerk: Susan Stuart

Members of the Public: 2

Meeting starts 19.15

077/25 **Apologies for absence**

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

078/25 **Minutes of meeting dates 21st July 2025**

One typographical error was made to the minutes of the 21st July 2025, they were then agreed and signed, proposed by Cllr Davies, seconded by Cllr Roberts, all in agreement.

079/25 **Matters arising from the May Minutes.** None.

080/25 **Declaration of interests.** None.

081/25 **Public Participation**

- One member of the public had recently moved into the area and was just observing the parish council meeting, with a possible view to joining in the future.
- Another member of the public was observing the parish council meeting with a view to joining the council; he gave a short description of who he is and why he is interested in joining the parish council. The Clerk told him how to apply to join the council.

082/25 **Report from Cumberland Councillor, Andrew Semple.**

- Councillor Semple spoke about the Lakes to Sea Community Panel, the next panel meeting being on the 25th September, held in Maryport.
- Cllr Semple spoke about the Neighbourhood Investment Fund, excess funds from last year have been carried forward to this financial year. Cllr Semple spoke about some different organisations who have benefited from this funding and who will benefit it from it hopefully in the future.
- Cllr Semple also spoke about the flags that have been put up around Cumbria, this was spoken about at a full council meeting. It was agreed at the meeting that Cumberland would be putting together a policy on how to deal with this situation.
- Taste Cockermouth is happening the weekend after next, there will be music and stalls at the Jennings site. There are also a number of free events, details can be found on the Cumberland website.

083/25 **Review of Standing Orders and Code of Conduct.** It was decided to move this to the October meeting, because of the lack of available councillors at the meeting. The Clerk advised she had sent out a letter from Cumberland regarding Code of Conduct, this has gone to every parish council and there is a slide show available to watch as a reminder.

084/25 **Greysouthen Gossip update.** No updates this month.

085/25 **Wording for sign.** A quote was received from SIUK for £52.00 for a new sign for the playpark gate. It was agreed to move forward with the quote and wording for the sign.

086/25 Playing Field update

- A new bin arrived for the playpark, this is a wheelie bin, as opposed to the locked bin that was already there. Unfortunately, this has already gone astray.

087/25 Financial Issues

- The following payments were approved:

Reference	Payee	Details	Amount
FP	Susan Stuart	Salary	256.96
FP	HMRC	PAYE	64.24
CHQ	Village Hall	Re-issued cheque	1200.00
CHQ	A&M Roberts	Installation of playpark gates	401.90
CHQ	Unity Bank	First deposit, new account	500.00
			2423.10

- The bank statement as at 31st July was £32,206.51. The bank statement as at 31st August has not yet been received, Clerk will email this to councillors when it comes in.
- An invoice was received from A&M Roberts at the meeting, to be paid at the next meeting.
- The Clerk informed the council that the national pay scale rise had been agreed at 3%, backdated to April. This was agreed by the council, Clerk to work out figure for October meeting.
- Cllr Davies proposed acceptance of payments for approval and Cllr Roberts seconded this.

088/25 Planning. Because of the missed meeting in August, both planning applications received were past the consultation period. The Clerk had sent these out by email and no objections had been noted.

- FUL/2025/0053 Installation of photovoltaic panels and roof lights, Joseph Harris Memorial Hall of Greysouthen, Main Street, Greysouthen, Cockermouth , CA13 0UL – no objections.
- HOU/2025/0106 Single Storey Rear Extension and extending patio area into rear garden, 3 Silecroft, Main Street, Greysouthen, Cockermouth, CA13 0UL – no objections.

089/25 Correspondence

- An email was received from the Village Hall Committee regarding Circuit for the defibrillator. This was agreed by all members present.

090/25 Councillor Matters

- Cllr Roberts spoke about road traffic diversions signs which had been left in the village after roadworks had completed. Clerk to contact Highways to have these removed.
- There is also a missing Greysouthen sign at the Eaglesfield junction. Clerk to report this also.
- It was noted that there have been no reports from playpark inspections received yet.

091/25 Reports on meetings attended. None

092/25 Confirmation of date and time of next meeting. Monday 20th October 2025 at 7.15pm.

Meeting ended 20.14

Signed as a true and correct record

Date