

GREYSOUTHEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting of the Parish Council in Greysouthen Village Hall On Monday 20th October 2025 at 7.15pm

Present: Cllr J West, Cllr D Watson, Cllr E Roberts

Clerk: Susan Stuart

Members of the Public: 2

Meeting starts 19.15

093/25 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies have been received Cllrs A Procter, L Clark, V Roberts, H Davies and J Postlethwaite. Apologies were also received from Cumberland Councillor Andrew Semple.

094/25 **Minutes of meeting dates 15th September 2025**

One typographical error was made to the minutes of the 15th September 2025, they were then agreed and signed, proposed by Cllr Roberts, seconded by Cllr Watson, all in agreement.

095/25 **Matters arising from the September Minutes.**

- Following his attendance as a member of the public at the September meeting, Tom Sherriff was co-opted to Greysouthen Parish Council. A Declaration of Acceptance was signed at the meeting.
- Cllr Joan Postlethwaite resigned on the day of the meeting.

096/25 **Declaration of interests.** None.

097/25 **Public Participation**

- One member of the public was in attendance, however, he was just observing the meeting.

098/25 **Report from Cumberland Councillor, Andrew Semple.** Apologies were received from Andrew Semple, he was not in attendance at this meeting.

- An email had been passed from Andrew Semple saying that there would be road lining done on villages in the area.

099/25 **Review of Standing Orders and Code of Conduct.** It was decided to adopt the NALC Model Standing Orders and Code of Conduct.

100/25 **Greysouthen Gossip update.** No updates this month.

101/25 **Grass Cutting.** It was agreed to prepare to put this out to tender in January 2026. The Clerk/Chair will look out the list of areas to be cut.

102/25 **Playing Field update**

- The new bin is still missing from the playing field. Chair to ask Cllr Davies to request another bin, but get it delivered to someone's address to reduce the risk of it being stolen.
- Two monthly inspection reports have been received from Open Spaces. Clerk to ask for a quote to repair the items mentioned in the report, including the string ladder. Some mulch needs to be respread at the swings.

103/25 **Financial Issues**

- The following payments were approved:

Reference	Payee	Details	Amount
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FP	Susan Stuart	Salary	313.64
FP	HMRC	PAYE	78.40
FP	SIUK	Playpark Sign	52.00
FP	Moores	External Audit	409.50
			853.54

- The bank statement as at 31st September was £32,012.50.
- The Clerk had been advised that the cheque sent to the Village Hall has gone astray in the post, it was agreed to do a faster payment for this.
- Cllr Watson proposed acceptance of payments for approval and Cllr Roberts seconded this.

104/25 Planning.

- REFERENCE NO: WTPO/2025/0027 – Tree pruning and removal at Went Meadows, The Went, Greysouthen, Cockermouth, CA13 0UQ – no objections noted
- REFERENCE NO: HOU/2025/0163 - Alteration and extension to an existing two-storey dwelling. The new accommodation comprises an entrance hall, WC, office and two bedrooms with ensuite shower rooms. The work also includes a new dormer window, rooflights and a new garage. Curlbeck House, Greysouthen, Cockermouth, CA13 0UW – no objections noted.
- APPLICATION NO: HOU/2025/0106 - Single Storey Rear Extension and extending patio area into rear garden, 3 Silecroft, Main Street, Greysouthen, Cockermouth, CA13 0UL – this has now been granted.

105/25 Correspondence

- The Clerk reported that Moore had sent the signed External Auditor Certificate which had been put on the website. Comments from Moores regarded the period of notice of public rights, as it was forgotten in the original submission; they had noted that parish council email addresses are not .gov.uk, however they will need to be transferred to this in the future; and lastly they commented on the way the minutes were shown, however, the Clerk has since changed the system. The certificate was put on the website when received.
- An email has been received asking to be added to the waiting list for allotments, the Clerk will add the name.
- It was confirmed by the Village Hall Committee that the defibrillator is now attached to the Circuit.

106/25 Councillor Matters. None.

107/25 Reports on meetings attended. None. Cllr Sherriff to attend the next Village Hall Committee meeting, which is the day after the parish council meeting.

108/25 Confirmation of date and time of next meeting. Monday 17th November 2025 at 7.15pm.

Meeting ended 20.01

Signed as a true and correct record

Date