

GREYSOUTHEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting of the Parish Council in Greysouthen Village Hall on Monday 16th February 2026 at 7.15pm

Present: Cllr J West, Cllr E Roberts, Cllr V Roberts, Cllr H Davies, Cllr T Sherriff and Cllr D Watson

Clerk: Susan Stuart

Members of the Public: 0

Meeting starts 19.15

001/26 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies have been received Cllrs A Procter and Cumberland Councillor A Semple

002/26 **Minutes of meeting dates 17th November 2025; Matters arising since 17th November 2025.**

- The minutes from 17th November were agreed and signed, proposed by Cllr Davies, seconded by Cllr Roberts, all in agreement.
- Cllr Davies to contact Cumberland for a replacement bin for the playpark.

003/26 **Councillor resignations or co-options since previous meeting.** None.

004/26 **Declaration of interests.** Cllr Sherriff's is involved in one of the planning applications.

005/26 **Public Participation.** No members of the public were present.

007/26 **Report from Cumberland Councillor, Andrew Semple.**

- Cllr Semple was unable to attend the meeting, however, had emailed all councillors with updates.

008/26 **Grass Cutting**

- Quotes were requested from Tivoli, Lazy Lawns (£4,800) and B Goulding (£3,840) for the grass cutting contract, only Lazy Lawns and B Goulding responded.
- It was agreed that B Goulding's quotation should be accepted for the 2026 grass cutting schedule. The Clerk will contact to confirm this.

009/26 **Greysouthen Gossip update.** It was agreed to put the Greysouthen Gossip on indefinite hiatus, as there was very little to report and there had not been much response from the village.

010/26 **Playing Field update**

- Cllr Roberts plans to fit the new swings and football net in the next couple of weeks, depending on the weather.
- There are some loose areas in the fence, Cllr Sherriff to look at this.
- There has been quite a lot of water in the playpark, it was agreed to keep an eye on this and reassess when the weather improves.
- Correspondence was received from Electricity North West who plan to change an overhead power line to an underground line; this work will take place at one end of the playpark where the running track is. This was agreed by all councillors.

011/26 Financial Issues

- The bank statement as at 31st January 2026 was £25,124.13; The bank statement as at 28th February 2026 was £25,060.38.
- The following payments were approved:

Reference	Payee	Details	Amount
FP	Susan Stuart	Salary (Jan)	271.08
FP	HMRC	PAYE (Jan)	67.77
FP	Susan Stuart	Salary (Feb)	271.08
FP	HMRC	PAYE (Feb)	67.77
FP	Cumberland Council	Playpark Inspections Jun-Dec	420.00
			1097.70

- Cllr Davies proposed acceptance of payments for approval and Cllr Roberts seconded this.
- Changing the bank account is still being discussed.

012/26 Planning

- Application WTPO/2026/0008 - Two sessile oak trees on boundary of property (T1 & T2) on tree survey (survey 1) removal of several branches , pruning or tree to clear property, as directed in attached tree report. Location: Wentwood, The Went, Greysouthen CA13 0UQ. No objections.
- Application: HOU/2026/0001 - Rear two storey, side single storey extensions. Location: Tarn Bank Lodge, Greysouthen, Cockermouth, CA13 0AL. Permission granted.
- Application: HOU/2025/0169 - Extension to side of bungalow. Location: Dale Garth, Marron Lane, Bridgefoot, Workington, CA14 1YH. Permission granted.

013/26 Correspondence

- An email was received from the Village Hall Committee thanking the Parish Council for their donation. They also confirmed they had received planning permission for renovations to the village hall.
- An email was received from a resident asking to be added to the garage waiting list.
- An email was received from a resident checking their place on the list for an allotment. One may be coming up this year, but the list hasn't moved yet.
- Cumberland Council are putting together a list of bus shelters in the area. It was confirmed there are no bus shelters or bus stops in Greysouthen.
- An email was received
- Email from Andy Semple re: Brigham/Broughton improvements – Cumberland have a commitment to this after mayoral elections.

014/26 Councillor Matters. None.

015/26 **Reports on meetings attended.** Cllr Sherriff didn't attend the last Village Hall Committee, however, the Clerk had received updates from this meeting, as discussed in Correspondence.

017/26 **Confirmation of date and time of next meeting.** Monday 16th March 2026 at 7.15pm.

Meeting ended 20.01

Signed as a true and correct record

Date