

GREYSOUTHEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting of the Parish Council in Greysouthen Village Hall On Monday 17th November 2025 at 7.15pm

Present: Cllr J West, Cllr V Roberts, Cllr E Roberts, Cllr H Davies, Cllr T Sherriff and Cumberland Cllr Andrew Semple

Clerk: Susan Stuart

Members of the Public: 2

Meeting starts 19.15

109/25 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies have been received Cllrs A Procter and D Watson

110/25 **Minutes of meeting dates 20th October 2025; Matters arising since 20th October 2025.**

- The minutes from 20th October 2025 were agreed and signed, proposed by Cllr Davies, seconded by Cllr Roberts, all in agreement.

111/25 **Councillor resignations or co-options since previous meeting.**

- Since the last meeting, Cllr L Clark has resigned as vice chair and councillor.
- Cllr E Roberts agreed to take over as vice chair and signed a declaration of acceptance.

112/25 **Declaration of interests.** None.

113/25 **Public Participation**

- Lois Sparling, the Community Chaplain for 15 churches in and around Cockermouth, attended the meeting to introduce herself. With experience on parish councils, she is a potential resource for the future.

114/25 **Report from Cumberland Councillor, Andrew Semple.**

- Cllr Semple had attended a unitary council meeting in Yorkshire to get a view of how things work in other unitary councils.
- Cllr Semple is now on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. He spoke about SEND schools in Cumberland, which is the biggest spend for the council.
- Cllr Semple also spoke about the new independent Chair, Stewart Clark, on the audit committee.
- There continues to be issues with budget approval because of the missing accounts from the former Copeland Council.
- There is a public meeting next week about the northern extension at Tendley Quarry at Brigham Village Hall, where members of the public can view plans for the extension of the quarry. This is a consultation, with a view to putting in a planning application next year.
- Cllr Semple spoke about the improvements to the bus service across the area. The next stage of the planned improvements is for bus stops, but this will be regarding existing bus stops and not new bus stops. There is potential for a new service that would come and pick residents up. Cllr Semple will ask someone to come and speak about this at a future meeting.

115/25 **Budget**

- A few things have been changed on the proposed budget, excess money budgeted for last year has been put into a contingency fund and to pay for election costs in 2027.

- The precept for the year 2026/27 was agreed at £20,900.
- Cllr Davies proposed acceptance of this, with Cllr Roberts seconding the proposal.

116/25 **Greysouthen Gossip update.** Cllr Roberts said that she was having an issue with there being enough information to make the next Greysouthen Gossip. It was decided that going forward there would probably only be a need to put the Greysouthen Gossip out twice a year. It was discussed that Cllr Roberts could put any relevant information on the village Facebook page, with the potential for paper copies of information going on the noticeboards.

117/25 **Playing Field update**

- Cllr Roberts has looked at the swings and confirms there is nothing missing after all, these will be fitted shortly.
- Cllr Davies agreed to order a replacement bin for the playpark, as the other bin has not resurfaced.
- Clerk to remind Open Spaces to send a quote for the rope repair noted on the inspection sheet.

118/25 **Financial Issues**

- The following payments were approved:

Reference	Payee	Details	Amount
FP	Susan Stuart	Salary (Nov)	271.08
FP	HMRC	PAYE (Nov)	67.77
FP	Susan Stuart	Salary (Dec)	271.08
FP	HMRC	PAYE (Dec)	67.77
FP	Ben Goulding	Grounds Maintenance Invoice No 11425	3470.00
FP	Cumbria Creative	Website Invoice No 003470	99.00
FP	Community Heartbeat Trust	Defib Supplies - Nephgill	441.54
			4688.24

- The bank statement as at 31st October was £29,621
- Cllr Watson proposed acceptance of payments for approval and Cllr Roberts seconded this.
- The Community Heartbeat Trust invoice was received just before the meeting, but it was agreed that this would be paid also, as there is no meeting in December.
- It was discussed that because of councillor changes, a new application would need to be started with Unity Bank.
- It was also discussed that Councillor V Roberts would be added to the Cumberland Building Society.

119/25 **Planning.** Nothing this month.

120/25 **Correspondence**

- There had been an email received about changes to bus services, however, this was already discussed with Cllr Semple.

121/25 **Councillor Matters.** There was discussion about flooding in the village after the recent storm; there was a lot of ground water and some flooding issues, but nothing for the parish council to deal with.

122/25 **Reports on meetings attended.** Cllr Sherriff to attended the Village Hall Committee meeting in October, he said the only issue raised was the planning for the solar panels, which is

still ongoing.

123/25 **Confirmation of date and time of next meeting.** Monday 19th January 2026 at 7.15pm.

Meeting ended 20.13

Signed as a true and correct record

Date