

GREYSOUTHEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting of the Parish Council in Greysouthen Village Hall on Monday 20th April 2026 at 7.15pm

Present: Cllr J West, Cllr E Roberts, Cllr V Roberts, Cllr T Sherriff, Cumberland Councillor A Semple

Clerk: Susan Stuart

Members of the Public: 0

Meeting starts 19.15

032/26 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies have been received Cllrs D Watson, A Procter and H Davies.

033/26 **Minutes of meeting dates 16th March 2026; Matters arising since 16th March 2026.**

- The minutes from 16th March were agreed and signed, proposed by Cllr West, seconded by Cllr Sherriff, all in agreement.

034/26 **Councillor resignations or co-options since previous meeting.** None.

035/26 **Declaration of interests.** None.

036/26 **Public Participation.** No members of the public were present.

037/26 **Report from Cumberland Councillor, Andrew Semple.**

- Cllr Semple spoke about meeting the Flood Action Group and Andrew Harrison from Cumberland Council about the flooding issues in the village. This was flagged on the website separately.
- There will be a meeting with Cumberland and the Flood Action Group the day after this parish council meeting. Cllr Semple will update the council after the meeting.
- Cllr Semple spoke about the new leisure contract for Cumberland for Workington and Cockermouth. A new ten year contract has been awarded to Everyone Active. There will be an active wellbeing programme as part of this contract
- Cllr Semple also spoke about improvements to Carlisle Train Station, which will move the car park to a better site which should improve traffic flow.

024/26 **Allotment Renewals**

- One of the allotments will be getting divided into a small portion which contains fruit trees and the other two thirds of the plot which will be rented as an allotment to someone new. The Clerk will contact the residents that are affected by this.
- It was agreed that the cost for allotments and garages would not be raised in 2026/27.
- The Clerk will send our renewal letters before the end of the month.

025/26 **Community Heat Group.** This was moved to next month as Cllr Procter was unable to attend.

026/26 **Flood Action Group**

- This was covered in Report from Cumberland Councillor above.
- It was agreed by all councillors that it was not possible to pay any money towards the pump that was purchased, as the request was made after the fact.
- It was also agreed that Cllr Sherriff would be happy to go down on a list of people who volunteer to help when the flooding is occurring.

027/26 Playing Field update

- An email was received from Open Spaces regarding the playpark inspections for the next year. It was agreed to request the inspections change from monthly to three monthly, with no change made to the annual inspection.
- Cllr Sherriff has now fixed the fence.
- The baby swings have now been installed.
- Cllr Davies will follow up on the replacement bin for the playing field.
- Cllr Sherriff said there are tree branches coming through the fence that need removed. This will be done over the summer, some of the councillors will do the work for free.
- There are trees next to the electricity pole at the far end of the playpark that need to be cut back, however, it was noted that the line is going underground.

028/26 Internal Auditor. It was agreed to use the same internal auditor as last year.

029/26 Financial Issues

- The bank statement as at 31st March was £23,815.08
- The following payments were approved:

Reference	Payee	Details	Amount
CHQ	Susan Stuart	Salary	271.08
CHQ	HMRC	PAYE	67.77
CHQ	CALC	Renewal	248.41
CHQ	Zurich	Parish Insurance	611.16
			1198.42

- Cllr Roberts proposed acceptance of payments for approval and Cllr Sherriff seconded this.
- It was agreed to change the plan to move the bank account to Unity, it will now be moved to NatWest as they facilitate easy online payments.

030/26 Planning. None.

031/26 Correspondence.

- An email was received giving notice for Fibrus to instal a pole in the village for full fibre cable. Cllr Roberts queried what the pole would be connected to as there are no others, he agreed to talk to the resident where the pole is going in.
- A message was received from a previous councillor who contacted Open Reach about a pot hole in the road that they had left; he confirmed this had now been filled.
- An email had been received about holes that had been dug in a lane by children to use for bike stunts. It was confirmed that these had been filled in by the resident who let us know it had happened.

032/26 Councillor Matters. None.

033/26 Reports on meetings attended. There had been no meetings since the last parish council meeting.

034/26 Confirmation of date and time of next meeting. Monday 18th May 2026 at 7.15pm.

Meeting ended 20.02

Signed as a true and correct record

Date