

GREYSOUTHEN PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllr J West, Cllr A Procter, Cllr H Davies, Cllr T Sherriff, Cumberland Councillor A Semple

Clerk: Susan Stuart

Members of the Public: 3

Meeting starts 19.15

018/26 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies have been received Cllrs E Roberts, V Roberts and D Watson.

019/26 **Minutes of meeting dates 16th February 2026; Matters arising since 16th March 2026.**

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

020/26 **Councillor resignations or co-options since previous meeting.** None.

021/26 **Declaration of interests.** None.

022/26 **Public Participation.**

- The Flood Action Group attended to speak about flooding in the village. Flooding is getting worse in the village, with quite a few residents having flooding in their houses.
- There is an accumulation of water outside the pink house in the village when the rain is heavy, depending on the volume of the water it causes flooding.
- There is a drain at the end of Jubilee Gardens which flows directly down to the water treatment centre, so this water needs to be pumped into this drain to clear the flooding in the village.
- A member of the public has purchased a pump and a hose to remove this water, which will be made available to any residents in the village who need to clear payments.
- The member of the public who purchased the pump has spent a substantial amount of money on this.
- This has been referred to Cumberland Council many times over the years, but nothing ever happens. Cumberland Council and United Utilities both say the other is responsible for the flooding, but nothing ever gets done. They check the drains, but never in the middle of heavy rainfall, so they don't see the flooding that occurs. The Flood Action group requested that the parish council contact Cumberland about this, hoping that official correspondence from the parish council might make a response more likely.
- Cumberland Cllr Semple spoke with the Flood Action Group and agreed to try and progress this situation with Cumberland Council; the parish council will hold off on sending a letter until Cllr Semple has done this.

023/26 **Report from Cumberland Councillor, Andrew Semple.**

- The full council meeting happened, the proposed budget was agreed. There were no other satisfactory alternative budgets received, so the budget passed.
- Cllr Semple advised that Cumberland in comparison to other unitary council as either below or the same on council tax costs. Every council has increased council tax by the maximum this

year. In the next couple of years, more and more money will be required from council tax to supplement the money received from central government.

024/26 Flood Action Group

This was covered in Public Participation.

025/26 Playing Field update

- The wooden fence at the playing field needs to be repaired, Cllr Sherriff will do a temporary fix on this, but quotes will be obtained for the permanent work that is required.
- Cllr Davies will follow up on the replacement bin for the playing field.

026/26 Financial Issues

- The bank statement had been forgotten by the Clerk, this will be brought to the next meeting.
- The following payments were approved:

Reference	Payee	Details	Amount
CHQ	Susan Stuart	Salary (Feb)	271.08
CHQ	HMRC	PAYE (Feb)	67.77
			338.85

- Cllr Davies 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.

027/26 Planning. None.

028/26 Correspondence.

- An email was received from a resident commenting about bus stops in the village (which was discussed at previous meeting) and said that a new bus shelter would be a good addition to the village.
- The resident who wants to give up his allotment at the end of the financial year had asked previously if he could rent the top strip, with access through his allotment to his garden. Cllr West will go to look at the allotment plot and the strip that he is requesting to rent and inform the councillors of her findings.

029/26 Councillor Matters. None.

030/26 Reports on meetings attended.

Cllr Sherriff attended the last Village Hall Committee meeting and reported the following:

- The virtual pub will be starting again in May, there are no set days organised yet.
- There will be weekly afternoon tea sessions in the Village Hall starting.
- The Village Hall Committee are getting quotes for the renovations works in the village hall.

031/26 Confirmation of date and time of next meeting. Monday 20th April 2026 at 7.15pm.

Meeting ended 20.07

Signed as a true and correct record

Date