

GILCRUX PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting of Gilcrux Parish Council was held at the Gilcrux Village Hall, Gilcrux at 6.30pm on Wednesday 19th January 2022.

Present: Councillor's Simon Jones (Chair), David Lake, Christopher Thorpe, Debbie Taylor, and David Griffiths

Also, Present: Trevor Gear (Clerk)

Apologies: None

01/2022 Members Apologies

Written apologies were received from W. Henderson (illness) and J. Eve (work commitment). All absences were approved.

02/2022 15 Minute Parishioners Open Forum

An e-mail had been received from a resident raising the increasing issue of dog fouling near her property. It was acknowledged that there is very little that can be done without the identities of the offender or other information. It was agreed to put another article in the newsletter.

03/2022 Declarations of Interest

None.

04/2022 Confirmation of minutes

On the proposal of D. Griffiths and seconded by D. Lake.

RESOLVED – that the Chair sign as a correct record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17th November 2021.

05/2022 Advisory Funding Group. (AFG)

D. Griffiths advised that there had not been any new applications since the last parish council meeting.

06/2022 Correspondence Received since last Parish Council Meeting.

The following items of correspondence have been received since the last meeting and circulated to members for their information: -

Several items of information relating to the Coronavirus – Covid 19 pandemic.

Statement – An update following the Prime Minister's announcement

Policing Element of Council Tax Consultation.

Allerdale Three Tier Meeting February 3rd, 2022.

Meeting of Cumberland CALC District Associations
 Allerdale Borough Council Budget Consultation
 Post Sharing – Hospice at Home.
 New Chief Officer of CALC
 Winter 2021 ACT Gazette.
 Zero Carbon Cumbria Newsletter and Green Investment Plan launch invite.
 Fuel Poverty Awareness Day – ACT event.
 LGR Update on Parish Council Elections.
 Two NALC Post Xmas online Events.
 Cumbria County Council; Storm Arwen: Multi-agency update, 30th November
 CALC Circular (November/December).
 News release from Ofgem for information.
 Civility and Respect Newsletter
 Zero Carbon Cumbria Partnership: Events and Courses for partners.
 Gambling Support & Training Factsheet
 NALC policy Consultation Briefing – OFCOM Postal Regulation Consultation.

07/2022 Clerks Report

The clerk provided a verbal report on matters he had dealt with since the last meeting which included the following: -

- 1) The contractor who conducts the village maintenance has submitted his costings for 2022 which are £2145.00 which is the same as that year and which were agreed.
- 2) There had been an applicant for the vacant Councillor position but unfortunately, he had not been resident in the parish for the requisite 12 months.
- 3) An e-mail had been submitted by the wife of Councillor W Henderson tending his resignation due to ill health. It was agreed to send a letter of thanks for his service to the council and community.

08/2022 Borough and County Councillor's report

There were no apologies or reports.

09/2022 Financial update and cheque authorities

(i) The Clerk confirmed that after payment of the accounts the cheque account stands at **£6876.60** and deposit account at **£664.18**.

(ii) The following paid accounts were to be ratified and the outstanding accounts to be paid: -

T Gear/Clerks Salary (Nov./December)	£250.56
Expenses (Inc. Travelling, postage, stationery, and sundries)	£83.21
Total	£333.77
HRMC (Nov./December)	£62.64
Gilcrux Village Hall/Hall Rental (January)	£16.00
Outerspace/Planter	£82.00

RESOLVED – that the payment of the accounts since the last meeting be ratified and those outstanding be paid.

10/2022 Planning Applications

i) Consultation

VAR/2022/0001	Variation of Condition 2 of application 2/2017/0283 to allow five camping pods rather than tents Moorhouse, Greengill, Aspatria	No Objections
FUL/2021/0321	Proposed touring caravan site, toilet facilities and warden lodge Land adj Big White House, Greengill, Aspatria	Concerns over road safety

ii) Decisions
None

iii) Appeals

None

vi) Any other planning related correspondence

Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) Consultation 25 November 2021 until 23 December 2021 had been circulated.

11/2022 Police Matters

No report or apologies had been received.

12/2022 Play Park

The clerk informed the meeting that the contractor had fixed the gate and is about to paint the goalposts. The net for the goalpost is now behind the grit bin at the entrance to the village hall car park. D. Griffiths will recover.

13/2022 Update on St Mary's Church – Funding and work.

No current information was available, and Rev'd Tim Herbert was unable to attend the meeting.

14/2022 Tree and Nature Recovery

The Vice Chair provided information on a group that had been formed who had produced a manifesto and community statement which she would circulate. The group had also produced a template for the benefit of other parish councils

15/2022 Grit Bins

Members were reminded to monitor the use over the winter and advise the clerk of any deficiencies so that they can be replenished.

16/2022 Vacancy

There are now two vacancies which will be advertised.

17/2022 Broadband Upgrade.

D. Lake explained the difficulties he was experiencing and the costs of bringing improved broadband to Bulgill especially as there was no fibre at Crosby Villa. He is

continuing with his efforts.

18/2022 Fly tipping in beck

D. Taylor advised that this issue had improved and could be removed from the next agenda.

19/2022 Dog Fouling

Dog fouling continues to be a problem with no pattern, timing, or location. The clerk to include an item in the next newsletter.

20/2022 Accident Bullgill

The clerk had a response from Highways in which they advised that they were aware of problems in Bullgill but raising the kerbs was not a viable option.

21/2022 Geological Disposal Facility in Allerdale

Correspondence between Allerdale Borough Council and a resident had been circulated for information. The clerk also advised that the Allerdale Geological Disposal Facility Community Partnership had been formed on 18th January 2022.

22/2022 Local Government Review

The clerk drew attention to the recent newsletter dated 6th January 2022 that had been circulated. He also advised that the County Council judicial review was still ongoing but must be concluded by the end of March 2022 as the election to the shadow council must be called by that date.

23/2022 Weekend of Celebration – Queens Platinum Jubilee

Members were aware that a resident and the Village Hall Committee were trying to arrange events and hoped that more information would be available for the next meeting.

24/2022 Schedule of meetings 2022/23

The clerk had produced a schedule of meeting dates for the council year 2022/23 which was approved.

25/2022 Planter at entrance to Gilcrux

A planter had been acquired and planted by the contractor.

26/2022 Maintenance of parish noticeboard

The clerk advised that most of the work had been completed but the contractor was waiting for some fibre board to complete the Greengill noticeboard and to give all the noticeboards a further coat of preservative.

27/2022 Matters for Next Meeting.

Broadband – Bullgill

Dog Fouling

Accident - Bullgill

Tree and Nature Recovery
St Mary's Church – Funding and Restoration Work
Grit Bins
Weekend of Celebrations Queens Platinum Jubilee

28/2022 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Wednesday 16th March 2022, at 6.30pm** at Gilcrux Village Hall

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.40pm.

Signed as a true and correct record.

..... **Chair**

Date

Attendance over the past 12 Meetings

J Eve	4/12	S Jones	11/12	D Griffiths	11/12
D. Lake	4/7	D. Taylor	10/11	C Thorpe	5/10
T Gear	12/12 (Parish Clerk)				