

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 16th March 2022.

Present: Councillor's Simon Jones (Chair), James Eve, Debbie Taylor, and David Griffiths

Also, Present: Trevor Gear (Clerk), and Mr. M Fitzgerald (part of meeting)

Apologies: None

29/2022 Members Apologies

Written apologies were received from D. Lake (work commitment) and C. Thorpe (work commitment). Both absences were approved.

30/2022 15 Minute Parishioners Open Forum

The meeting was addressed by M. Fitzgerald who advised that a group had been formed in the parish named Gilcrux Parish Displaced Person Support Committee. He outlined the aims of the committee and asked two things of the council. Firstly, for a parish council representative to join the committee and secondly for the committee to become a subcommittee of the council. D Taylor agreed to represent the council on the committee but although the council fully supported the objects of the committee the second request was declined because of implications it had for the council. Next step was for the committee to hold a public meeting on Saturday 26th March at 12noon in the village hall when they will do a presentation and answer questions.

An e-mail had been received from a resident raising concerns over the condition of roads in the parish and creeping verges and seeking the councils support in contacting the principal authorities.

31/2022 Declarations of Interest

None.

32/2022 Confirmation of minutes

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

RESOLVED – that the Chair sign as a correct record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th January 2022.

33/2022 Advisory Funding Group. (CCF)

The clerk advised that there had been an e-mail from the Chair of Bridekirk Parish Council regarding nominating a second representative to the Grants Panel. D. Griffiths advised that there was a meeting tomorrow evening when no doubt the matter would be discussed further.

34/2022 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.

CALC Circular (January/February).

Social broadband for low-income families

Green Homes Grant. It was agreed to invite a speaker to the next meeting.

Environment Agency confirms UK HPR1000 nuclear power station suitable for use in the UK

Great British Spring Clean 2022

Connecting Cumbria Newsletter January and February 2022

Northwest Coastal Access Update February 2022

Request to promote NALC Policing Online Event

County Wildlife Sites.

A595 Update

Cumbria Highways new reporting process

West Cumberland Hospital redevelopment final approval

Northeast and North Cumbria ICS. How we listen to, and involve, our partners and communities

Cumbria CVS - Volunteering Events 2022

Gambling Support & Training Factsheet.

NALC policy Consultation Briefing – OFCOM Postal regulation Consultation

Action for Health & Mental Health Provider Forum Bulletin.

Minutes of the three-tier meeting held on 3rd February 2022

35/2022 Clerks Report

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

1) Reminder for the Data Protection Renewal Fee had been received and will be paid by Direct Debit.

2) There had been a National Pay Award for Clerks (19p per hour less tax)

3) A letter from Tivoli the grass cutting contractor advising of an increase in the grass cutting contract from £1350.00 to £1620.00. Members felt this was a major increase but were aware it had been challenged by other parish councils. It was agreed to accept the increase this year but would put the contract out to tender for next year.

4) He raised concern that the Spring Edition of the newsletter had to be extended by an additional sheet at an additional cost of £40.00 and contained several commercial adverts. It was agreed that adverts other than by community groups should attract a fee of £10.00 per edition to offset the additional cost to the council

36/2022 Borough and County Councillor's report

There were no apologies or reports.

37/2022 Financial update and cheque authorities

(i) The Clerk confirmed that after payment of the accounts the cheque account stands at **£6298.09** and deposit account at **£664.18**.

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

Print Point/Newsletter	£100.50
T Gear/Clerks Salary (Jan./February)	£250.56
Expenses (Inc. Travelling, postage, stationery, and sundries)	£91.31
Total	£341.87
HRMC (Jan./February)	£62.64
Gilcrux Village Hall/Hall Rental (March)	£16.00
LR Mansfield/Website Maintenance	£160.00

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

(iii) The effectiveness of the 2020/21 Audit was considered and it was agreed to appoint Mrs. J Rae as auditor for the forthcoming 2021/22 audit.

38/2022 Planning Applications

i) Consultation

None

ii) Decisions

VAR/2022/0001	Variation of Condition 2 of application 2/2017/0283 to allow five camping pods rather than tents Moorhouse, Greengill, Aspatria	Approved Subject to Conditions
FUL/2020/0147	Agricultural building Dykelands, Gilcrux, Wigton	Refused

iii) Appeals

None

vi) Any other planning related correspondence

Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) – Adoption 23rd February 2022

39/2022 Police Matters

No report or apologies had been received.

40/2022 Play Park

The clerk informed the meeting that he was awaiting confirmation that the goalposts had been painted.

41/2022 Update on St Mary's Church – Funding and work.

No current information was available.

42/2022 Tree and Nature Recovery

The Vice Chair provided information on the activities of the group 'We are curious Cumbria' who have moved on since the last meeting. They have applied to register as a charity and applied for funding. Hopefully they will be putting together a project in the parish

43/2022 Grit Bins

It has been a mild winter and stocks are still high.

44/2022 Vacancy

Ms. Jane Sharkey has shown an interest in being co-opted as a councillor. On the proposal of G. Griffiths and seconded by D. Taylor it was agreed to co-opt Ms. Sharkey on to the council.

45/2022 Broadband Upgrade.

As D. Lake had tendered his apologies this item was adjourned to the next meeting.

46/2022 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.

47/2022 Accident Bullgill

As D. Lake had tendered his apologies this item was adjourned to the next meeting

48/2022 Geological Disposal Facility in Allerdale

Any correspondence/updates have been and will be forwarded by email.

49/2022 Local Government Review

The clerk drew attention to the recent newsletter and confirmed that Cumbria County councils second Judicial Review had failed, and the two unitary authorities will now proceed. There will be elections to the 16-member Shadow Authority on Thursday 5th May.

50/2022 Weekend of Celebration – Queens Platinum Jubilee

Members were aware that the Village Hall Committee were arranging events over the weekend and had requested financial support from the council. It was agreed to donate £250.00 to this worthy cause.

51/2022 Cumberland Building Society

The building society had sent out regulatory forms for completion by the authorised signatories which were duly completed.

52/2022 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.

53/2022 Matters for Next Meeting.

Broadband – Bullgill

Accident - Bullgill

'We are curious (Cumbria)'

Gilcrux Parish Displaced Person Support Committee

St Mary's Church – Funding and Restoration Work

Weekend of Celebrations Queens Platinum Jubilee

54/2022 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Wednesday 18th May 2022, at 6.30pm** at Gilcrux Village Hall (including the Annual Parish Meeting)

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.50pm.

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	5/9	D. Taylor	10/12	C Thorpe	4/9
T Gear	12/12 (Parish Clerk)				