

# 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 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023.**

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

**Also, Present:** Trevor Gear (Clerk), Martin Harris (Shadow Unitary Authority Councillor) and Marjorie Thompson (Village Post)

**Apologies:** None

## **27/2023 Members Apologies**

Written apologies had been received from James Eve (work) and his absence was approved.

## **28/2023 15 Minute Parishioners Open Forum**

M. Thompson addressed the meeting and gave details of her background and the purpose of the Village Post ( a magazine produced for the benefit of the residents of Gilcrux and Bridekirk).

## **29/2023 Declarations of Interest**

None.

## **30/2023 Confirmation of minutes**

On the proposal of D. Griffiths and seconded by C. Thorpe

**RESOLVED** – that the Chair sign as a correct record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

## **31/2023 Advisory Funding Group. (CCF)**

D. Griffiths advised that there had been a meeting of the panel held in Gilcrux Village Hall. At the start of the meeting there was £52,000.00 in the fund. Five applications which were considered some were approved and others where further information was required. Nex meeting is due in August.

## **32/2027 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.  
and several e-mails regarding the Cost-of-living Crisis.  
Connecting Cumbria Newsletter January and February 2023  
Civility and Respect – March Newsletter  
CCRG: Finding, Understanding and Using Weather Information - 9<sup>th</sup> March Event and  
Upcoming Training  
Connecting Cumbria Newsletter January and February 2023  
ACT Update – January 2032  
Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service Council Tax Consultation  
Extra Funding available for Road Safety Awareness in Allerdale  
Parish Precept 1<sup>st</sup> instalment 2023/24  
Spark Project Support for Social Enterprise Allerdale & Copeland

### **33/2023 Clerks Report**

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

- i) He has received a quote for the parish maintenance 2023 at £2145.00 which is the same as last year. The quote was accepted.
- ii) He had received correspondence re EIR/ID/215/22/23 which had been circulated.
- iii) He had only just received correspondence from Gilcrux Social Fund (GSF) which had been circulated. It was felt the correspondence that was seeking funding was too general rather than seeking funding for a specific event. The clerk to inform the GSF and any application to be considered at the next meeting.
- iv) He informed the meeting that Vodafone were upgrading their installations at the three locations in the parish.
- v) Following the last meeting where the Police Inspector indicated that Gilcrux was under Maryport and gave details of the officers responsible. It appears that information was wrong, Gilcrux comes under Cockermouth, and PCSO Clare Parker is the officer to contact.
- vi) He had received a Data Protection Fee Reminder which is paid by Direct Debit saving the council £5.00.

### **34/2023 Borough and Shadow Unitary Councillor's report**

M. Harris (Shadow Unitary Councillor) had prepared a written report which had been circulated to members (copy attached), the contents of which he discussed.  
There had been no apologies or reports from the Borough Councillors.

### **35/2023 Financial update and cheque authorities**

(i) The Clerk confirmed that after payment of the accounts the cheque account stands at **£6884.22** and deposit account at **£668.50**.

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

Gilcrux Village Hall	Balance Sure Signal	£34.50
JB Perry	Sure Signal	£66.00

T Gear	Defibrillator Pads	£53.93
T Gear/Clerks	Salary (Jan./Feb.)	£311.28
Expenses (Inc. Travelling, postage, stationery, and sundries)		£77.86
Total		£389.14
HRMC	Income tax (Jan /Feb.)	£77.82
BA Ellams	Sure Signal	£66.00
Gilcrux Village Hall	Hall Rental (March)	£16.00
T Gear	Printer Inks	£38.19

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

(iii) There were no issues arising from the 2020/21 audit and it was agreed to appoint J. Rae as the council's auditor for the forthcoming 2022/23 audit.

### **36/2023 Planning Applications**

#### **i) Consultation**

VAR/2023/0004	Variation of condition 5 on VAR/2022/0026 Greengill Farm, Gilcrux, CA7 2RB	No Objection
FUL/2023/0026	Erection of agricultural storage building East House, Gilcrux, CA7 2QD	No Objections
FUL/2023/0019	Re-submission of FUL/2021/0321 for change Of use to a touring caravan site etc. Land north of the big White House, Greengill, Gilcrux CA7 2RA	Object on grounds of highway safety

#### **ii) Decisions**

RMA/2022/0005	Reserved matters application for approved Application VAR/2022/0026	Approved
HOU/2022/0232	Proposed single storey side extension 1 Garth Cottages, Gilcrux CA7 2QR	Approved
VAR/2023/0003	Variation to condition 2 to amend layout of Plot 3 2/2015/0747 Plot 3 East Croft, Gilcrux, CA7 2QX	Approved
VAR/2022/0004	Variation of condition 5 on VAR/2022/0026 Land southeast of Greengill Farm, Gilcrux, CA7 2RB	Approved

#### **iii) Appeals**

None

#### **vi) Any other planning related correspondence**

None

### **37/2023 We are curious (Cumbria)**

D. Taylor addressed the meeting on behalf of 'We are Curious (Cumbria)' and advised that she had visited Bridekirk Parish Council. The group were involved with a litter pick of the parish and there will be an exhibition in the village hall. The website goes live tomorrow, and the group had been offered a number of hard wood saplings and were trying to decide where to plant them.

### **38/2023 Update on St Mary's Church – Funding and work.**

No update for this meeting but the clerk will arrange one for the next meeting.

### **39/2022 Grit Bins**

Members were advised bin in Bullgill had been refilled and were asked to let the clerk know if any others need refilling.

### **40/2023 Accidents at Bullgill.**

D. Lake was the lead on this and had submitted a further photographs to the MP.

### **41/2023 Neighbourhood Watch**

Extensive efforts to find a coordinator had proved unsuccessful and therefore matter cannot be proceeded further at this stage.

### **42/2023 Play Park Annual Inspection**

This was discussed briefly. The fence needs a coat of preservative and the goal post need repainting when the better weather arrives.

### **44/2023 Geological Disposal Facility in Allerdale**

Regular updates that are received by the clerk are circulated. There is to be an open event between 12 noon and 7pm on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March at Dunmail Park Shopping Centre, Workington

### **45/2023 Local Government Review**

Members had been circulated newsletters on a weekly basis.

### **46/2023 Risk Assessment**

The clerk had circulated a draft Risk Assessment which was adopted.

### **47/2023 Website**

D. Taylor advised that the new website was up and running and can be viewed on [www.gilcruxparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.gilcruxparishcouncil.co.uk).

### **48/2023 Gilcrux Defibrillator**

A request had been received for the council to replace the pads and battery which was agreed. The clerk to arrange.

**49/2023 King Charles III Coronation.**

The village hall committee are arranging events and there will be a Maypole and Well Dressing on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023 together with Morris Dancing.

**50/2023 Climate Change**

A regular amount of correspondence respecting the above is being received and is very topical at the moment. It was therefore included on the agenda to allow members to discuss any current issues. D. Taylor had attended an online event which she found very interesting and useful.

**51/2023 Matters for Next Meeting.**

‘We are curious (Cumbria)’  
St Mary’s Church – Funding and Restoration Work  
Work to Play Park  
Bullgill – Accidents  
St Mary’s Church.  
Newsletter/ Village Post

**52/2023 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023, at 6.30pm** at Gilcruix Village Hall (to include the Annual Parish Meeting)

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.05pm.

**Signed as a true and correct record.**

..... **Chair**

**Date** .....

**Attendance over the past 12 Meetings**

J Eve	6/12	S Jones	11/12	D Griffiths	11/12
D. Lake	8/12	D. Taylor	11/12	C Thorpe	7/12
J. Sugden	4/5	T Gear	12/12 (Parish Clerk)		