

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 November 2022.

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

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

Apologies: M. Harris (Shadow Unitary Authority Councillor)

138/2022 Members Apologies

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

139/2022 15 Minute Parishioners Open Forum

Mr. Palmer-Rees verbally reiterated complaints that he had made in a brief e-mail to the clerk against several councillors. He was advised these should be in writing on the appropriate forms that had been previously supplied so that they may be assessed and investigated by the appropriate person/agency. He asked for the address if he wished to complain direct to the Borough Council which was subsequently supplied.

The parish had been the subject of a spate of burglaries and contact should be made with the police to discuss. It was agreed to make an approach to a resident who is a police officer to discuss the best way forward.

140/2022 Declarations of Interest

None.

141/2022 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 21st September 2022.

142/2022 Exclusion of the Press and Public

On the proposal of S. Jones and seconded by D. Griffiths it was agreed to exclude the Press and Public for items 26 because it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 & 2 Schedule, 12A of Local Government Act 1972.

143/2022 Advisory Funding Group. (CCF)

D. Griffiths advised that there had been no correspondence, no bids, and no action since the last meeting of the council. There had been an article in the parish newsletter for a second representative on the group but there had been no volunteers to date.

144/2022 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: -

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

A considerable number of e-mails regarding the cost-of-living crisis

Cumbria County Council Environment and Climate Change Newsletters

Warm Spots – update and next steps

Thriving Nature People and Planet Presentation

Connecting Cumbria Newsletter October 2022

Update email from Andrew Seekings.

United Utilities – Crummock, Chapel House & Overwater Reservoir Decommission Project

CALC Question and Answer session on the CIO application

Invitation for Town and Parish Councils in Cumbria-to-Cumbria Flood and Coast Forum on 20th October 2022 at Castle Green Hotel, Kendal.

FCC Community Action Fund

Cost of Living Crisis: WARM SPACES: Please register any ‘warm spots’ in your community

Letter from Great North Air Ambulance seeking financial support.

Boundary Commission for England 2023 Boundary Review

145/2022 Clerks Report

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

i) He was having difficulties with one of CALC’s Officers Circulation list as he was not receiving e-mails from them. He had raised this with the officer concerned but there had been no improvement. He now intends to write to the Chief Officer.

146/2022 Borough and Shadow Unitary Councillor’s report

M. Harris (Shadow Unitary Councillor) had prepared a written report that had been circulated to members. (Copy attached)

There had been no apologies or reports from the Borough Councillors.

147/2022 Financial update and cheque authorities

(i) The Clerk confirmed that after payment of the accounts the cheque account stands at **£8762.51** and deposit account at **£668.50**.

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

Cmth & Dist. Gard.	Hedge cutting	£228.00
T Gear/Clerks	Salary (Sept./Oct.)	£287.28
Expenses (Inc. Travelling, postage, stationery, and sundries)		£120.02
Total		£407.38
HRMC (Sept./Oct.)		£71.82
Gilcrux Village Hall	Hall Rental (Nov.)	£16.00
Gilcrux Village Hall	Sure Signal	£31.50
Print Point Ltd	Newsletter	£65.00

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

(iii) The clerk produced a draft budget for 2023/24. The question of including £2,000.00 for the 2023 parish council elections was discussed and it was agreed that in the event of an election it would be met from reserves. Members therefore agreed that the Precept of 2023/24 will be £9,000.00 which is the same as this year.

148/2022 Planning Applications

i) Consultation

VAR/2022/0026	Variation of condition 4 (approved plans) on approved application OUT/2019/0022 to be reworded Land South East of Greengill Farm, Gilcrux	No Objections
HOU/2022/0179	Single Storey extension Dykelands, Gilcrux	No Objections

ii) Decisions

None

iii) Appeals

None

vi) Any other planning related correspondence

None

149/2022 We are curious (Cumbria)

D. Taylor addressed the meeting on behalf of 'We are Curious (Cumbria)' and advised that a quantity of trees and hedging had been supplied by the Woodland Trust and planted throughout the parish. She and a number of others from the group had recently undertaken Podcast training and were planning a parish walk.

150/2022 Update on St Mary's Church – Funding and work.

The Church Warden had provided an update which was read and noted. (Copy attached)

151/2022 Grit Bins

Members advised that all bins were currently full.

152/2022 Accidents at Bullgill.

D. Lake was the lead on this and had supplied photographs and information to the Police and was awaiting a response. The MP was also monitoring the situation.

153/2022 Neighbourhood Watch

It is hoped that this can be discussed at the meeting with the Police to discuss the recent spate of burglaries. Further information will be brought to the next meeting.

154/2022 Play Park Annual Inspection

This was discussed and apart from some minor rust and the gate all was minimal risk.

155/2022 Geological Disposal Facility in Allerdale

Regular updates that are received by the clerk are circulated.

156/2022 Local Government Review

Members had been circulated newsletters on a weekly basis.

157/2022 Maintenance of parish noticeboard

The clerk advised that the work had been completed and the invoice will be forwarded shortly.

158/2022 Website

D. Taylor agreed to provide a new website which is to be available as of 1st April 2023

159/2022 Grass cutting contract 2023

This was in hand and hopefully estimates will be available at the next meeting.

160/2022 Wigton Baths.

A letter had been received from Wigton Baths seeking financial support. D. Lake had disclosed that that he was a Director/ Trustee but was not in attendance. The Chair is going to the baths tomorrow with some students and will discuss the letter with Bath representatives.

161/2022 Matters for Next Meeting.

'We are curious (Cumbria)'

St Mary's Church – Funding and Restoration Work

Play Park Inspection Report

Website

Bullgill – Accidents

Neighbourhood Watch

162/2022 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Wednesday 18th January**

2023, at 6.30pm at Gilcruix Village Hall

163/2022 Complaint from a Resident

This was substantially dealt with under the Open Forum for Parishioner’s Comments at the beginning of the meeting. The way forward is now with the complainant.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.35pm.

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	7/11	D. Taylor	11/12	C Thorpe	6/11
T Gear	12/12 (Parish Clerk)				