

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 21st September 2022.

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

Also, Present: Trevor Gear (Clerk), M. Harris (Shadow Unitary Authority Councillor), Mary Bradley (Chair of Allerdale GDF Community Partnership) (part of Meeting), Richard Griffin (Nuclear Waste Services – Senior Policy Advisor) (part of meeting) and David Wilson (CALC Representative on the Partnership) (part of the meeting).

Apologies: None

Before the commencement of the meeting the council received an informative presentation from Mary Bradley and Richard Griffin on the GDF Partnership and the short term aims of the GDF project. All were thanked for their attendance and left the meeting

110/2022 Members Apologies

Written apologies were received from J. Eve (Work) and J. Sharkey (Personal). Both absences were approved.

111/2022 15 Minute Parishioners Open Forum

No members of the public and no items were raised on their behalf.

112/2022 Declarations of Interest

None.

113/2022 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 20th July 2022.

114/2022 Advisory Funding Group. (CCF)

D. Griffiths advised that there had been a meeting of the group on 7th September 2022 when two applications were considered, and it was agreed to part fund both. Even when this expenditure was met there remained 50/60K in the fund and applications are invited. D. Griffiths to prepare an item for the next newsletter. It also appears that

Gilcrux is the only parish that only has one representative on the Group and the parish should put forward another. The next meeting is on 1st March 2023 in Gilcrux Village Hall.

115/2022 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 regarding the passing of Queen Elizabeth II

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

Several items of information relating to the “cost of living crisis”

Cumberland Plan Engagement Sessions

Cumbria County Council Environment and Climate Change Newsletter

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

Developing your Skills and Steve Parkinson Training

Common Land and Village Greens

Summer Travel Message and Youth Climate Summit update

Wigton Hospital Open Day 21st August

Climate Change – 3 Ways that Town and Parish Councils can respond

News from Cumbria Community Foundation

CALC Annual General Meeting 24th September 2022 at 10am

Connecting Cumbria Newsletter July.

A595 Bothel Torpenhow Junction Works Update.

Invitation to Compost Demonstration Site

CALC News July/August

116/2022 Clerks Report

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

i) He had received a further complaint regarding vegetation encroachment on the road opposite Hollybank, Gilcrux which he reported to Highways and which had been acknowledged.

ii) It is this time of year that trimming of the hedge around the village hall. Subject to the price being acceptable it was agreed to proceed

117/2022 Borough and Shadow Unitary Councillor’s report

M. Harris (Shadow Unitary Councillor) had prepared a written report that had been circulated to members and also gave a verbal update.

118/2022 Financial update and cheque authorities

(i) The Clerk confirmed that after payment of the accounts the cheque account stands at **£5017.67** and deposit account at **£668.50**.

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

Tivoli Group	Grass cutting(July)	£324.00
Discount Football	Goal nets	£61.59
ROSPA Play Safety	Play Area Inspection	£96.60
Tivoli Group	Grass cutting (August)	£324.00
Mr. H Airey	Footbridge repairs	£32.00
T Gear/Clerks	Salary (July/Aug.)	£255.12
Expenses (Inc. Travelling, postage, stationery, and sundries)		£108.16
Total		£363.28
HRMC (July/Aug.)		£63.78
Gilcrux Village Hall/Hall Rental (Sept.)		£16.00
Outerspace Gardening Services/ Village Maintenance (August)		£440.00
Tivoli Group	Grass cutting (Sept.)	£324.00

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

119/2022 Planning Applications

i) Consultation

None

ii) Decisions

None

iii) Appeals

None

vi) Any other planning related correspondence

None

120/2022 We are curious (Cumbria)

D. Taylor addressed the meeting on behalf of 'We are Curious (Cumbria)' and advised that the group were engaged in a big project and that a quantity of trees had been supplied by the Woodland Trust.

121/2022 Update on St Mary's Church – Funding and work.

There was no update available.

122/2022 Grit Bins

Members advised that all bins were full apart from the one at Bullgill which require topping up.

123/2022 Vacancy

One vacancy remains but there were no applications for consideration.

124/2022 Parish Council Elections 2023

The clerk raised the contents of e-mails from CALC in which they indicated that if there was a contested council election next year it could cost the parish £2,000 which should be considered when discussing the budget and setting the precept.

125/2022 Gilcrux Parish Displaced Persons Support Committee

This group no longer existed as all the Ukrainian families that had been supported in the parish had returned to Ukraine.

126/2022 Geological Disposal Facility in Allerdale

This item was dealt with at the beginning of the meeting.

127/2022 Local Government Review

This item had been dealt with by M. Harris during his report.

128/2022 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. To be completed by the next meeting

129/2022 Website

Members were reminded that the Webmaster was giving up the role in 2023 and the clerk was waiting for some additional information before proceeding. To be considered at the next meeting.

130/2022 Grass cutting contract 2023

It was agreed that the council should look for quotes for the above.

131/2022 Emergency Plan Update

Member agreed to use the current Emergency Plan and review it again in 2023.

132/2022 Civility and Respect

The Clerk had received a request for the council to sign up to the Civility and Respect Pledge. It was considered that there were no issues of this nature in the council and the request was noted

133/2022 External Auditor

The clerk raised an e-mail advising that that the current external auditor appointment had ended, and a new external auditor would be appointed shortly but there was an opportunity to opt out of the process. The council would then have to appoint its own external auditor at a cost of approximately £300.00. It was agreed not to opt out and remain within the SAAA central external auditor process.

134/2022 Clerk Salary

At this point the clerk left the meeting.

The clerk had submitted a letter and associated papers asking because of his experience and qualifications for an increase in his Salary Scale Point. It was agreed to increase the Scale Point from 7 to 13.

135/2022 Village Greens

An e-mail had been received from Friends of the Lake District in which they are proposing action to re-inforce the importance of Common Land and Town or Village Greens. It was agreed to support the proposal.

136/2022 Matters for Next Meeting.

'We are curious (Cumbria)
St Mary's Church – Funding and Restoration Work
Play Park Inspection Report
Website
C Thorpe's apologies
Bullgill – Accidents
Neighbourhood Watch

137/2022 Date of Next Meeting

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

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.00pm.

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)				