

GILCRUX PARISH COUNCIL

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The Annual Meeting of Gilcrux Parish Council was held at the Gilcrux Village Hall, Gilcrux at 6.40pm (following the Annual Parish Meeting) on Wednesday 17th May 2023.

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

Also, Present: Trevor Gear (Clerk)

Apologies: Martin Harris (Cumberland Councillor)

This being a new council following the recent election members signed the Acceptance of office forms.

53/2023 Members Apologies

Written apologies have been received from Jane Sugden, and David Griffiths, and their absence was approved.

54/2023 15 Minute Parishioners Open Forum

There were no members of the public present however two matters were raised on their behalf: -

- i) Letters had been received from two residents regarding Planning Reference FUL/2023/0099 with concerns regarding poor drainage information, the well and potential flooding.
- ii) Concerns were raised about the protection of wells in the parish and D Taylor is to raise these with the Cumberland Council Conservation Officer

55/2023 Election of Chair 2023/24

It was proposed that S. Jones be elected Chair but due to personal circumstances S. Jones declined the position. This item was adjourned to the next meeting. S. Jones to continue as chair until a successor is found.

56/2023 Election of Vice Chair 2023/24

On the proposal of C. Thorpes and seconded by D. Lake it was agreed that D. Taylor be elected Vice Chair for the ensuing year.

57/2023 Declarations of Interest

None.

58/2023 Confirmation of minutes

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

RESOLVED – that the Chair sign as a correct record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15th March 2023.

59/2023 Advisory Funding Group. (CCF)

D. Griffiths made his apologies but had supplied a report that was circulated to members.

60/2023 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 Cost-of-Living Crisis

Details of Key Contacts at Cumberland Council have been received.

A survey from the Cumbria Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Partnership and LGR Information

CALC Submission of Articles of Association to form a Limited Company without shares.

Wednesday Update with training information

Community Resilience

Survey - Integrated Care Board's efforts around listening to and working with the community.

Invite to HyperfastGB – Aspatria Community meeting – 2nd May which J. Collins attended and gave feedback and the availability of grants.

Parish Precept payment was delayed until 6th April 2023

Project Support for Social Enterprises

CALC structure from 1st April 2023

Connecting Cumbria Newsletter March 2023

Organizational Structure and Function Overview of Cumberland Council

CALC News January and February 2023

ACT Newsletter May 2023

61/2023 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 request for a sponsorship for a well/spring for £50. Which had been agreed.

ii) He had received further correspondence from Gilcrux Social Fund regarding their request for funding. It was felt that this did not really define what any donation would specifically be used for. D. Taylor to speak to the Chair of the Fund.

iii) Members had agreed to support the Friends of the Lake District when the organize a meeting about Common Land.

62/2023 Cumberland Councillor's report

M. Harris (Cumberland Councillor) had tendered his apologies but had prepared a written report which had been circulated to members (copy attached).

63/2023 Financial update and cheque authorities

(i) The Clerk confirmed that after payment of the accounts the cheque account stands at **£8223.43** and deposit account at **£679.17**.

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

Gilcrux Village Hall	Donation Coronation Celebrations	£250.00
T Gear/Clerks	Salary (March/April)	£311.28
Expenses (Inc. Travelling, postage, stationery, and sundries)		£77.82
	Total	£447.00
HMRC	Income Tax	£77.82
CALC	Subscription	£158.03
Mrs. J Rae	Internal Audit	£80.00
Gilcrux Village Hall	Room Hire	£16.00
Outerspace	Parish Maintenance	£1065.00
Mike Dowling Cont.	Grass cutting (April)	£264.00
We are Curious Cumbria	Sponsor a Well/Spring	£50.00
BHIB	Insurance	£445.21

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

iii) With the assistance of members, the clerk completed the Annual Governance Statement 2022/23 which was signed by the Chair.

iv) The accounts 2022/23 had been circulated to members who authorised the Chair to sign the Accounting Statements 2022/23.

v) The gross income or gross expenditure does not exceed £25,000 the Chair was authorised to sign the Certificate of Exemption,

vi) To note that the Public Rights Period for examination of the accounts is between 5th June and 14th July 2023.

vii) The relevant Audit Documents will be displayed on the Council website shortly.

64/2023 Planning Applications

i) Consultation

FUL/2023/099	Change of use from agricultural pasture to 2 detached dwellings with integral garaging Land adj to The Garth, Chapel Terrace, Gilcrux	Objections Poor drainage info Well Flooding
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ii) Decisions

FUL2023/0026	Erection of agricultural storage building East House, Gilcrux	Approved with conditions
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iii) Appeals

None

vi) Any other planning related correspondence

None

65/2023 Update on St Mary's Church – Funding and work.

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

66/2023 Accidents at Bullgill.

D. Lake was the lead on this and had submitted a further information to the relevant authorities but there has been little response.

67/2023 Play Park

D. Griffiths had tendered his apologies and the matter was adjourned to the next meeting.

68/2023 Geological Disposal Facility in Allerdale

There has been little correspondence particularly as the search area has been re-defined. It was agreed to remove it from future agendas.

69/2023 Local Government Review

As Cumberland Council was now in being it was agreed to remove from future agendas.

70/2023 Website

D. Taylor advised that the new website was up and running and can be viewed on www.gilcruxpatharishcouncil.co.uk.

71/2023 Newsletter

Following the presentation at the last meeting the person who had delivered the newsletter had given up. It was agreed to cease production of a local newsletter and contributors should be referred to the village post.

72/2023 Insurance Renewal

The clerk provided a breakdown of cost from Zurich Municipal and BHIB and it was agreed to insure with BHIB on a 3 year contract at a cost of £445 .21.

73/2023 Matters for Next Meeting.

We are Curious Cumbria
St Mary's Church – Funding and Restoration Work
Play Park
Bullgill – Accidents
St Mary's Church.

74/2023 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Wednesday 19th July 2023 at 6.30pm** at Gilcruix Village Hall

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

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)		