

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 19th July 2023.

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

Also, Present: Trevor Gear (Clerk), and Martin Harris (Cumberland Councillor)

Apologies: None

75/2023 Members Apologies

Written apologies had been received from David Lake (work) and his absence was approved.

76/2023 Election of Chair 2023/24

On the proposal of C Thorpe and seconded by D. Taylor it was agreed that S. Jones be elected Chair for the 2023/24

76/2023 15 Minute Parishioners Open Forum

There were no members of the public present, and no matters were raised on their behalf.

77/2023 Declarations of Interest

None received.

78/2023 Confirmation of minutes

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

RESOLVED – that the Chair sign as a correct record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17th May 2023.

79/2023 Advisory Funding Group. (CCF)

D. Griffiths provided information regarding the group including there had been an information session. Gilcrux Village Hall had been awarded 12.5 K for batteries and there was still 30/40K in the fund. There is due to be a meeting in August in Tallentire.

80/2023 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: -

A letter had been received from the great North Air Ambulance seeking financial support which was noted.

Civility & Respect Project.

Act Update July 2023

Activities for refugee week.....

Apprentice Opportunities – Autumn 2023

Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Newsletter

Partnership and LGR Information (19.5.23, 9.6.23, and 30.6.23)

Don't miss out on our Summer Holiday Activity and Food Programme.....

Agenda for CALC Special General Meeting 22nd July by Teams

Funding opportunity for defibrillators in community spaces.

Connecting Cumbria Newsletter (May and June)

Cumbria Plan Bee – we need your support!

Invitation to Cumbria People and Nature Network Launch 13th July 2023

CCRG Information on United Utilities “Your Water, Your Say online event together with other emails from CCRG.

Home Upgrade grant Phase 2 (HUG2) Information

Cumbria Independent Custody Visiting Scheme – We are recruiting.

Community Renewable Energy Event-Thursdays 29th June 2023 at 7pm via Teams

Gambling and Licensing Policies consultation

CALC News March and April 2023

Northwest Coastal Access update May 2023

Has your Town/Parish Council declared a Climate Emergency – NALC Smaller Councils Committee request for information.

Prolonged Dry Weather/Now Normal

Green 2 Grow, Food-People-Nature Event Friday 15th September

Cumbria in Bloom July 2023 Newsletter

Databank Drop In Workington Library 26/7, 9/8, 23/8

81/2023 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 letter seeking financial support from Gilcruix and District Social Fund for a parish event to be held on 18th October. On the proposal of C. Thorpe and seconded by J. Eve it was agreed to donate £250.00.

ii) He had received notification that the Annual play area inspection will take place in August.

iii) An invitation had been sent to Breedon who are to submit plans for an extension of Moota Quarry to attend this meeting, but unfortunately they were unable to attend. Instead, they suggested a site visit. Members agreed to invite their representative to the September meeting.

vi) Following the council's decision to support the Village Post instead of the parish newsletter he had received correspondence both in favour and against.

v) As the council are supporting the Village Post they were invited to become a Goodwill Partner. On the proposal of D. Griffiths and seconded by C Thorpe it was agreed to donate £125.00

iv) An invitation had been received to a GDF event which was held on 13th July which had been circulated and shared with an interested party with whom there had been some recent correspondence.

82/2023 Cumberland Councillor's report

M. Harris (Cumberland Councillor) had prepared a written report which had been circulated to members (copy attached), the contents of which he discussed in more detail.

83/2023 Financial update and cheque authorities

(i) The Clerk confirmed that after payment of the accounts the cheque account stands at **£6855.20** and deposit account at **£679.17**.

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

Mike Dowling Contracting	Grass cutting (May)	£264.00
Defib warehouse	Defibrillator Battery (Bullgill)	£346.80
T Gear	Clerks Account (May/June)	£411.89
HRMC	Income tax (May/June)	£77.82
Gilcrux Village Hall	Hall Rental (July)	£16.00
Mike Dowling Contracting	Grass cutting (June)	£264.00
Gilcrux Social Fund	Donation (Event 18.10.23)	£250.00
Village Post	Goodwill Partnership	£125.00

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

84/2023 Planning Applications

i) Consultation

FUL/2023/0147	Demolition of farmhouse and attached barn and replacement with 3no. dwellings Chapel Farm, Gilcrux, CA7 2QX	No objections
FUL/2023/0149	Change of use from agricultural pasture to 2 detached dwellings... Land adj. to The Garth, Chapel Terrace Gilcrux, CA7 2QW	Objections Drainage, Well, Request site visit Plan shows 4 dwellings

ii) Decisions

HOU/2023/0104	Replacement of balcony terrace with sun Room/utility... Ulcat Mill, Gilcrux, CA7 2QB	Approved with conditions
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iii) Appeals

None

vi) Any other planning related correspondence

None

85/2023 We are curious (Cumbria)

D. Taylor addressed the meeting on behalf of 'We are Curious (Cumbria)' and advised that the group are completing a parish public rights of way document and she is completing a Carbon Literacy Course. She will then be able to advise Parish Councils in the former Copeland area. If more funding becomes available, she will be able to do the same in the former Allerdale area.

86/2023 Update on St Mary's Church – Funding and work.

The clerk had invited the Church Warden to either attend the meeting or provide a report. The clerk will arrange for an update for the next meeting.

87/2023 Accidents at Bullgill.

D. Lake is the lead on this item and tendered his apologies. Adjourned to the next meeting.

88/2023 Neighbourhood Watch

A volunteer had come forward but had personal commitments at this time. He will become involved in the near future.

89/2023 Play Park Annual Inspection

The next Annual Inspection is in August and the council will carry out any remedial works thereafter.

90/2023 Vacancy

The council has one vacancy for a councillor but no applications for co-option had been received.

91/2023 Climate Change

A regular amount of correspondence respecting the above is being received and is very topical at the moment.

92/2023 Matters for Next Meeting.

'We are curious (Cumbria)'

St Mary's Church – Funding and Restoration Work

Work to Play Park

Bullgill – Accidents

93/2023 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Wednesday 20th September 2023, at 6.30pm** at Gilcruix Village Hall, Gilcruix

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.25pm.

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)		