

# 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 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023.**

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

**Also, Present:** Trevor Gear (Clerk), Martin Harris (Cumberland Councillor) and three residents for Parishioners Open Forum

**Apologies:** None

## **94/2023 Members Apologies**

Written apologies had been received from James Eve (work), Jane Sugden (Personal) Christopher Thorpe (Illness) and their absence was approved.

## **95/2023 15 Minute Parishioners Open Forum**

There were three residents present who expressed their concerns regarding Planning Application FUL/2023/0178 for three detached dwellings on land adjacent to the Garth, Chapel Terrace, Gilcrux, CA7 2QW.

## **96/2023 Declarations of Interest**

None received.

## **97/2023 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 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

## **98/2023 Advisory Funding Group. (CCF)**

D. Griffiths provided information regarding the group including there had been a good meeting where two applications had been considered and approved. There is currently 53k in the fund and applications are invited.

## **99/2023 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: -.

Notes of the CALC Special General Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2023

Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Summer Newsletter

Partnership and LGR Information (11.8, 1.9.)  
 Connecting Cumbria Newsletter (July)  
 Green 2 Grow, Food, People, Nature event 15<sup>th</sup> September and 31<sup>st</sup> October  
 ACT update July 2023  
 Cumberland Council Newsletters.  
 Cumbria LRF Winter Workshop  
 CALC Annual General Meeting 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 10 am  
 CALC News May and June 2023  
 Community Panels open for Business/ Presentation.  
 County of Cumbria & D-Day 80 – 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024  
 Let's talk Bereavement Project  
 Cumbria People and Nature Network  
 CCRG: National Risk Register and Flood Warning Sign Up  
 CALC Annual Review 2022-2023  
 Fire and Rescue Plan public survey is now live.  
 Communities at the heart of new fund to boost local growth and energy security.  
 Hyperfast GB Newsletter – August 2023  
 Digital Voice and Power outage- Community Resilience and Emergency Planning  
 CAfS Newsletter – September 2023

### **100/2023 Clerks Report**

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

i) He had attended a Clerks Forum where councils were encouraged to obtain a .gov.uk internet domain. Attendees were also informed that CALC instructions are to forward all correspondence received to clerks who are to sift what is relevant to their councillors.

### **101/2023 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.

### **102/2023 Financial update and cheque authorities**

(i) The Clerk confirmed that after payment of the accounts the cheque account stands at **£5605.39** 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 (July)	£264.00
T Gear	Clerks Account (July/August)	£381.74
HRMC	Income tax (July/August)	£77.82
Gilcrux Village Hall	Hall Rental (September)	£16.00
Mike Dowling Contracting	Grass cutting (August)	£264.00

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

### **103/2023 Planning Applications**

#### **i) Consultation**

FUL/2023/0178

Change of use from agricultural pasture to 3 detached dwellings...  
Land adj. to The Garth, Chapel Terrace  
Gilcruix, CA7 2QW

Objections  
Drainage, Well,  
Flooding,  
Dangerous bend

#### **ii) Decisions**

None

#### **iii) Appeals**

None

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

None

### **104/2023 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 in which will be recorded the condition of the public footpaths in the parish. The group is also presently transferring from a Community Group to a Social Enterprise.

### **105/2023 Update on St Mary's Church – Funding and work.**

The clerk had received a report from the Church Warden (copy attached).

### **106/2023 Accidents at Bullgill.**

D. Lake advised that there had been very little progress as the agencies involved were hiding behind data protection. It was suggested that the council pursue a request for a 20mph speed limit. The clerk to progress and report back at the next meeting.

### **107/2023 Neighbourhood Watch**

A volunteer had come forward but had personal commitments at this time. He will become involved soon.

### **108/2023 Play Park Annual Inspection**

The next Annual Inspection was scheduled for August but to date no report had been received.

### **109/2023 Vacancy**

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

**110/2023 Climate Change**

This is becoming a critical issue and regular updates are received from various sources including: -

- (i) Sign up for our Westogether Climate Concerns event on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023
- (ii) Cumbria Community Resilience Group Climate Risks
- (iii) How to declare a Climate & Ecological Emergency.

**111/2023 Grass Verges in Gilcrux**

The grass cutting contractor had sprayed weedkiller on the edges of the areas that they cut. An apology had been received, and the areas had been re-seeded. The clerk to ensure it doesn't happen again.

**112/2023 Matters for Next Meeting.**

- 'We are curious (Cumbria)'
- St Mary's Church – Funding and Restoration Work
- Play Park Inspection
- 20 mph speed limits (Bulgill and Gilcrux)
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Grit bins
- GDF (presentation by Mary Bradley)

**113/2023 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November. 2023, at 6.30pm** at Gilcrux Village Hall, Gilcrux

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