

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 15th November 2023.

- Present:** Councillor's Debbie Taylor (Chair), David Griffiths, James Eve, and Jane Sugden
- Also, Present:** Trevor Gear (Clerk), Martin Harris (Cumberland Councillor) Two representatives from FIBRUS and one resident for Parishioners Open Forum
- Apologies:** None

114/2023 Members Apologies

Written apologies had been received from Simon Jones (Personal), David Lake (Work), Christopher Thorpe (Personal) and their absence was approved.

115/2023 15 Minute Parishioners Open Forum

- (i) A resident expressed their concerns regarding Planning Application FUL/2023/0238 for a new detached dwelling on land adjacent to 3 West Park Cottages, Gilcrux, CA7 2QX.
- (ii) The representative from FIBRUS explained their project in the parish and explored crossing the village green with a wire and erecting two poles on the roadside of the green. The council expressed their opposition to the proposal which would mean that the wire would now be buried under the road which could cause delay for road users.
- (iii) The following items were raised on behalf of residents: -
 - (a) A request had been received for the village green to be cut to allow youngsters to play football.
 - (b) The traditional finger post sign opposite Lyndal Mount is in need of repair and re-painting.

116/2023 Declarations of Interest

None received.

117/2023 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 20th September 2023.

118/2023 Advisory Funding Group. (CCF)

D. Griffiths reported that there was nothing to report since the last meeting.

119/2023 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: -

Cumbria Action for Sustainability Newsletters – September/October

CCRG Winter Vaccines and Winter Weather

Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Autumn Newsletter

ACT update September 2023

CALC News – July & August

Cumberland Council Newsletters.

CCRG Flood Aware? Plan and Prepare Focus Week

Community Emergency Planning Update

Connecting Cumbria Newsletter – October 2023

Free Trees for Community Groups and Schools

A public consultation survey from the Cumbria Constabulary & the Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner

Govt. Consultation on Very Hard to Reach Broadband Areas – Chance to Track

Change/Seek Council Evidence

CALC AGM Minutes

A letter from Wigton Baths Trust seeking financial support had been received.

120/2023 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 received a copy of the evaluation form from Gilcrux Social Fund.
- ii) A request had been received for the council to provide an article for the Village Post.
- iii) The litter bin on Tallentire Hill had been severely damaged which had been reported to Cumberland Council

121/2023 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.

122/2023 Financial update and cheque authorities

(i) The Clerk confirmed that after payment of the accounts the cheque account stands at **£8860.22** and deposit account at **£679.17**.

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

T Gear	Clerks Account (Sept./Oct.)	£431.75
HRMC	Income tax (Sept./Oct.)	£77.82

Gilcrux Village Hall	Hall Rental (November)	£16.00
Mike Dowling Contracting	Grass cutting (September)	£264.00
ROSPA Play Safety	Annual Inspection	£102.60

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 2024/25 which was discussed, and it was agreed that the precept for 2024/5 be set at £9,000.00.

123/2023 Planning Applications

i) Consultation

FUL/2023/0238	New detached single storey dwelling Associated parking and raised deck to rear. Land adj 3 West Park Cottages, Gilcrux, CA7 2QX	Objections Drainage, Site overcrowding Unneighbourly development
HOU/2023/0187	Proposed detached garage with access Fourways, Gilcrux, CA7 2QW	Concerns regarding Chapel well
FUL/2023/0236	Change of land for the siting of a caravan to be used as managers accommodation Land North of The Big White House, Greengill, Gilcrux, CA7 2RA	No Observations

ii) Decisions

VAR/2022/0036	Variation to condition 5 on approved Application OUT/2019/0023 Chapel Farm, Gilcrux, CA7 2QX	Approved with conditions
FUL/2023/0178	Change of use from agricultural Pasture to 3 detached dwellings.... Land adj. The Garth, Chapel Terrace, Gilcrux, CA7 2QW	Approved with conditions

iii) Appeals

None

vi) Any other planning related correspondence

None

124/2023 We are curious (Cumbria)

D. Taylor addressed the meeting on behalf of 'We are Curious (Cumbria)' and advised that the group will be completing a parish public rights of way document in the spring. The group are also producing a podcast on Village Halls.

125/2023 Update on St Mary's Church – Funding and work.

Nothing to report.

126/2023 Neighbourhood Watch

Enquires will be made to see if this matter can be progressed.

127/2023 Play Park Annual Inspection

The Annual Inspection report had been circulated which raised some minor issues which the clerk will progress with contractors.

128/2023 Grit Bins

Two grit bins in the parish had been refilled.

129/2023 20mph Speed Limits – Bullgill

The clerk reported that he had twice written to Cumberland Highways, but no response had been received. The Cumberland Councillor agreed to make some enquiries on behalf of the council.

130/2023 Vacancy

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

131/2023 Climate Emergency

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

- (i) Solar Made Easy - online event on 16th October 2023
- (ii) Biodiversity Net Gain – Information for Local Councils
- (iii) Climate and Carbon Literacy training courses

D. Taylor informed the meeting that she was now a trainer and will be contacting councils in the area.

132/2023 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 Gilcruix)

Neighbourhood Watch

Grit bins

133/2023 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Wednesday 17th January 2024, at 6.30pm** at Gilcruix Village Hall, Gilcruix

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.45pm.

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)		