

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 24th January 2024.

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

Also, Present: Trevor Gear (Clerk)

Apologies: Martin Harris (Cumberland Councillor)

1/2024 Members Apologies

Written apologies had been received from James Eve (Work), and D. Lake (Personal) And their absence was approved.

2/2024 15 Minute Parishioners Open Forum

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

3/2024 Declarations of Interest

None received.

4/2024 Confirmation of minutes

On the proposal of D. Taylor and seconded by J. Sugden

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

5/2024 Advisory Funding Group. (CCF)

No new information was available apart from D. Griffiths had resigned from the council. and C. Thorpe had volunteered to be the Councils representative on the panel. The clerk to advise CCF.

6/2024 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: -.

CALC News – November & December

Cumberland Council Newsletters.

Connecting Cumbria Newsletter – December 2023/January 2024

Partnership Information

Consultation on Policing Budget

Hospice at Home Christmas Tree Collection Appeal

Civility and Respect Project

List of Community Food Groups
 Hyperfast GB Newsletter – December 2023
 CCRG – Snow, Thank You Letter and Christmas Information
 Cumberland Council – Budget Consultation
 Town, Parish and community Councils – D Day 80 – 6th | June 2024
 Survey asking for examples on how Household Support Fund has supported people.
 An invite to the Lakes to the Sea Community Panel Workshop 24.1.24
 Cumbria Action for Sustainability Nes
 Cumberland Council cold weather alert
 Cumbria Local Nature Partnership Update
 Weather warnings this weekend
 Information request to support response to amber weather event

7/2024 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 information on Fraud Prevention talks to be put on the next agenda.
- ii) The litter bin on Tallentire Hill had been severely damaged and has not been replaced. The clerk to chase Cumberland Council
- iii) Potholes on the Gilcrux to Oughterside road had been reported.
- iv) A large static caravan on a trailer had been brought along the Oughterside to Gilcrux road which had been reported to Highways together with a request for additional signage which they say is adequate.

8/2024 Cumberland Councillor's report

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

9/2024 Financial update and cheque authorities

(i) The Clerk confirmed that after payment of the accounts the cheque account stands at **£7593.45** and deposit account at **£679.17**.

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

Cockermouth & Dist.	Hedge Trimming	£228.00
Gilcrux Village Hal	Sure Signal	£66.00
Mike Davies	Play Park repairs	£110.00
T Gear	Clerks Account (Nov./Dec.)	£510.63
HRMC	Income tax (Nov./Dec.)	£104.32
Gilcrux Village Hall	Hall Rental (January)	£16.00
J Perry	Sure Signal	£66.00
J Ellams	Sure Signal	£66.00

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

10/2024 Planning Applications

i) Consultation

FUL/2023/0196	New dwelling Rectory Lodge Gilcrux, CA7 2QN	No Observations
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ii) Decisions

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	Approved with Conditions
HOU/2023/0187	Proposed detached garage with access Fourways, Gilcrux, CA7 2QW	Approved with Conditions
VAR/2022/0036	Variation to condition 5 on approved Application OUT/2019/0023 Chapel Farm, Gilcrux, CA7 2QX	Approved with conditions
RMA/2019/0009	Reserved matters application For 13 detached dwellings.... Chapel Farm, Gilcrux, CA7 2QX	Approved with conditions

iii) Appeals

None

vi) Any other planning related correspondence

The council had been advised that the Access application (2/23/9004) for High Close Quarry, Plumbland had been withdrawn.

11/2024 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 which is ongoing and taking a little longer than first thought. The group had been in touch with the Cumbria Nature Partnership to introduce themselves.

12/2024 Update on St Mary's Church – Funding and work.

Nothing to report since the last meeting but hopefully a fuller report will be available at the next meeting.

13/2024 Neighbourhood Watch

Still trying to get this off the ground.

14/2024 Play Park Annual Inspection

Most of the items mentioned in the annual report had been completed by the contractor.

15/2024 Grit Bins

Most were available for use with reasonable supplies.

16/2024 20mph Speed Limits – Bullgill

The clerk had received a response regarding the council's request for a 20-mph limit in Bullgill which was that Bullgill did not meet the criteria. The Highways Authority will keep the request on file.

17/2024 Resignation and Vacancies

The clerk had received the resignation of D. Griffiths which means that there are now two vacancies for councillors.

18/2024 National Pay Award for Clerk

There had been a National pay Award for Clerks back dated to April and amounts to an increase of £1 per hour.

19/2024 Schedule of Meetings for 2024/25

The clerk produced a proposed schedule of meeting dates for the municipal year 2024/25 which with one amendment was agreed.

20/2024 Bank Mandate

Following the resignation of D. Griffiths, it was agreed that he should be removed as a signatory to the bank account and that he should be replaced by J Sugden.

21/2024 Grass Cutting 2024

Members were appraised of the quote for grass cutting 2024 from the existing contractor. It was agreed to seek further quotes before making a final decision.

22/2024 Climate Emergency

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

(i) Climate Change & Biodiversity Loss – How local councils can take action

23/2024 Defibrillator – Bullgill

Following a recent electrical outage, the defibrillator has no power. D. Lake is liaising with various agencies and it is hoped to have it back in use shortly.

24/2024 Matters for Next Meeting.

'We are curious (Cumbria)'

St Mary's Church – Funding and Restoration Work

Neighbourhood Watch

Vacancies

Fraud Prevention Talks

Grass cutting 2024

Street Light No 9

25/2024 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Wednesday 20th March 2024, at 6.30pm** at Gilcruix Village Hall, Gilcruix

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.20pm.

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)		