

# 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> March 2024.**

**Present:** Councillor's Simon Jones (Chair), Debbie Taylor, Christopher Thorpe, D. Lake, J. Eve, and Jane Sugden

**Also, Present:** Trevor Gear (Clerk)

**Apologies:** Martin Harris (Cumberland Councillor)

## **26/2024 Members Apologies**

There were no members apologies as all members were in attendance.

## **27/2024 15 Minute Parishioners Open Forum**

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

## **28/2024 Declarations of Interest**

D. Taylor declared an Interest in item 15 on the agenda Parish Maintenance 2024 and took no part in that item.

## **29/2024 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 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

## **30/2024 Advisory Funding Group. (CCF).**

C. Thorpe advised that he had attended a recent meeting when one application was discussed and that £54k remained in the fund. Concern has been raised that the funds are not being accessed by the various groups in the area and that there will be notices on the noticeboard and in the Village Post to encourage applications.

## **31/2024 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: -

Various Cumberland Council Newsletters.

Connecting Cumbria Newsletter – January and February 2024

Partnership Information

PFCC Winter Newsletter

Survey asking for examples on how Household Support Fund has supported people.  
 Final Call. Cumberland Council Community Panels  
 Cumbria Local Nature Partnership update.  
 Several items on the weather in January.  
 Official Portrait of HM The King, for which an application had been submitted  
 Town, Parish and community Councils – D Day 80 – 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024.  
 Hyperfast GB Newsletter- Spring 2024  
 CAfs Solar Made Easy, Home Energy, plus more events, training ops and jobs.

**32/2024 Clerks Report**

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

- i) The Data Protection Renewal Fee had been paid by Direct Debit.
- ii) The defibrillator at Bullgill was defective and D. Lake advised members of the steps that were being taken to have it repaired.

**33/2024 Cumberland Councillor’s report**

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

**34/2024 Financial update and cheque authorities**

(i) The Clerk confirmed that after payment of the accounts the cheque account stands at **£6882.49** 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 (Jan./Feb.)	£460.46
HRMC	Income tax (Jan./Feb.)	£83.82
Gilcrux Village Hall	Hall Rental (March)	£16.00
GVHET	Donation/Flower Festival	£250.00

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

iii) The effectiveness of the 2022/23 audit was considered and it was agreed to appoint Mrs. J Rae as the internal auditor for the forthcoming 2023/24 audit.

**35/2024 Planning Applications**

**i) Consultation**

FUL/2023/0196	New dwelling Rectory Lodge Gilcrux, CA7 2QN	No Observations
FUL/2023/0147	Amended block plan/landscaping Chapel Farm, Gilcrux, Wigton CA7 2QX	No Observation

## ii) Decisions

FUL/2023/0238	New dwelling, parking and raised deck to rear Land adjacent to 3 West Park Cottages, Gilcrux, CA7 2QX	Approved with conditions
FUL/2023/0196	New dwelling Rectory Lodge Gilcrux, CA7 2QN	Approved with conditions
FUL/2023/0147	Amended block plan/landscaping Chapel Farm, Gilcrux, Wigton CA7 2QX	Approved with conditions

## iii) Appeals

None

## vi) Any other planning related correspondence

None

### **36/2024 We are curious (Cumbria)**

D. Taylor addressed the meeting on behalf of 'We are Curious (Cumbria)' and advised that there was a lot happening and that the group intended to plant a tree near the well in memory of Pete Hibbert.

### **37/2024 Update on St Mary's Church – Funding and work.**

The clerk read a report from the Church Warden. The clerk was asked to inform him of the availability of funding from the Cumbria Community Fund.

### **38/2024 Neighbourhood Watch**

Still trying to get this off the ground without success so should be removed from future agenda.

### **39/2024 Grass Cutting 2024**

It had been agreed for last year's contractor to cut the grass with trimmed edges. The clerk confirmed that the contractor had been informed accordingly.

### **40/2024 Parish Maintenance 2024**

Last year's contractor had provided a quote of £2145.00, which was the same as last year and was accepted.

### **41/2024 Street Light No.9**

This was defective and had been reported to highways who stated it had been repaired, however no light fitting was present. The clerk to contact highways.

#### **42/2024 20mph Speed Limits – Bullgill**

The council were dissatisfied with the response from highways and the clerk was asked to obtain a copy of the criteria.

#### **44/2024 Vacancies**

The clerk advised that there are now two vacancies for councillors and there were no applications for co-option. An article had appeared in the recent Village Post which will be repeated.

#### **45/2024 Climate Emergency**

This is becoming a critical issue, and regular updates are received from various sources, but none have been received since the last meeting.

#### **46/2024 Risk Assessment 2024**

The clerk had produced and circulated a Risk Assessment for 2024 which was approved.

#### **47/2024 Fraud Prevention Talk**

The clerk had been present at a talk which had been informative. It was agreed to invite the officer to the July meeting.

#### **48/2024 Road Closure – Development of Chapel Farm Close**

The Chair and Vice Chair met with the Contracts Manager of Thomas Armstrong to discuss the above, which will take place in May when the road will be closed for a week.

#### **49/2024 St Mary's Church Flower Festival 2024**

The clerk read an application for a donation towards the flowers for the above event. It was agreed to donate £250.00 to this worthy cause.

#### **50/2024 Repairs to traditional finger post sign**

A response had been received from highways that it will be completed in the next three years although local information suggests that it will be completed later this year.

#### **51/2024 Potholes – Village Hall to Ellen Hall**

The clerk had received several complaints regarding the condition of the above road which had been reported on a number of occasions to highways. Some of the potholes now appear to have been temporarily filled.

#### **52/2024 Matters for Next Meeting.**

'We are curious (Cumbria)'

St Mary's Church – Funding and Restoration Work

Vacancies

Street Light No 9

Drain - Bullgill

#### **53/2024 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

**2024, at 6.30pm** at Gilcruix Village Hall, Gilcruix (following the Annual Parish Meeting)

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.05pm.

**Signed as a true and correct record.**

..... **Chair**

**Date** .....

**Attendance over the past 12 Meetings**

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