

GILCRUX PARISH COUNCIL

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The Annual Meeting of Gilcrux Parish Council was held at the Gilcrux Village Hall, Gilcrux at 6.30pm on Wednesday 15th May 2024.

Present: Councillor's C. Thorpe (Chair), D. Taylor S. Jones, J. Eve, and J. Sugden

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

Apologies: None

54/2024 Members Apologies

D. Lake tendered his written apologies (personal), and his absence was approved.

55/2024 15 Minute Parishioners Open Forum

No members of the public were present. C Thorpe advised the meeting that he had received a text from a resident who was concerned regarding parish maintenance contract. The council agreed that the correct procedure in awarding the contract had been followed this and previous years.

56/2024 Election of Chair 2024/25

On the proposal of J. Eve and seconded by D. Taylor, C. Thorpe was elected Chair for the ensuing year.

57/2024 Acceptance of Office

The newly elected chair signed the Acceptance of Office and took the opportunity to thank the outgoing chair for all his work during his term in office.

58/2024 Election of Vice Chair

On the proposal of J. Suden and seconded by J. Eve, D. Taylor was elected Vice Chair for the ensuing year.

59/2024 Appointment to Outside Bodies 2024/25

C. Thorpe agreed to continue as the council's representative on the Cumbria Community Fund (Grants Panel).

60/2024 Declarations of Interest

None

61/2024 Dispensations

None

62/2024 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 20th March 2024.

63/2024 Advisory Funding Group. (CCF).

C. Thorpe advised that there was no update or applications and that the fund still stood at £54k. There will be notices on the noticeboard and in the Village Post to encourage applications.

64/2024 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 – March and April 2024

Partnership Information

Public Space Protection Order and Litter Champion Event in Cumberland

CALC News – January & February 2024.

Cumbria Local Nature Partnership Update

Fibrus Community Fund open now.

65/2024 Clerks Report

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

- i) Closure of the C2023 Gilcrux to allow Telecom to work.
- ii) The defibrillator at Bullgill was still with the manufacturer
- iii) The dog bin at Tallentire Hill had been repaired
- iv) The Fraud Prevention talk will take place at the July meeting.

66/2024 Cumberland Councillor's report

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

67/2024 Financial update and cheque authorities

(i) The Clerk confirmed that after payment of the accounts the cheque account stands at **£8,942.50** and deposit account at **£704.68**.

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

T Gear	Clerks Account (March/April)	£460.46
HRMC	Income tax (March/April)	£83.82
Gilcrux Village Hall	Hall Rental (May)	£16.00
CALC	Subscription	£175.75

To be discussed further at the next meeting

72/2024 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.

73/2024 Climate Emergency

Cumberland Council: Draft Climate & Nature Strategy had been circulated.

74/2024 Gilcrux & District Social Fund

A request for financial assistance on an upcoming day trip for residents has been received. It was agreed to donate £250.00 to this worthy cause.

75/2024 Footpath Bridge – The Gyhll

Concerns have been received regarding the stability of the bridge on the public footpath. This was originally raised several years ago, and the council were advised by the Access Officer of the then Cumbria County Council that it would be inspected and receive attention. No work has been carried out and the condition is deteriorating. This has been reported to Cumberland Council who will inspect the bridge.

76/2024 Matters for Next Meeting.

- 'We are curious (Cumbria)'
- St Mary's Church – Funding and Restoration Work
- Vacancies
- Drain – Bullgill
- 20 mph Limits
- Footbridge – The Gyhll

77/2024 Date of Next Meeting

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

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	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)				