

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 17th July 2024.

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

Also, Present: Trevor Gear (Clerk)

Apologies: M. Harris (Cumberland Councillor)

78/2024 Members Apologies

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

79/2024 15 Minute Parishioners Open Forum

No members of the public were present, and no matters were raised on their behalf. Claire Keyes from Cumbria Police gave an interesting presentation on fraud and gave examples of current frauds used by fraudsters on the phone and internet. She was thanked for her presentation and left the meeting.

80/2024 Declarations of Interest

None

81/2024 Dispensations

None

82/2024 Confirmation of minutes

On the proposal of J. Eve and seconded by J. Sugden

RESOLVED – that the Chair sign as a correct record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15th May 2024.

83/2024 Advisory Funding Group. (CCF).

C. Thorpe advised that there was no update and that the next meeting is scheduled for September. Residents and groups were encouraged to submit applications.

84/2024 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: -.

Cumbria Local Nature Partnership Updates

Fibrus Community Fund open now.

Various Cumberland Council Newsletters.
 Connecting Cumbria Newsletter – May and June 2024
 CALC News – March & April 2024.
 Cumbria Local Nature Partnership Update
 ENWL funding opportunity re Community Energy Projects
 Cumbria LNRS Spring Summer Newsletter
 Let's Talk Environment conference Wed. 12th June – Cockermouth
 Deputy Prime Minister Resilience Speech: Details, Tools & Resources
 Save a Date – CALC Cumberland Branch Event
 Cumbria Local Resilience Forum Summer Hazards Workshop
 Social Prescribing
 Safety of Lithium-ion Batteries and e-bikes and scooters
 Fells and Solway Community Network Event 18.07.24
 Partnership Information

85/2024 Clerks Report

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

- i) Notification of play area inspection in August
- ii) The defibrillator at Bullgill has been replaced with a new defibrillator
- iii) A report of damage to the recreation field
- iv) Complaints about missed areas for grass cutting.

86/2024 Cumberland Councillor's report

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

87/2024 Financial update and cheque authorities

(i) The Clerk confirmed that after payment of the accounts the cheque account stands at **£7,002.30** 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 (May/June)	£405.74
HRMC	Income tax (May/June)	£83.82
Gilcruix Village Hall	Hall Rental (July)	£16.00
Mike Dowling Cont.	Grass Cutting (June)	£516.00
The Shinning Tree	Parish Maintenance	£770.00
Mike Dowling Cont.	Grass Cutting (July)	£516.00

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

88/2024 Planning Applications

i) Consultation

FUL/2024/0100	Change of use of existing studio and storage rooms to create an annex to be used as a holiday let. High Manor, Gilcrux, CA7 2QX	No observations
HOU/2024/0087	Retrospective permission for the installation of a heat source pump to the front elevation 1 Garth Cottages, Gilcrux, CA7 2QR	No observations

ii) Decisions

WTPO/2024/0015	Removal of trees Land adjacent to The Garth, Chapel Terrace, Gilcrux, CA7 2QN	Approved
HOU/2024/0087	Retrospective permission for the installation of a heat source pump to the front elevation 1 Garth Cottages, Gilcrux, CA7 2QR	Approved

iii) Appeals

None

vi) Any other planning related correspondence

None

89/2024 We are curious (Cumbria)

D. Taylor addressed the meeting on behalf of 'We are Curious (Cumbria)' and advised that the group were looking for volunteers, were hoping to arrange a short film in the church with donations going to the remedial work to the church and approval was given for information to be added to the council's website.

90/2024 Update on St Mary's Church – Funding and work.

There was no update available.

91/2024 Drain in Bullgill

Highways had advised that the work to the drain was now complete.

92/2024 Grass cutting

There were a number of complaints regarding the grass cutting which had been brought to the attention of the contractor and appeared now to have been resolved.

93/2024 Footbridge – The Gyhl

M. Harris was the lead on this issue and had tendered his apologies.

94/2024 20mph Speed Limits – Bullgill

The clerk had prepared a letter which argued that Bullgill met the adopted 20mph criteria but had not received a response to date.

95/2024 Vacancies

The clerk advised that are now two vacancies for councillors and there were no applications for co-option.

96/2024 Request for Donation – Citizens Advice

A request for financial support had been received from Citizens Advice Allerdale which was noted.

97/2024 Climate Emergency

An email regarding the CAfS Climate Fresk Training event has been circulated.

98/2024 Email from resident

An e-mail has been received from a resident seeking information regarding the council's parish maintenance contract. This request was considered and some of the information requested was deemed to be commercially sensitive and should not be disclosed. However, the resident can be informed that the work does go out to tender from time to time and a quote is obtained annually to ensure value for money.

99/2024 Matters for Next Meeting.

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

100/2024 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Wednesday 18th September. 2024, 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