

# 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 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024.**

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

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

**Apologies:** None

## **101/2024 Members Apologies**

D. Lake (work) and D. Taylor (illness) tendered their written apologies and their absence was approved.

## **102/2024 15 Minute Parishioners Open Forum**

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

## **103/2024 Declarations of Interest**

None

## **104/2024 Dispensations**

None

## **105/2024 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 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

## **106/2024 Advisory Funding Group. (CCF).**

C. Thorpe advised that he was unable to attend the last meeting of the group but was in possession of the minutes. After grants there was still money available, and the fund was open for applications.

## **107/2024 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 – July 2024

CALC News – May & June and July and August 2024.

Partnership Information 29.8.24  
 NALC Community safety case study Forms survey  
 Project Collette Community Windfarm – have your say.  
 Police, Fire & Crime Plan Consultation Survey  
 Hyperfast GB Newsletter – Summer 2024  
 North Cumbria Integrated Care – Have your say on plans to improve health and healthcare in North Cumbria  
 Police Reassurance Leaflet  
 Violence Against Women, Girls, and Domestic Abuse (VAWG) information to Town & Parish Councils  
 Fells and Solway Community Network Event 18.7.24 and other information  
 CALC Training Bulletin  
 CALC AGM Invitation  
 Request for guestlist nomination 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at Carlisle Cathedral.  
 Polling District and Polling Places Review  
 Launch of New Cumbria People and nature Network Website  
 Cumberland Council Statement of Community Involvement Consultation  
 Community Panels -one year on  
 Invite to Workshops for Cumbria LNRS Mapping  
 CALC AGM 2024

**108/2024 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 a complaint regarding vegetation encroachment on to the highway outside of Yew Tree Cottage which had been reported to highways EI/218490 refers.

**109/2024 Cumberland Councillor’s report**

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

**110/2024 Financial update and cheque authorities**

(i) The Clerk confirmed that after payment of the accounts the cheque account stands at **£5349.64** 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 (July/Aug.	£413.84
HRMC	Income tax (July/Aug.)	£83.82
Gilcrux Village Hall	Hall Rental (September)	£16.00
Mike Dowling Cont.	Grass Cutting (August)	£516.00
The Shinning Tree	Parish Maintenance	£360.00

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

## **111/2024 Planning Applications**

### **i) Consultation**

None

### **ii) Decisions**

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	Approved with conditions
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### **iii) Appeals**

None

### **vi) Any other planning related correspondence**

Cumberland Council Planning Policy Update – Parish Councils had been received and circulated.

## **112/2024 We are curious (Cumbria)**

D. Taylor had tendered her apologies, and no new information was available for the meeting.

## **113/2024 Update on St Mary's Church – Funding and work.**

There was no update available, but members enquired if a representative could be asked to attend the November meeting.

## **114/2024 Footbridge – The Gyhl**

M. Harris was advised the meeting that Cumberland Council have agreed to carryout remedial works to the bridge and steps.

## **115/2024 20mph Speed Limits – Bullgill**

The clerk had received a response from highways to say that a consultation on TRO's will be carried out in Summer/Autumn 2026. A copy of the letter had been sent to the new M.P. but no response had been received.

## **116/2024 Vacancies**

The clerk advised that there are now three vacancies for councillors following the resignation of S. Jones but there were no applications for co-option.

## **117/2024 Blocked Ditches**

Following the last meeting the condition ditches alongside the road to Ellenhall had been reported to highways and were cleared within a few weeks.

## **118/2024 Co-option Policy**

The clerk had circulated the draft CALC Co-option Policy which was adopted.

**119/2024 Financial Regulations**

The clerk had circulated the NALC model Financial Regulations suitably amended which were adopted.

**120/2024 Climate Emergency**

An Invitation to Climate Action webinars and email regarding the CAfS Climate Fresk Training event has been circulated.

**121/2024 Matters for Next Meeting.**

- 'We are curious (Cumbria)'
- St Mary's Church – Funding and Restoration Work
- Vacancies
- Budget/Precept 2025/26
- Footbridge – The Gyll
- Blocked ditches
- Grit Bins
- Hedge around Village Hall
- Play Park Annual Inspection report

**122/2024 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November. 2024, at 6.30pm** at Gilcrux Village Hall, Gilcrux

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.55pm.

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

..... **Chair**

**Date** .....