

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 20th November 2024.

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

Also, Present: Trevor Gear (Clerk), M. Harris (Cumberland Councillor) and S. Astill (Church Warden) for part of the meeting.

Apologies: None

123/2024 Members Apologies

None received.

124/2024 15 Minute Parishioners Open Forum

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

125/2024 Declarations of Interest

None

126/2024 Dispensations

None

127/2024 Confirmation of minutes

On the proposal of C. Thorpe and seconded by J. Sugden

RESOLVED – that the Chair sign as a correct record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 25th September 2024.

128/2024 Update on St Mary's Church – Funding and work.

S. Astill (Church Warden) addressed the meeting and advised that they were looking for grant funding, but most funders require the church to be viable. A lot of work has been done on this front and it is hoped to submit funding applications soon. His attention was also drawn to the CCF funding which may be able to help. He was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting.

129/2024 Advisory Funding Group. (CCF).

C. Thorpe advised that he was in possession of the 2023/24 Report. There was still funding available, and the fund was open for applications.

130/2024 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 – September and October 2024

Hyperfast GB Newsletter – Autumn 2024

The latest news from Lakes to Sea Community Panel

CALC Board information

Don't miss the Family Help and Prevention Professional Roadshow

Feedback on the Cumbria Intelligence Observatory website

Invitation to Cumbria Coastal Route 200 (CCR200) workshop

131/2024 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 further complaint regarding vegetation encroachment on to the highway outside of Yew Tree Cottage which had been reported to highways EI/218490 refers.
- ii) He had received a report of a missing streetlight on the road to Oughterside which had been reported to highways EI/220835 refers.
- iii) He had received notification that the CALC subscription for 2025/26 will be £181.45.
- iv) A complaint has been received that the village entry signs were dirty and unreadable. Highways will replace them. EI/22057 refers.
- v) Complaints had been received that water was constantly running across the road to Oughterside and would freeze in winter. Both areas were reported to highways E/I 220836 and EI/220840. The former is part of planned drainage works. The latter was resolved on their visit.
- vi) Reports had been received that Viberoptics were causing a mess at East End Cottages. This was reported to head office and now seems to have been resolved.
- vii) The clerk had been advised that there had been a National Pay Agreement for Clerks which amounts to an increase of 63p per hour (less tax).

132/2024 Cumberland Councillor's report

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

133/2024 Financial update and cheque authorities

(i) The Clerk confirmed that after payment of the accounts the cheque account stands at **£8388.82** and deposit account at **£704.68**.

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

Cockermouth & Dist. Gard. Hedge cutting	£228.00
T Gear Clerks Account (Sept./Oct.)	£416.54

HRMC	Income tax (Sept./Oct.)	£83.82
Gilcruix Village Hall	Hall Rental (November)	£16.00
Mike Dowling Cont.	Grass Cutting (September)	£516.00
Mike Dowling Cont.	Grass Cutting (October)	£256.00

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

iii) The clerk had prepared a draft budget for 2025/26 which was discussed, and it was agreed to set the precept at £9,250.00 for 2025/26

134/2024 Planning Applications

i) Consultation

VAR/2024/0027	Variation to condition 2, 9 & 10 on approved application FUL2023/0178 Land adjacent to the Garth, Chapel Terrace, Gilcruix, CA7 2QW.	No Observations
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ii) Decisions

None

iii) Appeals

None

vi) Any other planning related correspondence

None

135/2024 We are curious (Cumbria)

D. Taylor will forward her report by email.

136/2024 Footbridge – The Gyhl

M. Harris advised the meeting that Cumberland Council have agreed to carry out remedial works to the bridge and steps. Progress to be checked in time for the next meeting.

137/2024 20mph Speed Limits – Bullgill

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

138/2024 Vacancies

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

139/2024 Encroachment – Yew Tree Cottage.

This had been reported to highways several times. Cumberland Councillor to investigate.

140/2024 Climate Emergency

There has been no new information to report.

141/2024 Matters for Next Meeting.

- 'We are curious (Cumbria)'
- St Mary's Church – Funding and Restoration Work
- Vacancies
- Dates of Meetings 2025/26
- Footbridge – The Gyhll
- Grit Bins
- Dog bin Tallentire Hill
- .gov website
- 30mph signs Bullgill

142/2024 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Wednesday 15thth January 2025, 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