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 15th January 2025.

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

Also, Present: Trevor Gear (Clerk), and two residents (for parishioners open forum)

Apologies: M. Harris (Cumberland Councillor), T. Murphy (Applicant for Co-option)

1/2025 Members Apologies

Apologies had been received from C Thorpe (personal) and his absence was approved

2/2025 15 Minute Parishioners Open Forum

Residents raised the issue of noise emanating from Gilcrux Wastewater Treatment Plant. Apparently, a new external pump/compressor had been installed which faces the village and emits both high- and low-pitched sound all day and night. Clerk to write to United Utilities and Environmental Health at Cumberland Council

3/2025 Declarations of Interest

None

4/2025 Dispensations

None

5/2025 Confirmation of minutes

On the proposal of D. Lake and seconded by J. Sugden
RESOLVED – that the Chair sign as a correct record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20th November 2024.

6/2025 Exclusion of Press and Public

There were no items which required the exclusion of the press and public.

7/2025 Vacancies

Two applications have been received from C. Fisher and T. Murphy for the vacancies as Councillor. Both had completed the Eligibility Form and were duly co-opted. C. Fisher signed the Acceptance of Office form and took her seat as a Councillor.

8/2025 Advisory Funding Group. (CCF).
C. Thorpe had tendered his apologies, and no new information was available.

9/2025 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 – December 2024
A letter from Cumbria Community Foundation seeking a donation to Cumbria Winter Warmth Appeal.
Help this winter 2024 leaflet.
ACT Update – November 2024
Bus Services Survey
You're invited to the Lake to Sea Active Travel Community Network Event – 17.1.25.
Influencing Rural Issues Survey 2024
Have your say on the council's 2025/6 budget.
Urgent Copyright issues for Parish Council Websites
Cumbria Local Nature Partnership News
CALC News – September & October 2024
VE Day 80 – 8th May 2025
All aboard for change: Shape Cumberland's bus routes with 5 million investment.
CALC and Cumberland Council Health and Wellbeing Events
You're invited to the Lakes to Sea Active Travel Community Network Event – 17.01-25
The latest from the Lakes to Sea Community Panel

10/2025 Clerks Report
The clerk provided a verbal report on matters he had dealt with since the last meeting which included the following: -

i) The Village Maintenance Contractor had indicated that the cost of the maintenance for 2025 will be the same as last year.
ii) The missing streetlight on the road to Oughterside has now been connected and is working.
iii) He had reported the damaged and faded 30 mph sign in Bullgill to highways El225464.
iv) He had reported the grit bin at Bulgill was in need of refilling to highways El/225465 which had now been refilled.
v) He had received a report of fly tipping and damaged waste bin at Tallentire hill which he had reported to Cumberland Council reference 22190633.

11/2025 Cumberland Councillor's report
M. Harris (Cumberland Councillor) tendered his apologies but a prepared written report had been circulated to members (copy attached).

12/2024 Financial update and cheque authorities
(i) The Clerk confirmed that after payment of the accounts the cheque account stands at **£7143.15** and deposit account at **£704.68.**

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

GVHET	Sure Signal	£66.00
J B Perry	Sure Signal	£66.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ellams	Sure Signal	£66.00
T Gear	Clerks Account (Nov./Dec.)	£471.98
HRMC	Income tax (Nov./Dec.)	£100.83
Gilcrux Village Hall	Hall Rental (January)	£16.00
T Gear	Printer Inks	£40.32

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

13/2025 Planning Applications

i) Consultation

VAR/2024/0034	Variation to plot levels and improvements to front elevation on approved application RMA2022/0009 Land at Chapel Farm, Gilcrux, CA7 2QX.	No observations
VAR/2024/0033	Variation to approved application FUL/2023/0147 To alter plot levels, location of terrace from Boundary and alterations to drainage Chapel Farm, Gilcrux, CA7 2QX	No observations

ii) Decisions
None

iii) Appeals
None

vi) **Any other planning related correspondence**
None

14/2025 We are curious (Cumbria)

D. Taylor will forward her report by email.

15/2025 Update on St Mary's Church – Funding and work.

No new information since the last meeting.

16/2025 Footbridge – The Gyhll

No work had been carried out to date.

17/2025 20mph Speed Limits – Bullgill

As this will not be considered by Cumberland Council until 2026 to be removed from the agenda

18/2025 .Gov website

Parish Councils are coming pressure to have a .gov website. It was agreed for D. Taylor as webmaster to proceed.

19/2025 Grit Bins
Following the recent snow and icy conditions the grit bins have been checked and there is a plentiful supply at this time.

20/2025 Meeting Dates 2025
A draft schedule of meeting dates was approved

21/2025 Grass cutting quote 2025
A quote had been received from last year's contractor with a slight increase in cost which was accepted by all present.

22/2025 Climate Emergency
Information on Environment and Climate for Cumberland Council had been circulated

23/2025 Cumberland Ward Boundary Review
Whilst information regarding the review had been circulated. The clerk advised members that the purpose of the review was to increase the number of Cumberland Councilors from 46 to 55 which would also result in some wards boundary changes.

24/2025 VE DAY 80 – 8th May 2025
This item was raised to make councillors aware of this event.

25/2025 Bank Mandate
Following the recent resignations, it was agreed that D. Lake be added as authorised signatory to the council's bank accounts.

26/2025 Matters for Next Meeting.
'We are curious (Cumbria)'
St Mary's Church – Funding and Restoration Work
Vacancy
Risk Assessment
Footbridge – The Gyhll
Vulnerable Adult
Parish Field

27/2025 Date of Next Meeting
The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Wednesday 19th March 2025, at 6.30pm** at Gilcrux Village Hall, Gilcrux

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.15pm.

Signed as a true and correct record.

……. Chair

Date …….....