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 16th July 2025.

Present: Councillor's C. Thorpe (Chair), D. Taylor, D. Lake, T. Murphy, and J. Sugden.

Also, Present: Trevor Gear (Clerk).

Apologies: M. Harris (Cumberland Councillor).

85/2025 Members Apologies
Apologies were subsequently received from J. Eve (personal).

86/2025 15 Minute Parishioners Open Forum
No residents were present, and no items were raised on their behalf.

87/2025 Declarations of Interest
None

88/2025 Dispensations
None

89/2025 Confirmation of minutes
On the proposal of C. Thorpe and seconded by D. Taylor
RESOLVED – that the Chair sign as a correct record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21st May 2025.

90/2025 Exclusion of Press and Public
There were no items which required the exclusion of the press and public.

91/2025 Advisory Funding Group. (CCF).
T. Murphy advised that there was nothing to report apart from there will be a grants panel meeting in September and groups and individuals are encouraged to submit applications.

92/2025 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 – June 2025
Cumbria Local Nature Partnership News and Recovery Strategy Public Consultation
Planning Outreach Programme
EA Incidents – online reporting now available
New password for CALC
Save the Date – CALC AGM 4th October 2025
Future of Libraries Survey and Cumberland Libraries News
Waste Update: Countdown to waste collection changes.
Digital Voice is coming to the Northwest – July 2025
CALC News May/June 2025
ACRE/NALC flooding survey
Local Resilience Plans
Cumbria People and Nature Network news
News from Lakes to Sea Community Panel

93/2025 Clerks Report

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

i) A further complaint had been received regarding noise from the Gilcrux Wastewater Treatment works which has been passed on to Cumberland Council Environmental Health.
ii) A request for the grass to be cut on the village green prior to the Produce and Dog Show on 10th August had been received. The contractor was aware of the request.
iii) A query had been made regarding the maintenance of a footpath in the village.
iv) There had been no further correspondence from Electricity North West regarding land to the front of the Masons.Arms
v) A complaint had been received regarding a damaged gate and weeds on the playpark which will be dealt with by the maintenance contractor.
vi) Notification had been received that the annual independent play park safety inspection will take place in August
vii) Reports of fly tipping near Dykelands have been reported to Cumberland Council

94/2025 Cumberland Councillor's report

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

95/2024 Financial update and cheque authorities

(i) The Clerk confirmed that after payment of the accounts the cheque account stands at **£6925.07** and deposit account at **£5029.00.**

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

Mike Dowling Cont. Ltd	Grass cutting (May)	£541.80
T Gear	Clerks Account (May/June)	£432.56
HRMC	Income tax (May/June)	£87.61
The Shinning Tree	Maintenance (June/July)	£720.00
Gilcrux Village Hall	Hall Rental (July)	£16.00

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

iii) The 2024/25 audit process was now complete.

96/2025 Planning Applications

i)Consultation

None

ii) Decisions

FUL/2025/0075	Roof over existing livestock handling/collecting Area (retrospective) Greengill farm, Greengill, Aspatria, CA7 2RA	Approved

iii) Appeals

An appeal by Thomas Armstrong Aggregates Ltd at High Close Farm, Plumbland, CA7 2HF had been refused.

vi) **Any other planning related correspondence**

Cumberland Council are calling for potential development sites to be included in the Cumberland Local Plan

97/2025 Highway Matters

Members received updates on the following highways matters and received new matters affecting highways in the parish: -

30mph sign Bullgill (El225464) – Now replaced.

Entrance signs to Gilcrux - Ongoing

Water flowing across Gilcrux to Oughterside Road – Completed

Double bend sign Bullgill (El239416)- Now replaced.

98/2025 http://beforeweleave.co.uk/

D. Taylor addressed the meeting and informed members that the Archives are progressing well, and the sale/purchase of a local field was discussed.

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99/2025 Update on St Mary's Church – Funding and work.

T. Murphy gave a verbal report on the progress including the future vision for the church, the need for a construction survey and funding opportunities. The cutting and re-wilding of the churchyard was also discussed with no objections to the proposal.

100/2025 Footpath near Fish Farm

This was briefly discussed as M. Harris (Cumberland Councillor) is to raise with the Countryside Access Officer..

101/2025 Footbridge – The Gyhll
M. Harris (Cumberland Councillor) will enquire as to when the works are likely to be carried out.

102/2025 Grass cutting
The clerk reported that there had been several complaints from residents regarding the poor standard of cut in June. This had been raised with the contractor and apologies had been received. Subsequent cuts have been of the usual standard.

103/2025 Vacancy
There remains one vacancy, and the relevant information and Eligibility Forms have been sent to a resident.

104/2025 .Gov website
All work is completed, and the site is up and running with a link from the existing site.

105/2025 Climate Emergency
No new information was available.

106/2025 Gilcrux Community Matters
T. Murphy advised that the grant application had been prepared, the project is known as the Gilcrux Community Exchange and will be for home-grown produce and books. The lead is Gilcrux Social Fund.

107/2025 Matters for Next Meeting.
‘’Before we Leave’
St Mary’s Church – Funding and Restoration Work
Vacancy
Footbridge – The Gyhll
Footpath near the Fish Farm
Grit Bins
Noticeboard in Gilcrux

108/2025 Date of Next Meeting
The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Wednesday 17th September 2025, at 6.30pm** at Gilcrux Village Hall, Gilcrux

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.10pm.

Signed as a true and correct record.

……. Chair

Date …….....