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 18th March 2026.

Present: Councillor's C. Thorpe (Chair), D. Taylor, T. Murphy, G Brierley, and J. Eve.

Also, Present: Trevor Gear (Clerk)

Apologies: None.

31/2026 Members Apologies

Apologies were received from D. Lake (personal) and C. Fisher (work).

32/2026 15 Minute Parishioners Open Forum

No residents were present, but the following items were raised on their behalf.

i) A resident of Bullgill is struggling as the result of the passing of her husband and could the parish council/councillors provide some assistance.

ii) The Defibrillator Training has gone well but the trainer had suggested that cabinets should be left open. The clerk to investigate.

33/2026 Declarations of Interest

None

34/2026 Dispensations

None

35/2026 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 January 2026.

36/2026 Exclusion of Press and Public

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

37/2026 Advisory Funding Group. (CCF).

There was a meeting at which £40,000 had been awarded leaving £10,000 to be allocated. Groups are encouraged to apply for funding.

38/2026 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.
CALC News/ November December
Family Hub – What's On – February
Royal Garden Party- Friday 8th May 2026.
Exciting Training Opportunities with Breakthrough
Request for case studies for Cumbria Nature Recovery Workbook and Partnership News
Cumbria Community Transport Conference – 10th March 10am – 4pm
Community Growing Projects
Connecting Cumbria Unveils Digital Infrastructure Strategy 2026-30
Community Emergency Hubs Launch
Martyn's :Law - new products live.
Cumbria Eco skills project
Cumberland Council – Supported Housing Strategy – Consultation
Cumbria Combined Authority – briefing – 25th February
Great Cumbrian Litter Pick 27-28 March
Invitation to participate in Community Resilience Pilot – Cumbria
Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee meetings
Community Resources

39/2026 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 responded to a request for dates of Parish Council meetings for the Gilcrux Community matters publication.

40/2026 Cumberland Councillor's report

There had been no apologies or report.

41/2026 Financial update and cheque authorities

(i) The Clerk confirmed that after payment of the accounts the cheque account stands at **£1261.72** and deposit account at **£5029.00.**

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

Gilcrux Social Fund	Donation	£50.00
T Gear	Clerks Account (Jan./Feb.)	£430.10
HRMC	Income tax (Jan./Feb.)	£90.36
GVHET	Room Hire (March)	£16.00

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

42/2026 Planning Applications

i) Consultation

None

ii) Decisions

None

iii) Appeals

None

vi) Any other planning related correspondence

Regulation 5 Informative regarding the erection of telegraph poles at The Beeches Caravan Park, CA7 2QX had been circulated.

43/2026 Highway Matters

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

i) 30 Mph Sign in hedge near Dykelands EI/288065
ii) Condition of GILCRUX sign near Dykelands EI/288070
iii) Streetlight is defective. The Willows EI/286645 – Now repaired.
iv) Potholes - Bullgill to Crosby Road EI/277862 and EI/288647

44/2026 Before we leave

D. Taylor addressed the meeting advising that the archive has its own dedicated website which can be reached at gilcruxcommunityarchive.org.uk. She is having an open house weekend in April where residents will be able to discuss and be shown how to access the archive. The group is involved in a case study with the Cumbria Local Nature Partnership.

45/2026 Update on St Mary's Church – Funding and work.

T. Murphy addressed the meeting and advised that the group were about to sign off the Expression of Interest application to the Heritage Lottery Fund, and they were also considering an application to the Places of Worship Fund. A tree at the entrance to the churchyard has been condemned and will be removed.

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46/2026 Footpath near Fish Farm

This item was being dealt with by the Cumberland Councillor and the clerk was asked to obtain an update.

47/2026 Footbridge – The Gyhll

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49/2026 Vacancies
There remained one vacancy for a Councillor.

50/2026 Noticeboards – Gilcrux and Bullgill
The clerk had tried to make an application for funding, but the Cumbria Community Foundation were not taking applications until April when he will try again.

51/2026 Risk Assessment 2026
The draft assessment by the clerk which had been circulated to members was approved.

52/2026 Climate Emergency
An email had been circulated regarding The effects of Climate Change in a World Heritage Site -your views had been circulated.

53/2026 Gilcrux Community Exchange
T. Murphy, who is the lead on this project explained the difficulties of hosting a pantry in the bus shelter but advised that other locations were being considered.

54/2026 Effectiveness of the 2024/25 Audit
The clerk advised that there had been no issues with the 2024/25 audit, and it was agreed to appoint Mrs. J Rae as Internal Auditor for the forthcoming 2025/26 audit.

55/2026 Play Park Inspections
T. Murphy agreed to conduct the weekly play park inspections.

56/2026 Matters for Next Meeting.
‘’Before we Leave.’
St Mary’s Church – Funding and Restoration Work
Vacancies
Footbridge – The Gyhll
Footpath near the Fish Farm
Noticeboards in Gilcrux and Bulgill
Condition of road at the bottom of Tallentire Hill

57/2026 Date of Next Meeting
The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Wednesday 20th May. 2026, at 6.30pm** at Gilcrux Village Hall, Gilcrux (following the Annual Parish Meeting)

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.25pm.

Signed as a true and correct record.

……. Chair

Date …….....