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 May 2026.

Present: Councillor's C. Thorpe (Chair), T. Murphy, G Brierley, and C. Fisher.

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

Apologies: None.

57/2026 Members Apologies
Apologies were received from D. Lake (personal).

58/2026 Election of Chair 2026/27
On the proposal of C. Fisher and seconded by T. Murphy, C. Thorpe was elected Chair for the ensuing year.

59/2026 Acceptance of office
The newly elected Chair duly signed the Acceptance of Office.

60/2026 Election of Vice Chair 2026/27
On the proposal of T. Murphy and seconded by C. Fisher, G. Brierley was elected Vice Chair for the ensuing year.

61/2026 15 Minute Parishioners Open Forum
No residents were present, but the following item was raised on their behalf.

i) A wall next to the development site at Tallentire Lonning has been damaged by the contractors. T. Murphy has spoken to the contractors who have agreed to rebuild the wall when the road is closed.

62/2026 Declarations of Interest
None

63/2026 Dispensations
None

64/2026 Confirmation of minutes
On the proposal of C. Thorpe and seconded by T. Murphy
RESOLVED – that the Chair sign as a correct record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18th March 2026.

65/2026 Exclusion of Press and Public
There were no items which required the exclusion of the press and public.

66/2026 Advisory Funding Group. (CCF).
The next meeting of the panel is on 12th August. T. Murphy advised on a new fund (Thomas Armstrong Construction Fund) which is administered by Cumbria Community Fund and gives grants of up to £2000.00 in a 1-year period. The clerk advised that the council had an application for £4,000 towards the replacement of the noticeboards which is to be considered at the next meeting.

67/2026 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.
Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee meetings
CALC News/ January/February
Family Hub – What's On – May
Family Help, Partnerships & Youth Justice – Families First Partnership Roadshow online
Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) training session
Chance to sign up to Security Industry Authority (SIA) webinar on S12 Martyn's :Law Guidance consultation.
Community Resources
Cockermouth Neighbourhood Policing Pledge Meeting Wednesday 5th August 2026 at 6pm via Teams
LNRS Workbook Launch, 24 March – resources are now on the CALC website.
Parish Precept payment 2026/27
Village heat Share – Request for distribution
Assertion 10
Save a Date – CALC and Cumberland Council Health and Wellbeing Conference 2026
CALC AGM – Save the date.
Cumbria Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner – PFCC Community Fund
Local government Boundary Commission for England – Communication
Have your say on The Right to Food UK Commission
Reminder: Calc/Cumberland Council Highways Event
The Big Lunch and The Big Help Out
CALC/Cumberland Council Health and Wellbeing Conference 2026
Environment Agency flooding survey

68/2026 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 received a letter of resignation from D. Taylor. In the letter she indicated that she was willing to remain as the council's webmaster at a cost of £25 every other month. All agreed.

ii) The clerk had noticed that there were weeds and a white dumpy bag in the play area all agreed they should be removed by the contractor.

iii) The maintenance contractor had noticed that the metal work on the benches needed painting at a cost of £190.00. All agreed to this work.

iv) He had received an enquiry from a resident of the Beeches Caravan Park regarding the removal of the recycling facility. With the assistance of M. Harris, the appropriate department at Cumberland Council contacted the complainant.

v) Information has been received regarding a one-day training course for inspections of play equipment on 27th July at Workington Town Hall. T. Murphy will attend if available.

69/2026 Cumberland Councillor's report

M. Harris had submitted a report which he summarized (copy attached)

70/2026 Financial update and cheque authorities

(i) The Clerk confirmed that after payment of the accounts the cheque account stands at **£9566.15** and deposit account at **£5161.73.**

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

T Gear	Clerks Account (March/April)	£439.10
HRMC	Income tax (March/April)	£90.36
GVHET	Room Hire (May)	£16.00
CALC	Subscription	£187.54
Mrs. J Rae	Internal Audit	£85.00
The Shinning Tree	Parish Maintenance	£955.00
Mike Dowling Contracting	Grass cutting	£558.00
Clear Insurance Manag.	Insurance	£581.19

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

iii) With the assistance of members, the Annual Governance Statement 2025/26 was completed and signed by the Chair

vi) The Accounting Statements 2025/26 were accepted and signed by the Chair

v) The Chair was authorised to sign the Certificate of Exemption 2025/26

iv) The period for Public Rights will run from 3rd June to 14th July 2026

iiv) All audit documents will be available on the council's website.

71/2026 Planning Applications

i) Consultation

None

ii) Decisions
None

iii) Appeals
None

vi) Any other planning related correspondence
None.

72/2026 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 - Outstanding
ii) Condition of GILCRUX sign near Dykelands EI/288070 - Outstanding
iii) Potholes - Bullgill to Crosby Road EI/277862 and EI/288647 – now repaired.

73/2026 Before we leave.
D. Taylor had resigned from the council. No information was available and this item should be removed from the agenda.

74/2026 Update on St Mary's Church – Funding and work.
T. Murphy addressed the meeting and advised the Expression of Interest application to Heritage Lottery Fund had been signed off. The outcome will not be known for some time.

75/2026 Footpath near Fish Farm
This item was dealt with by the Cumberland Councillor in his report.

76/2026 Footbridge – The Gyhll
This item was dealt with by the Cumberland Councillor in his report.

77/2026 Vacancies
There are now two vacancies.

78/2026 Noticeboards – Gilcrux and Bullgill
The clerk has applied for funding to the Cumbria Community Foundation which will be considered on 12th August.

79/2026 Defibrillator Cabinet
The clerk had contacted NHS North West Ambulance Service regarding whether cabinets should be left unlocked. Their advice is that if it is lockable, it should be kept locked.

79/2026 Climate Emergency
Emails regarding Up to £300 Available for Community Climate Events in Cumbria and CALC Climate/Net Zero Event had been circulated.

80/2026 Gilcrux Community Library Box

T. Murphy, who is the lead on this project, explained the proposal to site the box in the play area. The clerk raised the issue that this could cause an issue with the Annual P:ay Area Inspection. T. Murphy would now consider other locations.

81/2026 Matters for Next Meeting.

St Mary's Church – Funding and Restoration Work
Vacancies
Footbridge – The Gyhll
Footpath near the Fish Farm
Noticeboards in Gilcrux and Bulgill

82/2026 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Wednesday 13th July 2026, at 6.30pm** at Gilcrux Village Hall, Gilcrux

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.47pm.

Signed as a true and correct record.

……. Chair

Date …….....