

## Minutes of Witton Gilbert Parish Council held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2012 in the Boardroom Cooper Hall

- 11/115 Apologies were received from Councillors Crooks & CSO Sadler-Watson.  
Present: - Councillors Gilmore, Gibbon, Simpson, Reynolds, Harries, Waugh Cowan & Village Warden C Milne.
- 11/116 Declarations of Interest: - There were no declarations of interests.
- 11/117 Police report: - The Clerk presented a written report on behalf of the Police which included incidents of burglary, criminal damage and anti-social behaviour within the village and surrounding area in December 2011.
- 11/118 Village Wardens report: - C Milne, the Village Warden presented an extensive report for November 2011 which included early morning patrols for dog fouling & incidents of anti-social behaviour at Coach Lane.
- 11/119 Minutes: - The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2011 were approved as a true record.
- 11/120 Matters arising: - The Council received a letter of thanks for their financial assistance from St Michael & All Angels Church
- 11/121 Durham County Council: - The Council discussed a letter from Durham County Council and a copy of the signed lease regarding the land at Fulforth Park for an outdoor gym.  
The Council resolved to pay the costs of the County Council for the provision of the lease
- 11/122 Witton Gilbert Pre School: - The Council discussed a request for financial assistance from Witton Gilbert Pre School.  
The Council resolved to include a sum of £500 in the Councils Precept for 2012 – 2013 for financial assistance for Witton Gilbert Pre School.
- 11/123 Durham County Council: - The Council received a letter from Durham County Council regarding the Parish Councils Precept for 2012 - 2013.
- 11/124 Julie Biddlecombe-Brown: - The Council discussed a letter from Julie Biddlecombe-Brown regarding the tenancy of an allotment garden  
The Council resolved that Julie Biddlecombe-Brown be placed on the allotment waiting list.
- 11/125 Accounts for payment
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| Durham County Council | Lease expenses            | 750.00 |
| H M Customs           | NIC & Income Tax December | 130.56 |
| G Thompson            | Telephone November        | 24.01  |
| Northumbria Water     | Water supply              | 14.96  |
| N Power               | Electric supply           | 40.14  |
- 11/126 Reports: - Councillor Cowan reported on a meeting of the Witton Gilbert Educational Foundation & Councillor Simpson reported on a meeting regarding Fyndoune House.
- 11/127 Parish Plan: - Councillor Harries reported that the final draft would be signed off on 25<sup>th</sup> January following which it would be printed.
- 11/128 Play Equipment: - The Parish Council resolved to facilitate the setting up of a Children's Play Facilities Development Group with the following brief.  
To explore facilities in similar villages in the area.  
To explore and recommend an appropriate site for the development of children's play facilities.  
To explore appropriate designs for the site.  
To explore funding possibilities to enable the project to be completed.  
To recommend a system for on-going management of the site.  
and that Councillors Cowan and Harries be delegated to consult with appropriate bodies about the membership of this group, to set the group up and to drive forward the project with a clear timescale.
- 11/129 Parish Precept: - The Council discussed a summary of expected balances at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012 and expected expenditure for the coming financial year commencing 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012.  
The Council resolved that the Parish Precept 2012-2013 be £29500.00

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 6.55 p.m.

Signed..... Councillor T Harries      Chairman      7<sup>th</sup> February 2012