Minutes of Witton Gilbert Parish Council held on Tuesday 3rd April 2012 in the Boardroom Cooper Hall

11/156 Present: - Councillors Gilmore, Gibbon, Simpson, Reynolds, Harries, Woodmass & CSO Sadler-Watson.
Apologies were received from Councillors Crooks, Cowan, Waugh and County Councillor Wilks

11/157 Declarations of Interest: - Councillors Gilmore declared an interest in a request for a donation from Witton Gilbert Bowling Club.

11/158 Police Report: - CSO Sadler-Watson presented a report, which included incidents of theft from motor vehicles, anti-social behaviour and criminal damage within the village and surrounding area in March 2012.

11/159 Minutes: - The minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 6th March & 21st March 2012 were approved as a true record.

11/160 Matters arising: - The Council received a report from the Clerk regarding public right of way at Front Street, the footpath at Louisa Terrace & provision of apple trees on public open spaces in the Village.

11/161 Witton Gilbert Bowling Club: - Councillor Gilmore declared an interest in this item & left the meeting taking no part in the decision reached by the Council. The Council discussed an application form for financial assistance from Witton Gilbert Bowling Club.
The Council resolved to make a donation of £300.00 to Witton Gilbert Bowling Club subject to receiving from them a balance sheet of their current financial position. Councillor Gilmore returned to the meeting.

11/162 G Bowron: - The Council discussed a letter from G Bowron regarding problems with an allotment tap.
The Council resolved to replace the tap.

11/163 BDO Audit: - The Council received a letter from BDO, their external auditors, informing them that the date for the annual audit for 2011 – 2012 was to be 13th July 2011.

11/164 Accounts for payment

H M Customs	NIC & Income Tax March	124.00
G Thompson	Telephone January	20.89
N Power	Electricity	88.48
Durham County Council	Christmas Tree	1208.40
Durham County Ass of Local Councils	Subscription	401.01
Graphic Print	Parish Plan	2600.00

11/165 Reports: - The Clerk reported on the waiting list for the allotment from which 3 allotments had been allocated with Mr Byron remaining at the top of the list, Councillor Gilmore reported on the next issue of the news letter and the Clerk made a verbal report on behalf of County Councillor Wilks which included planned highway maintenance projects ion the village.

11/166 Parish Plan: - Councillor Reynolds reported that the Parish Plan was printed & is being distributed to every house in the village.

11/167 Play Equipment: - The Clerk reported on insurance matters highlighted by recent discussions with Durham County Council.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 7.01 p.m.

Signed…….. Councillor T Harries Chairman 1st May 2012