

Minutes of Witton Gilbert Parish Council held on Monday 11th June 2012 in the Boardroom Cooper Hall

- 12/18 Apologies were received from Councillors Crooks, Gibbon & CSO Sadler-Watson.
Present: - Councillors Gilmore, Waugh, Reynolds, Simpson, Cowan, Harries and Woodmass.
- 12/19 Declaration of Interests: - Councillor Simpson declared an interest in agenda item 9 with regard to the Mayor of Durham's Appeal.
- 12/20 Annual Accounts and Report of the Internal Auditor: - The Clerk presented to the Council the Annual Accounts for 2011-2012. K Jeary the internal auditor confirmed that the accounts represented a true and fair view of the Council's finances.
The Council resolved to approve the accounts for 2011-2012 and the Chairman signed them.
- 12/21 Police report: - The Clerk presented a written report on behalf of the Police which included incidents of theft from motor vehicles, burglary, criminal damage, anti-social behaviour and vehicle nuisance within the village and surrounding area in May 2012.
- 12/22 Minutes: - The minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 1st May 2012 were approved as a true record.
- 12/23 Matters arising: - The Council received a letter from AON confirming the renewal of their insurance policies.
- 12/24 Witton Gilbert Bowls Club: - The Council discussed a request for financial assistance from Witton Gilbert Bowls Club.
The Council resolved to make a donation of £300.00 to Witton Gilbert Bowls Club.
- 12/25 Audit Commission: - The Council discussed a letter of consultation on the appointment of BDO LLP as the Council's External Auditor.
The Council resolved that they had no objections to the appointment of BDO LLP as the Council's External Auditor.
- 12/26 Mayor of Durham: - Councillor Simpson declared an interest in this item & left the room.
The Council discussed a letter from the Mayor of Durham requesting financial assistance towards his Mayor's Appeal 2012-2013.
The Council resolved to make a donation of £50.00 towards the Mayor's Appeal 2012-2013.
Councillor Simpson returned to the meeting
- 12/27 Greenbelt Campaign: - The Council received a letter from Kirsty Thomas of the Greenbelt Campaign inviting them to a public meeting to be held in the Town Hall Durham on 4th July 2012 at 7.30 pm.
- 12/28 Pains Fireworks: - The Parish Council discussed the provision of fireworks for the Parish Bonfire.
The Council resolved to purchase from Pains Fireworks 1 No Explorer Pack & 1 No Stroke of Midnight at a cost of £861.60.
- 12/29 Accounts for payment
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| H M Customs June 2012 | NIC & Income Tax | 124.20 |
| G Thompson | Telephone May | 21.60 |
| Cash | Petty Cash | 200.00 |
| J E Geddes | Way Leave | 15.00 |
| K Jeary | Audit Fee | 60.00 |
| Durham County Council | Winter Bedding | 154.50 |
| Northumbrian Water | Water Supply | 30.15 |
| Witton Gilbert Bowls Club | Donation | 300.00 |
| Mayor of Durham | Donation | 50.00 |
| Pains Fireworks | Fireworks | 861.60 |
- 12/30 Reports: - Councillor Gilmore reported on the next issue of the Parish Newsletter.
- 12/31 Queens Jubilee: - The Council discussed a letter from Durham County Council regarding the list of 5 sites for planting apple trees submitted by the Parish Council to celebrate the Queens Jubilee.
The Council resolved to write to the County Council pointing out that the whole essence of the provision of apple trees within the village is one of public participation, ownership and education in the management of community assets and that the proposed sites need to be in high profile public sites with complete public access.
- 12/32 Play Equipment: - The Council discussed a letter from Stephen Howell Head of Sport & Leisure at Durham County Council regarding play equipment at South Lea.

The Parish Council resolved to place on hold their plans for the provision of additional play equipment at South Lea until Durham County Council have completed their review of fixed play sites but will continue in the meantime to put together all the necessary information which will enable them in partnership with Durham County Council, once the outcome of the review of fixed play sites is known, to progress to the completion of the scheme.

The Parish Council welcome Durham County Council offer of assistance for their team to meet, discuss & work with the Parish Council in relation to the South Lea site.

The Parish Council will form a working party to work towards this end & their initial meeting will be held at 5.30pm on Friday 22nd June to which they extend to Durham County Council an invitation to attend.

12/33 Councillor Simpson proposed in accordance with his notice of motion that the Council purchase a supply of dog poo bags for distribution through the Post Office and Cooper Hall.

The Council resolved to purchase 4000 dog poo bags from Mutts Butts.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 7.10 p.m.

Signed..... Councillor

F Reynolds Chairman 3rd July 2012