

## Minutes of Witton Gilbert Parish Council held on Tuesday 4th December 2012 in the Boardroom Cooper Hall

- 12/96 Apologies were received from Councillors Crooks & Gibbon.  
Present: - Councillors Gilmore, Reynolds, Simpson, Woodmass, Harries, Cowan, Village Wardens B Weavill, R Cornwell & CSO Sadler-Watson.
- 12/97 Declaration of Interests: - Councillor Reynolds declared an interest in the request for financial assistance for Sacriston Community & Victoria F C.
- 12/98 Police report: - CSO Sadler-Watson presented a report, which included incidents of burglary from non-domestic properties, criminal damage, anti-social behaviour and vehicle nuisance within the village and surrounding area in November 2012.
- 12/99 Village Wardens: - Village Wardens B Weavill & R Cornwell gave reports on mobile patrols & the provision of anti-dog fouling signs & stickers in the village.
- 12/100 Minutes: - The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2012 were approved as a true record.
- 12/101 Matters arising: - The Council received letters from Community Service Volunteers conveying thanks for financial assistance & Durham County Council regarding variation of licence conditions at Kaysburn Filling Station.
- 12/102 Breathing Space: - The Council discussed a letter from Breathing Space, on behalf of St Michael and All Angels Church, requesting financial assistance towards the installation of a kitchenette in the vestry of the Parish Church.  
The Council resolved to make a donation of £4000.00 to Breathing Space.
- 12/103 Sacriston Community & Victoria F C: - Councillor Reynolds declared an interest in this item & left the meeting taking no part in the decision reached by the Council. The Council discussed a request for financial assistance from Sacriston Community & Victoria F C.  
The Council resolved to make a donation of £200.00. Councillor Reynolds returned to the meeting.
- 12/104 Durham Ass of Local Councils: - The Council received a letter from the Durham Ass of Local Councils regarding localising of Council Tax Support.
- 12/105 Accounts for payment
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| H M Customs                        | NIC & Income Tax           | 124.20  |
| G Thompson                         | Telephone October          | 22.48   |
| Durham County Council              | Winter Bedding             | 159.00  |
| Northumbria Water                  | Water Supply               | 13.74   |
| Society of Local Council Clerks    | Subscription               | 114.00  |
| Breathing Space                    | Donation                   | 4000.00 |
| Sacriston Community & Victoria F C | Donation                   | 200.00  |
| Talaton Plants                     | Apple Trees Queens Jubilee | 139.00  |
- 12/106 Reports: - Councillor Gilmore reported on the next issue of the Parish Newsletter & Councillor Simpson reported on the War Memorial.
- 12/107 Play Equipment: - The Chairman reported to the Parish Council on a meeting with the County Council for the provision of play equipment at South Lea. The County Council had agreed to proceed with the scheme, funded by the Parish Council, and they would seek tenders for its supply. The future responsibility of the maintenance costs of this equipment has still to be agreed subject to the outcome of the County Councils review of their fixed play sites.
- 12/108 Neighbourhood Plan: - Councillor Reynolds proposed that the Parish Council investigate the setting up of a Neighbourhood Plan for Witton Gilbert.  
The Parish Council resolved to investigate the setting up of a Neighbourhood Plan for Witton Gilbert.
- 12/109 Rate Precept: - The Council discussed a summary of expected balances at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013 and expected expenditure for the coming financial year commencing 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013.  
The Council proposed that the Parish Precept for 2013-2014 be £29500 and that the proposal be placed on the agenda for its meeting to be held on January 7<sup>th</sup> 2013.
- 12/110 Councillor Simpson gave notice that at the next meeting he will propose that the Council purchase a supply of dog poo bags for distribution in the Village.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 7.17 p.m.

Signed..... Councillor F Reynolds Chairman

7<sup>th</sup> January 2013