

## Minutes of Witton Gilbert Parish Council held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2013 in the Boardroom Cooper Hall

- 13/63 Apologies were received from Councillors Waller, Hillary, Harries & Liddle.  
Present: - Councillors Reynolds, Simpson, Woodmass, Cowan, Guy, County Councillors B Armstrong, J Armstrong & CSO Sadler-Watson.
- 13/64 Village Wardens: - The Clerk presented the Village Wardens reports in August on mobile patrols in the village.
- 13/65 Police Report: - CSO Sadler-Watson presented a report, which included incidents of burglary, anti-social behaviour, theft and criminal damage within the village and surrounding area in September 2013.
- 13/66 Minutes: - The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2013 were approved as a true record.
- 13/67 Durham County Council: - The Council received a letter from Durham County Council regarding the County Durham Plan pre-submission draft consultation.
- 13/68 County Durham Association of Local Councils: - The Council received letters from County Durham Association of Local Councils regarding a meeting of the Durham Area Group of Parish Councils, meetings of Durham Area Action Partnership, details of a Data Protection and Freedom of Information training event & notice of its Annual Meeting.
- 13/69 St. Michael's & All Angels Church: - The Council discussed an application for financial assistance for floor repairs and new furniture from St. Michael's & All Angels Church.  
The Council resolved that their request for financial assistance be determined when the Parish Precept for 2014/2015 is considered.
- 13/70 T Byron: - The Parish Council discussed a letter from T Byron regarding the cutting down of bushes at the Allotment Gardens car park by an allotment holder.  
The Parish Council resolved to investigate this matter and take appropriate action once the investigation is completed.
- 13/71 T Byron: - The Parish Council discussed a letter from T Byron regarding proposed changes to allotment rules regarding keeping of hens & fires.  
The Council resolved that their rules with respect to Allotment Gardens remain unchanged.
- 13/72 D Howe: - The Council considered an application for an allotment garden from D Howe of 53 Salisbury Road Newton Hall  
The Council resolved that this application be determined at the next Parish Council meeting.
- 13/73 Durham County Council: - The Council discussed a quotation from Durham County Council for the supply and maintenance of a Christmas tree during the festive season at a cost of £1100.00 + VAT.  
The Council resolved to accept the quotation from Durham County Council.
- 13/74 Accounts for payment
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| Aon         | Insurance                  | 436.90 |
| H M Customs | NIC & Income Tax September | 124.00 |
| G Thompson  | Telephone September        | 17.11  |
| Papercraft  | Newsletter October         | 249.00 |
| B Gilmore   | Newsletter October         | 50.00  |
| N Power     | Electricity                | 30.89  |
| K Chicken   | Grass cutting              | 440.00 |
| A Simpson   | Catering Cooper Hall       | 30.00  |
- 13/75 Reports: - Councillor Reynolds reported on concerns regarding the bowling green, County Councillor B Armstrong reported on maintenance of shrubs & bushes at Acorn Croft and County Councillor J Armstrong reported on Durham County Councils investigations on flooding in Witton Gilbert in June 2012, Brookside road works & Wallnook bridge
- 13/76 Neighbourhood Plan: - The Council received a report from Councillor Reynolds & the Clerk regarding progress of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee for the provision of a Neighbourhood Plan.
- 13/77 Clerks Salary: - The Council received a copy of the NALC Salary Award from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013 with respect to the Clerk's salary.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 6.50 p.m.

Signed..... Councillor F Reynolds Chairman 4<sup>th</sup> November 2013