

Minutes of Witton Gilbert Parish Council held on Monday 2nd December 2013 in the Boardroom Cooper Hall

- 13/93 Apologies were received from Councillor Guy & Hillary.
Present: - Councillors Reynolds, Simpson, Cowan, Harries, Woodmass, Waller, Liddle, County Councillors B Armstrong & J Armstrong.
- 13/94 Village Wardens: - The Village Wardens reported on incidents in the Village including incidents with youths at Coach Lane in October.
- 13/95 Minutes: - The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4th November 2013 were approved as a true record.
- 13/96 Matters Arising: - The Council received from Durham County Council notification of the approval of the Parish Councils Application for the designation of the "Witton Gilbert Neighbourhood Area".
- 13/97 S Bach: - The Council received an application for an allotment garden from S Bach of 24 Waterson Crescent.
The Council resolved that S Bach be placed on the waiting list for an allotment garden.
- 13/98 Mayor of Durham: - The Council received an invitation from the Mayor of Durham to a Civic Carol Service.
- 13/99 Witton Gilbert Post Office: - The Council received notice from the Post Office Ltd for the proposed relocation of Post Office Services from Newton Street to McColls Retail Store at Sacriston Lane.
- 13/100 Application for Financial Assistance in 2014 – 2015: - The Council discussed applications for financial assistance in 2014 – 2015 from Witton Gilbert Parish Development Group for £5000.00 as part funding towards Witton Gilbert Youth Initiative and from St Michael all Angels Church for £6000.00 as part funding towards the Breathing Space Project Phase 4.
The Council resolved to fund the Witton Gilbert Youth Initiative for £5000.00 in full & St Michael all Angels Church for Breathing Space Project Phase 4 in part.
- 13/101 Tree Maintenance on Allotment Gardens; - The Clerk presented a schedule of quotations from Olivers Tree Services, Arbor Division Ltd & Dixon Tree Services for tree maintenance removal at the allotment gardens at Sacriston Lane.
The Council resolved to accept the lowest of the 3 quotations that being Dixon Tree Services for the felling of the trees as identified in the schedule.
- 13/102 Accounts for payment
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| H M Customs | NIC & Income Tax December | 128.20 |
| G Thompson | Telephone November | 17.30 |
| G Thompson | A 3 Printer | 202.96 |
| Northumbrian Water | Water Supply | 22.91 |
| Society of Local Council Clerks | Subscription | 116.00 |
- 13/103 Reports: - County Councillor J Armstrong reported on flooding, street lighting and proposals for charging on garden waste.
- 13/104 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.
- 13/105 Rate Precept: - The Council discussed a summary of expected balances at 31st March 2014 and expected expenditure for the coming financial year commencing 1st April 2014.
The Council proposed that the Parish Precept for 2014-2015 be £29500 and that the proposal be placed on the agenda for its meeting to be held on January 6th 2014.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 7.30 p.m.

Signed.....

Councillor F Reynolds Chairman January 6th 2014