

## Minutes of Witton Gilbert Parish Council held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015 in the Boardroom Cooper Hall.

- 14/96 Apologies were received from Councillors Hillary & Harries.  
Present: - Councillors Reynolds, Simpson, Guy, Cowan, Waller, Liddle, County Councillors B & J Armstrong.
- 14/97 Village Wardens: - The Clerk presented the Village Wardens reports on mobile patrols in the village in November 2014.
- 14/98 Minutes: - The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2014 were approved as a true record.
- 14/99 Matters arising: -  
The Clerk informed the Council that the purchase of a notice board (Minute 14/77) was subject to the new design fitting the space available on the outside wall of McColls shop.
- 14/100 Durham County Council: – The Council received a letter from Durham County Council regarding closure of part of a highway at Chester Gardens.
- 14/101 Durham Ass of Local Councils: - The Council received a letter from Durham Ass of Local Councils regarding invitations to a Royal Garden Party.
- 14/102 Ron Hogg Police and Crime Commissioner: - The Council received a letter from Ron Hogg regarding a Crime Commissioner consultation event to be held on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2015.
- 14/103 Breathing Space: - The Council discussed a letter from Breathing Space requesting financial assistance towards installing Wi-Fi in St Michaels & All Angels Church Witton Gilbert.  
The Council resolved to make a donation of £500.00 to Breathing Space towards installing Wi-Fi in St Michaels & All Angels Church Witton Gilbert.
- 14/104 T Byron: - The Council discussed an e mail from T Byron regarding a link to an E Petition to request Durham County Council to consider upgrading the current central refuge crossing point in front of McColls shop into a proper full scale Pelican Crossing to be placed in the Parish Newsletter.  
The Council resolved that the following be placed in the Parish Newsletter.  
The Parish Council are aware that a resident of the Village concerned at the speed at which some motorists drive through our village and for the safety of children and pensioners crossing the road at the new Post Office is requesting Durham County Council, through an "E-petition ", to consider upgrading the current "central refuge" crossing point in front of McColl's shop into a proper full scale Pelican Crossing.  
The link to the e petition is  
<http://democracy.durham.gov.uk/mgEPetitionDisplay.aspx?id=81>
- 14/105 Accounts for payment
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| Planning Advice Plus | Consultancy Fee          | 3000.00 |
| H M Customs          | NIC & Income Tax January | 128.00  |
| G Thompson           | Telephone December       | 25.78   |
| N Power              | Electricity Supply       | 60.64   |
| Breathing Space      | Donation                 | 500.00  |
- 14/106 Reports: - County Councillor J Armstrong reported that bollards to prevent parking on the access driveway to the School & Cooper Hall were on order & County Councillor B Armstrong reported on a grant from the County Councillors ward fund of £5000.00 to Witton Gilbert School towards the provision of play equipment.
- 14/107 Parish Newsletter: - The Clerk reported that the January issue of the Parish Newsletter would be with the printer by 16<sup>th</sup> of January 2015.
- 14/108 Neighbourhood Plan: - The Council a report from Councillor Reynolds & the Clerk regarding progress on the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 14/109 Rate Precept: - The Council discussed a summary of expected balances at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 and expected expenditure for the coming financial year commencing 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015.  
The Council proposed that the Parish Precept for 2015-2016 be £27506.00

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 6.55 p.m.

Signed..... Councillor A Simpson Chairman February 9th 2015.