

Minutes of Witton Gilbert Parish Council held on 7th December 2015 in the Boardroom Cooper Hall.

- 15/92 Apologies were received from Councillors Hillary & Cowan.
Present: - Councillors Simpson, Reynolds, Guy, Waller, Liddle, Woodmass & PCSO Knox.
- 15/93 Village Wardens: - The Clerk presented the Village Wardens reports on mobile patrols in the village in October 2015.
- 15/94 Police Report: - The Clerk presented the Police Report, which included incidents of criminal damage and anti-social behaviour in the village and surrounding area in November 2015.
- 15/95 Village Centre Project: - Councillor Reynolds reported to the Council the progress on the outline design for the Village Centre Project and the impact it would have on the 2016 – 2017 Parish Rate Precept.
The Council resolved to hold a joint meeting with the Neighbourhood Plan committee on 4th January at 6.00pm to discuss funding and the outcome of the Village Centre Project public consultation meeting to be held on 19th December 2015.
- 15/96 Minutes: - The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd November 2015 were approved as a true record.
- 15/97 Durham County Council: – The Council received a letter from Durham County Council regarding the rate precept which indicated that the grant for the Local Council Tax reduction scheme for 2016 -2017 will be £1673.00.
- 15/98 Lloyds Bank: – The Council discussed a letter from Lloyds Bank regarding the lowering of the Financial Services Compensation Scheme Limit from £85,000 to £75,000.
The Council resolved that the Clerk discuss the change with Lloyds Bank.
- 15/99 M Campbell: - The Council discussed an application for an allotment garden from M Campbell of 4 Chapel Court.
The Council resolved that M Campbell be placed on the waiting for an allotment garden.
- 15/100 Neighbourhood Plan Green Spaces: – The Council discussed letters from Langley Estates & Anchor Hosing regarding their objection to land, plots G 14 & G 6 respectively, in their ownership which has been designated as protected green space in the draft Neighbourhood Plan.
The Parish Council received their objections.
- 15/101 Durham County Council: - The Council discussed a letter regarding future maintenance of the Parish Councils Web Site which at present provided free of charge by Durham County Council.
The Council resolved to continue with Durham County Council services for the maintenance of the Parish Councils Web Site at an annual cost of £575.00.
- 15/102 Accounts for payment: -
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| H M Customs (BACS) | NIC & Income Tax December | 128.00 |
| G Thompson (BACS) | October Telephone | 30.37 |
| G Thompson (BACS) | Generators | 40.00 |
| Northumbrian Water (BACS) | Water Supply | 25.85 |
| St Johns Ambulance (BACS) | Village Bonfire | 47.76 |
| Ludman Planning (BACS) | Consultants Fee | 464.60 |
| SLCC (BACS) | Subscription | 118.00 |
| PBL (BACS) | Printing | 101.77 |
- 15/103 Reports: - Councillor Reynolds reported on the provision of litter bins at McColl's Shop.
- 15/104 Rate Precept: - The Council discussed a summary of expected balances at 31st March 2016 and expected expenditure for the coming financial year commencing 1st April 2016.
The Council proposed that the Parish Precept for 2016 - 2017 be £65486.00 and that the proposal be placed on the agenda for its meeting to be held on January 11th 2016.
- 15/105 Neighbourhood Plan: - Councillor Reynolds reported on progress towards the first draft of the Neighbourhood Plan in the New Year.
- 15/106 Printer: - The Clerk reported that the Councils A3 printer was beyond economic repair.
The Council resolved that the Clerk purchase a replacement Brother A3 Printer at a cost of £249.00.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 7.29 p.m.

Signed..... Councillor A Simpson Chairman

11th January 2016.