

Minutes of Witton Gilbert Parish Council held on 11th January 2016 in the Boardroom Cooper Hall.

- 15/107 Apologies were received from Councillors Hillary, Guy & Harries.
Present: - Councillors Simpson, Reynolds, Cowan, Waller, Liddle, & County Councillors J & B Armstrong.
- 15/108 Village Wardens: - The Clerk presented the Village Wardens reports on mobile patrols in the village in November 2015.
- 15/109 Police Report: - The Clerk presented the Police Report, which included incidents of violence against the person and anti-social behaviour in the village and surrounding area in December 2015.
- 15/110 Minutes: - The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th December 2015 were approved as a true record.
- 15/111 Matters Arising: – The Clerk reported to the Council his discussions with Lloyds Bank regarding the lowering of the Financial Services Compensation Scheme Limit from £85,000 to £75,000.
The Council resolved to open an account with the Royal Bank of Scotland.
- 15/112 County Durham Assoc of Local Councils: – The Council received a letters from County Durham Assoc of Local Councils regarding Referendum Principals, Invitation to Royal Garden Party and Queen’s 90th Birthday Beacons .
- 15/113 Accounts for payment: -
The Council discussed the paying of regular recurring accounts when they are received by the Parish Council by Bank Transfer rather than waiting till the monthly meeting for approval.
The Council resolved that recurring accounts when they are received by the Parish Council be paid by Bank Transfer.
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| H M Customs (BACS) | NIC & Income Tax January | 128.00 |
| G Thompson (BACS) | November Telephone | 24.89 |
| G Thompson (BACS) | December Telephone | 24.29 |
| G Thompson (BACS) | A3 Printer | 225.00 |
| Plus Urban Design (BACS) | Consultants Fee | 1332.00 |
| N Power (BACS) | Electricity | 23.17 |
- 15/114 Reports: - Councillor Reynolds reported on roof repairs at Cooper Hall and County Councillor J Armstrong reported on bollards at Cooper Hall & Durham County Councils rate precept for 2016 – 2017.
- 15/115 Village Centre: - The Council discussed grant applications for assistance with funding for the Village Centre. County Councillors J & B Armstrong informed the Council that they were making arrangements for the transfer of both section 106 monies from the development at Witton Station along with £5000.00 each from this year’s Neighbourhood Budget towards the Village Centre works.
The Council resolved to thank County Councillors J & B Armstrong for their financial commitment to the Village Centre and to approach Durham AAP for funding for the scheme.
- 15/116 Neighbourhood Plan: - Councillor Reynolds reported on progress towards the first draft of the Neighbourhood Plan and the Clerk reported that due to an underspend of grant allocation for a Neighbourhood Community Web Site the Parish Council will have to repay the underspend to Locality.
- 15/117 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 resolved that the Parish Precept for 2016 - 2017 be £65486.00

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 6.54 p.m.

Signed..... Councillor A Simpson Chairman

8th February 2016.