

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

- 15/148 Apologies were received from Councillor Waller, Hillary, Cowan &. PCSO Sadler
Present: - Councillors Simpson, F Reynolds, J Reynolds, Guy, Harries, Liddle, County Councillors J & B Armstrong.
- 15/149 Village Wardens: - The Clerk presented the Village Wardens reports on mobile patrols in the village in February 2016.
- 15/150 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 March 2016.
- 15/151 Minutes: - The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th March 2016 were approved as a true record.
- 15/152 Matters arising: – The Clerk reported to the Council that an account with the Bank of Scotland had been opened and a deposit of £50,000 placed
- 15/153 Durham County Council: – The Council discussed a quotation from Durham County Council for a Pest Management Contract for the allotment gardens.
The Council resolved to enter into a Pest Management Contract for the allotment gardens with the County Council at an annual cost of £372.51
- 15/154 BDO Audit: - The Council received a letter from BDO, their external auditors, informing them that the date for the annual audit for 2015 – 2016 was to be 4th July 2016.
- 15/155 St Michaels and All Angels Church: - The Council discussed a letter from St Michaels and All Angels Church requesting financial assistance to install a disabled ramp to the main entrance.
The Council resolved to make a donation of £500.00.
- 15/156 Children's Hopes and Dreams: - The Council discussed a letter from a local charity Children's Hopes and Dreams requesting to plant a tree in the proposed Village Centre to remind residents of the good work CHAD does in the community.
The Council resolved to invite them to a public design workshop consultation on Saturday 23rd April so that their ideas in some form may be able to be incorporated in the work.
- 15/157 Witton Gilbert Play Group: - The Council discussed an application from Witton Gilbert Play Group for financial assistance.
The Council resolved to make a donation of £1500.00 to Witton Gilbert Play Group.
- 15/158 Accounts for payment: -
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| H M Customs (BACS) | NIC & Income Tax April | 128.00 |
| G Thompson (BACS) | Poop Bags | 57.85 |
| PBL (BACS) | Printing | 110.69 |
| Witton Gilbert Play Group | Donation | 1500.00 |
| St Michaels Church | Donation | 500.00 |
| B Gilmore (BACS) | Honorarium | 50.00 |
| Papercraft (BACS) | Newsletter | 305.00 |
- 15/159 Reports: - Councillor J Armstrong reported on applications for Section 106 monies, to the Neighbourhood Budget for funding for the Village Centre and landscaping works to the flood relief scheme.
- 15/160 Parish Council Newsletter: - The Clerk reported that the April edition was available for delivery.
- 15/161 Village Centre Lease: - The Clerk reported on the final draft of the lease with McColls for land, not including the plot next to Durham Gardens, for the Village Centre.
The Council resolved to accept the lease and the Chairman signed it on behalf of the Parish Council
- 15/162 Neighbourhood Plan: - Councillor Reynolds reported that pre-draft of the Neighbourhood Plan would be available for public consultation in June.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 7.08 p.m.

Signed..... Councillor A Simpson Chairman

9th May 2016.