

## Minutes of Meeting of Witton Gilbert Parish Council held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016 in the Boardroom Cooper Hall.

- 16/45 Apologies were received from Councillors Hillary, J Reynolds, Guy, Liddle & Harries.  
Present: - Councillors F Reynolds, Simpson, Waller, Cowan, County Councillors B Anderson, J Anderson & PCSO Sadler Watson.
- 16/46 Police Report: - PCSO Sadler Watson presented the Police Report, which included incidents of criminal damage & burglary within the village and surrounding area in April June, July & August 2016.
- 16/47 Village Wardens: - The Clerk presented the Village Wardens reports on mobile patrols in the village in June & July 2016.
- 16/48 Minutes: - The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016 were approved as a true record.
- 16/49 R Smith: – The Council discussed a letter from R Smith requesting permission to keep hens on allotment garden 17a.  
The Council resolved that R Smith be granted permission to keep hens on allotment garden 17a.
- 16/50 K Ward: – The Council discussed a letter from K Ward requesting to be placed on the allotment waiting list.  
The Council resolved that K Ward be placed on the allotment waiting list.
- 16/51 Durham County Council: – The Council received a letter from Durham County Council regarding preliminary rate precept for 2017-2018.
- 16/52 Durham County Council: - The Council received a letter from Durham County Council regarding the closure of Wallnook Bridge to all in the interest of public safety.  
The Parish Council resolved to accept the actions of Durham County Council on the grounds of public safety and to continue supporting the provision of a new crossing over the River Browney at Wallnook Lane.
- 16/53 M Meadowcroft: - The Council discussed an email from M Meadowcroft regarding his opposition to the closure to all of Wallnook Bridge.  
The Parish Council resolved to write to M Meadowcroft accepting the actions of Durham County Council, on the grounds of public safety, and to continue supporting the provision of a new crossing over the River Browney at Wallnook Lane.
- 16/54 N Power: - The Council received a letter from N Power regarding an increase in electricity charges.
- 16/55 BDO LLP: - The Council discussed a letter from BDO LLP regarding satisfactory completion of the Audit of Accounts for year ended 31st March 2016.  
The Council resolved that the Annual Return for year ended 31st March 2016 be approved and accepted.
- 16/56 Accounts for Payment
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| H M Customs (BACS)        | NIC & Income Tax September | 129.20  |
| G Thompson (BACS)         | Telephone July             | 39.12   |
| G Thompson (BACS)         | Telephone August           | 32.73   |
| Southern Green (BACS)     | Consultants Fees           | 7512.00 |
| Dixon Tree Care (BACS)    | Trees Allotment Gardens    | 100.00  |
| Northumbrian Water (BACS) | Water Supply               | 28.65   |
| Parish Online (BACS)      | Subscription               | 50.40   |
| BDO Audit (BACS)          | Audit Fee                  | 240.00  |
- 16/57 Reports: - County Councillor J Armstrong reported on County Council matters which included financial assistance for Village Football Clubs.
- 16/58 Village Centre: - Councillor F Reynolds reported on progress on the design of the Village Centre.
- 16/59 Neighbourhood Plan: - Councillor Reynolds and the Clerk reported on progress of the Neighbourhood Plan and a submission to Locality for more financial assistance respectively.
- 16/60 Parish Council Newsletter: - The Clerk, on behalf of B Gilmore, reported on progress towards the publication of the Autumn Newsletter in October.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 7.15 p.m.

Signed.....

Councillor N Liddle

Chairman

10<sup>th</sup> October 2016