Minutes of Meeting of Witton Gilbert Parish Council held on 5th December 2016 in the Boardroom Cooper Hall.

16/92 Apologies were received from Councillor Cowan,
Present: - Councillors Liddle, F Reynolds, Harries, Waller, J Reynolds Simpson, Hillary, Guy, County Councillors B Anderson, J Anderson & PCSO Sadler Watson.

16/93 Police Report: - PCSO Sadler Watson presented the Police Report, which included incidents of violence against the person & theft of a motor car within the village and surrounding area in November 2016.

16/94 Village Wardens: - The Clerk presented the Village Wardens reports on mobile patrols in the village in October 2016.

16/95 Minutes: - The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th November 2016 were approved as a true record.

16/96 Durham County Ass of Local Councils – The Council discussed a letter from regarding attendance at Royal Garden Parties in 2017.
The Council resolved to submit the name of Councillor A Hillary for consideration of an invitation to attend a Royal Garden Party in 2017.

16/97 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 2017 - 2018 will be £1518.00.

16/98 Accounts for Payment

H M Customs (BACS)	NIC & Income Tax December	129.20
Northumbrian Water (BACS)	Water Supply	44.45
Ludman Planning (BACS)	Consultants Fee	862.00
Society of Local Council Clerks (BACS)	Subscription	108.00

16/99 Reports: - County Councillor J Armstrong reported on attendance at Remembrance Sunday Services & Teaching Assistants Industrial dispute and the Clerk reported on site investigations being carried out by Durham County Homes on the recreation field at Rose Lea / Findon Avenue.

16/100 Village Centre: - Councillor F Reynolds reported on progress on the tender process for the Village Centre.

16/101 Neighbourhood Plan: - Councillors Liddle & F Reynolds reported on progress of the Neighbourhood Plan.

16/102 Rate Precept: - The Council discussed a summary of expected balances at 31st March 2017 and expected expenditure for the coming financial year commencing 1st April 2017.
The Council proposed that the Parish Precept for 2017 - 2018 be £34500.00 and that the proposal be placed on the agenda for its meeting to be held on January 9th 2017.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 7.09 p.m.

Signed……. Councillor N Liddle Chairman 9th January 2017