

Minutes of Witton Gilbert Parish Council held on 12th November 2018 at 6pm in the Boardroom Cooper Hall, Witton Gilbert

- 18/80 Apologies were received from Councillors J Reynolds and A Hillary.
Present: - Councillors F Reynolds, Liddle, Guy, Simpson, Cowan, Harries & Murphy
- 18/81 Minutes: - The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th October 2018 were approved as a true record.
- 18/82 Matters Arising: - The Clerk reported to the Council a telephone conversation he had from the Land Agents of Langley Estates notifying the Parish Council that their tender price for the purchase of the Allotment Gardens at Sacriston Lane had been unsuccessful.
- 18/83 Friends of Witton Dene: - The Council discussed a e mail from Friends of Witton Dene regarding financial assistance towards a project to clean up the former car park providing a grassed area which will accommodate seating and possibly benches.
The Council resolved to support Friends of Witton Dene in their project financially but unless they are able to give an estimated cost, which the Parish Council would include in its rates precept for 2019 – 2020, financial assistance would be limited to a smaller amount.
- 18/84 Durham County Council: - The Council received a la planning application from Durham County Council regarding the erection of 26 dwellings at land adjoining Snook Acres Front Street.
- 18/85 Accounts for Payment

HMRC (BACS)	Tax November					133.20
G Thompson (BACS)	Telephone October					41.47
Langley Estates	Allotment Rent					93.48
Ludman Planning (BACS)	Consultant Fee					3600.00
N Crozier (BACS)	Village Maintenance October					266.00
Streetmaster (BACS)	Memorial seat					898.80
Vickers & Barrass (BACS)	Allotment Valuation					726.00
Durham Ass of L C (BACS)	Training Course					54.00
Eon (BACS)	Electricity					15.46
D C Rider (BACS)	Plastic Sacks					13.96
Chester Le Street Youth Band (CHQ)	Donation					100.00
Royal British Legion (CHQ)	Donation					25.00

- 18/86 Reports: - Councillor Simpson reported on Durham County Council matters and Councillor F Reynolds on the Remembrance Day Service at the War Memorial
- 18/87 Parish Council Newsletter: - The Clerk reported that the December edition of the Parish Council Newsletter Would be distributed in early December.
- 18/88 Neighbourhood Plan: - Councillor N Liddle reported on progress of the Neighbourhood Plan and proposed that Witton Gilbert Parish Council as the qualifying body for the Witton Gilbert Neighbourhood Plan hereby formally submit the Witton Gilbert Neighbourhood Plan to Durham County Council under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.
The Council resolved to formally submit the Witton Gilbert Neighbourhood Plan to Durham County Council under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.
- 16/89 Rate Precept: - The Council discussed a summary of expected balances at 31st March 2019 and expected expenditure for the coming financial year commencing 1st April 2019.
The Council resolved that the Parish Precept 2019 - 2020 be placed on the agenda for further discussion at its meeting in December.
- 16/90 Risk Assessment; - The Council carried out its annual financial risk assessment of its accounts and audit procedures & found all in order.
As there was no further business the meeting closed at 7.09 p.m.

Signed..... Councillor F Reynolds Chairman 3rd December 2018