

Minutes of Witton Gilbert Parish Council held on 8th June 2020 at 6.30 pm virtually through Zoom

- 20/16 Apologies were received from Councillor A. Hillary.
Present: - Councillors F Reynolds, A. Simpson, G Brown, N Liddle, P Guy, D Lynch, L Murphy, L Hope.
Also present: - G Thompson (Clerk), DC Rider (Assistant Clerk), B Coult (County Councillor)
- 20/17 Declarations of Interest: - None
- 20/18 Questions and comments from electors of the Parish: - None
- 20/19 Minutes: - The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th May 2020 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 20/20 Matters Arising: - The Clerk reported on the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2019/20.
- 20/21 Citizens Advice Bureau: - The Council discussed a letter from the Citizens Advice Bureau requesting financial assistance.
The Council resolved to donate £100 and to invite a representative to the next meeting to talk about the work of the Citizens Advice Bureau.
- 20/22 Accounts for payment: -

HM Customs G Thompson (BACS)	Income Tax (June)	136.60
N Crozier (BACS)	Maintenance	224.00
G Thompson (BACS)	Telephone (May)	52.17
Citizens Advice {(BACS)	Donation	100.00

- 20/23 Reports: - The Clerk reported on possible plans for the Firework Display and the Remembrance Day Parade in light of the Covid 19 pandemic. The Clerk also reported on funding for the Fulforth Centre, in Sacriston, which continues to provide 2 hot meals a week for vulnerable adults and children during the Covid 19 Pandemic. The Assistant Clerk reported on future plans for litter picking in the village. County Councillor Colt reported that her and County Councillor Simpson would be considering making financial assistance available from their Neighbourhood Budgets towards the purchase of the allotment gardens.
- 20/24 Parish Council Newsletter: - The Editor/Assistant Clerk reported on progress of the next edition of the Newsletter.
- 20/25 Neighbourhood Plan Monitoring Committee: - The Clerk reported on the latest meeting of the Committee.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC In accordance with the provisions of Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as amended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council excluded the press and public for the remaining items on the agenda by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted since publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest.

- 20/26 Allotment Gardens Sacriston Lane: - The Council discussed making an application to the Secretary of State for the Department of Communities and Local Government to seek the Secretary of State's approval for the proposed borrowing of a loan towards the cost of the purchase of the Allotment Gardens, Sacriston Lane.
The Council resolved to seek from the Secretary of State of the Department of Communities and Local Government approval to borrow a loan towards the cost of the purchase of the Allotment Gardens Sacriston Lane.

20/27 Allotment Gardens Sacriston Lane: - The Council discussed a report from the Clerk, in accordance with Minute 20/26, to seek from the Secretary of State of the Department of Communities and Local Government for approval to borrow for the purchase of the Allotment Gardens at Sacriston Lane.
The Council resolved to seek from the Secretary of State of the Department of Communities and Local Government approval to borrow for the purchase of the Allotment Gardens at Sacriston Lane.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 7.40 p.m.

Signed..... Councillor F Reynolds Chairman 8th June 2020