

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Witton Gilbert Parish Council held on 1st May 2012 in the Boardroom Cooper Hall.

- 12/01 Apologies were received from Councillor Harries.
Present: - Councillors Gilmore, Gibbon, Woodmass, Cowan, Simpson, Reynolds, Waugh and CSO Sadler-Watson.
- 12/02 Appointment of Chairman: - The Council discussed the appointment of a Chairman for 2012–2013.
The Council resolved unanimously to elect Councillor F Reynolds to be the Chairman of the Parish Council for 2012 – 2013 and he signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
- 12/03 David Bainbridge: - The Chairman Councillor Reynolds informed the Council of the death of David Bainbridge a former Parish & District Councillor and paid tribute to his work for the Parish Council and within the community and the Council stood in silence as a mark of respect.
- 12/04 Appointments: - The following were appointed,
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| Vice Chairman | Councillor | L Cowan |
| Delegate to the Village Hall | Councillor | F Reynolds |
| Delegate to Assoc. of Councillors | Councillor | L Cowan |
| Personal Committee | Councillor | R Gibbon |
| | Councillor | F Reynolds |
| | Councillor | B Gilmore |
| | Councillor | A Simpson |
| | Councillor | A Woodmass |
| Personal Appeals Committee | Councillor | L Cowan |
| | Councillor | T Harries |
| | Councillor | R Crooks |
| | Councillor | E Waugh |
| Allotments Committee | Councillor | F Reynolds |
| | Councillor | A Simpson |
| | Councillor | R Gibbon |
| | Councillor | B Gilmore |
| | Plus 2 from Garden Association | |
| Complaints Committee | Councillor | T Harries |
| | Councillor | F Reynolds |
| | Councillor | A Woodmass |
| | Councillor | L Cowan |
| | Councillor | B Gilmore |
- 12/05 Declaration of Interests: - Councillors Woodmass, Gilmore, Simpson & Gibbon declared an interest in agenda item 12.
- 12/06 Date and time of meetings: - The Council resolved to hold their meetings in open Council at 6.00p.m. on the first Tuesday in each month except August and when the first Tuesday falls on a Bank Holiday the meeting will be held on the following Monday.
- 12/07 Allotment rents: - The Council resolved that the allotment rent for 2013-2014 be £14.00.
- 12/08 Police Report: - CSO Sadler-Watson presented a report, which included incidents of theft from motor vehicles, anti-social behaviour, and criminal damage within the village and surrounding area in April 2012.
- 12/09 Minutes: - The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd April 2012 were approved as a true record.
- 12/10 Matters arising: - The Council received an e-mail from Durham County Councils Web team on the progress to providing the Parish Councils website
- 12/11 Witton Gilbert Playgroup: – Councillor Gilmore left the meeting and took no part in the following item.
The Council discussed a request for a donation from Witton Gilbert Playgroup for the year 2012-2013.
The Council resolved to make a donation of £1500.00 to Witton Gilbert Playgroup.
Councillor Gilmore returned to the meeting
- 12/12 P & L Smart: - The Council discussed an application for an allotment garden from P & I Smart of Langley Park.
The Council resolved that their application be not allowed and suggested their application be made to Esh Parish Council.

- 12/13 Village Hall Association: - Councillors Woodmass & Simpson left the room and took no part in the following item.
The Council discussed a letter from Witton Gilbert Village Hall Association regarding financial assistance for the year 2012-2013.
The Council resolved to make a donation of £4000.00 to Witton Gilbert Village Hall Association.
Councillors Woodmass & Simpson returned to the meeting
- 12/14 Accounts for payment
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| G Thompson | Expenses | 75.00 |
| H M Customs May 2012 | NIC & Income Tax | 124.00 |
| G Thompson | Telephone April | 20.20 |
| Witton Gilbert Playgroup | Donation | 1500.00 |
| Paper Craft | Newsletter | 249.00 |
| Village Hall Association | Donation | 4000.00 |
| Graphic Print | Parish Plan | 55.00 |
| Langley Estates | Allotment Rent | 87.50 |
| Anon Insurance | Insurance | 1382.76 |
- 12/15 Reports: - Councillor Simpson had submitted a written report on 3 planned community litter picks to take place in May.
- 12/16 Parish Plan: - Councillor Reynolds reported on that the completed Parish Plan had been distributed.
- 12/17 Queens Jubilee: - The Council discussed a letter from Durham County Council regarding a list of sites for planting apple trees submitted by the Parish Council to celebrate the Queens Jubilee.
The Council resolved to reduce the list to 5 sites these being at Park View, Newton Street, Durham Gardens, Hillside & Norburn Park.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 7.25 p.m.

Signed..... Councillor

F Reynolds Chairman 11th June 2012