

Minutes of Witton Gilbert Parish Council held on Tuesday 5th February 2013 in the Boardroom Cooper Hall

- 12/124 Apologies were received from Councillors Crooks & Harries.
Present: - Councillors Gilmore, Gibbon, Reynolds, Simpson, Waugh, Woodmass, County Councillor Wilks & CSO Knocks.
- 12/125 Police report: - CSO Knocks presented a report, which included incidents of anti-social behaviour, criminal damage & vehicle nuisance within the village and surrounding area in January 2013.
- 12/126 Minutes: - The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th January 2013 were approved as a true record.
- 12/127 Flooding in Witton Gilbert: - The Chairman welcomed County Councillor Wilks, S Longstaff Drainage & Costal Defence Manager of Durham County Council & 3 members of the public to the meeting to discuss progress with recent flooding instances affecting Louisa Terrace, the Tile Sheds, the burn to the north east of the White Tun, Findon Avenue and bungalows at the top eastern edge of Brookside. County Councillor Wilks & S Longstaff explained the following developments
1. Dene Burn above the White Tun - Work has started on the new headwall which when completed will improve the maintenance & capacity of the downstream culvert.
 2. Burnside & Tile Sheds – Excavation works to be started to repair the culverts at Burnside & Tile Sheds.
 3. 96 Brookside – Repairs to ditch & headwall.
 4. Hydrological Survey – The County Council has secured funding of £30,000 for consultants to carry out a study of the catchment area which discharges into the White Tun culvert to ascertain its actual capacity
 5. Aquastop Bags – The County Council to provide Aquastop Bags to the Parish Council for distribution to residents affected by flooding.
- The Chairman thanked County Councillor Wilks, S Longstaff Drainage & Costal Defence Manager of Durham County Council & 3 members of the public for their attendance
- 12/128 Durham County Council: - The Parish Council discussed a letter from Stuart Timmiss, Head of Planning & Assets regarding the Council resolution to claim ownership of the Witton Gilbert War Memorial.
The Council resolved to write to Stuart Timmiss, Head of Planning & Assets, pointing out the Parish Council endeavours in trying to assist a local community group who along with the Parish Council have very little power to move this project on & indeed they feel they have been going round in circles for the past 2 years. The Parish Council welcomes the positive terms of his letter & would be pleased if he were able to bring together all interested parties so that a way forward on this project can be achieved
- 12/129 Southlands Management Company: - The Council discussed a letter from Southlands Management Company regarding a presentation on a site for housing development on land to the east of Langley Park.
The Council resolved that Councillors Reynolds, Harries & the Clerk attend.
- 12/130 Accounts for payment
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| H M Customs | NIC & Income Tax | 124.20 |
| G Thompson | Telephone December | 22.77 |
| Papercraft | News Letter | 249.00 |
| Mutts Butts | Poo Bags | 57.85 |
- 12/131 Reports: - The Clerk reported on the gathering of evidence forms for the footpath at Louisa Terrace & Councillor Wilks gave a report on various County Council matters.
- 12/132 Apple Trees: - The Clerk reported to the Council that delivery of the apple trees were expected in the next couple of weeks and that he would liaise with Councillor Gilmore on arranging their planting with the assistance of Witton Gilbert Primary School.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 7.13 p.m.

Signed..... Councillor F Reynolds Chairman

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