

Minutes of Witton Gilbert Parish Council held on Monday 4th November 2013 in the Boardroom Cooper Hall

- 13/78 Apologies were received from Councillor Liddle & County Councillors B Armstrong, J Armstrong & CSO Sadler-Watson
Present: - Councillors Reynolds, Simpson, Harries, Hillary, Woodmass, & Guy.
- 13/79 Declarations of Interest: - Councillors Simpson, Hillary & Woodmass declared an interest in the application for financial assistance from the Village Hall Association.
Councillor Reynolds declared an interest in the application for financial assistance from the Sacriston Community & Victoria F C.
- 13/80 Community Safety: - The Council received a presentation from Mr Alan Craig & Mr Mark Trotter of Portcullis Consultancy regarding Community Safety and how it might apply to groups within the Village.
The Chairman thanked Mr Alan Craig & Mr Mark Trotter of Portcullis Consultancy for their presentation.
- 13/80 Village Wardens: - The Clerk presented the Village Wardens reports in August on mobile patrols in the village.
- 13/81 Police Report: - The Clerk presented the Police Report which included incidents of burglary, anti-social behaviour, theft and criminal damage within the village and surrounding area in October 2013.
- 13/82 Minutes: - The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th October 2013 were approved as a true record.
- 13/83 Matters Arising: - The Council further discussed an application from D Howe of Newton Hall for an allotment Garden.
The Council resolved to place D Howe on an outside the Parish Area Waiting List which would allow him an allotment garden when there is no resident of the Parish on the Normal Waiting List.
- 13/84 Durham County Council: - The Council received a letter from Durham County Council regarding the Review of Statement of Licensing Act 2003 Policy
- 13/85 Sacriston Community & Victoria F C: - Councillor Reynolds declared an interest in this item & left the meeting taking no part in the decision reached by the Council. The Council discussed a request for financial assistance from Sacriston Community & Victoria F C.
The Council resolved to make a donation of £250.00. Councillor Reynolds returned to the meeting.
- 13/86 Village Hall Association: - Councillors Woodmass, Hillary & 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 2013-2014.
The Council resolved to make a donation of £4000.00 to Witton Gilbert Village Hall Association.
Councillors Woodmass, Hillary & Simpson returned to the meeting
- 13/87 Remembrance Sunday: - The Council discussed the arrangements for the Parish Service of Remembrance to be held on Sunday 10th November.
The Council resolved to make a donation of £100.00 to Chester le Street Riverside Youth Brass Academy & £25.00 to the Royal British Legion.
- 13/88 Accounts for payment
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| H M Customs | NIC & Income Tax November | 128.23 |
| G Thompson | Telephone October | 17.30 |
| G Thompson | Generators | 40.00 |
| G Thompson | Windows 2013 | 109.99 |
| J C Geddes | Way Leave | 15.00 |
| Langley Estates | Allotment Rent | 87.50 |
| Sacriston Community & Victoria F C | Donation | 250.00 |
| Chester le Street Youth Band | Donation | 100.00 |
| Village Hall Assoc | Donation | 4000.00 |
| Royal British Legion | Donation | 25.00 |
- 13/89 Reports: - The Clerk reported on the Parish Bonfire held on Saturday 2nd November on the Clink Field.
- 13/90 Tree Maintenance on Allotment Gardens; - The Clerk presented a schedule on a number of trees on the allotment gardens which were self-seeded or had been planted by allotment holders who were no longer tenants.
The Council resolved to seek 3 quotations for the felling of the trees as identified in the schedule.

- 13/91 Neighbourhood Plan: - The Council received a report from Councillor Reynolds & the Clerk regarding progress of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee for the provision of a Neighbourhood Plan.
- 13/92 Rate Precept: - The Council discussed a summary of expected balances at 31st March 2014 and expected expenditure for the coming financial year commencing 1st April 2014.
The Council resolved that the Parish Precept 2014-2015 be placed on the agenda for further discussion at its meeting in December.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 7.20 p.m.

Signed..... Councillor F Reynolds Chairman 2nd December 2013