

## Minutes of Witton Gilbert Parish Council held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2014 in the Boardroom Cooper Hall.

- 14/85 Apologies were received from Councillor Guy.  
Present: - Councillors Reynolds, Simpson, Hillary, Harries, Woodmass, Cowan, Waller, Liddle, County Councillors B & J Armstrong.
- 14/86 Police Report: - CSO Sadler-Watson presented a report, which included incidents of criminal damage, vehicle nuisance & violence against a person within the village and surrounding area in October 2014.
- 14/87 Minutes: - The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2014 were approved as a true record.
- 14/88 Matters arising: - The Council discussed a letter of invitation from St Michaels & All Angels Church to view the improvements & changes made to the Church & 5 Councillors present expressed a wish to attend on 8<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm.  
The Council received a copy of a letter from Durham County Council to Witton Gilbert Bowling Club regarding an asset transfer arrangement between the 2 parties. The Parish Council noted that the County Council would be making a decision in 2015 with a view to transferring the bowling facilities for the 2016/2017 season.  
The Clerk informed the Council that the purchase of a notice board (Minute 14/77) would be delayed until the issue of the Village Centre Scheme in the Neighbourhood plan has been resolved.
- 14/89 Durham County Council: – The Council received a press release from Durham County Council regarding a multi-agency crack down on fly tipping.
- 14/90 National Ass of Local Councils: - The Council received a copy of the National Ass of Local Councils Salary Award from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015 with respect to the Clerk’s salary
- 14/91 Mayor of Durham: - The Council received a letter from the Mayor of Durham regarding an invitation to a Civic Carol Service.
- 14/92 Accounts for payment
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| H M Customs                     | NIC & Income Tax December | 131.80 |
| G Thompson                      | Telephone November        | 25.28  |
| Northumbrian Water              | Water Supply              | 21.13  |
| Society of Local Council Clerks | Subscription              | 118.00 |
- 14/93 Reports: - Councillor Simpson reported on the Remembrance Day Service, Councillor Reynolds & County Councillor J Armstrong reported parking on the access driveway to the School & Cooper Hall & County Councillor B Armstrong reported on a grant from the County Councillors ward fund towards Children’s Christmas Party at Cooper Hall.
- 14/94 Neighbourhood Plan: - The Council discussed a report from Councillor Reynolds & the Clerk regarding progress on the Neighbourhood Plan and the requirement to employ a consultant to assist with the Village Centre Scheme.  
The Council resolved that a consultant be appointed by the Neighbourhood Plan Committee to assist with the Village Centre Scheme.
- 14/95 Rate Precept: - The Council discussed a summary of expected balances at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 and expected expenditure for the coming financial year commencing 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015.  
The Council proposed that the Parish Precept for 2015-2016 be £27506.00 and that the proposal be placed on the agenda for its meeting to be held on January 12<sup>th</sup> 2015.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 7.10 p.m.

Signed..... Councillor A Simpson Chairman January 12<sup>th</sup> 2015.