

Minutes of Witton Gilbert Parish Council held on 14th September 2015 in the Boardroom Cooper Hall.

- 15/52 Apologies were received from Councillors Guy, Hillary & County Councillor J Armstrong
Present: - Councillors Simpson, Reynolds, Harries, Waller, Liddle, Woodmass, County Councillor B Armstrong & CSO Sadler-Watson.
- 15/53 Ray Gibbon: - The Chairman informed the Council of the death of former Parish Councillor Ray Gibbon and paid tribute to his outstanding work for the Parish Council and within the wider community of Witton Gilbert and the Council stood in silence as a mark of respect.
- 15/54 Village Wardens: - The Clerk presented the Village Wardens reports on mobile patrols in the village in July 2015.
- 15/55 Police Report: - CSO Sadler-Watson presented the Police Report, which included incidents of violence against the person and criminal damage in the village and surrounding area in July & August 2015.
- 15/56 Minutes: - The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th July 2015 were approved as a true record.
- 15/57 Matters arising: - The Council received e mails from the Post Office regarding consultation of the relocation of the Village Post Office & Durham County Council regarding planning permissions on land to the north of Rose Lea.
- 14/58 Durham County Council – The Council received a letter from Durham County Council regarding preliminary rate precept for 2016 -2017.
- 15/59 A Byron: – The Council received a letter from A Byron terminating the tenancy of allotment 30b from 31st March 2016.
- 15/60 Durham County Council: - The Council discussed an e mail from Durham County Council regarding the removal of play equipment from the Clink Field following the approval of its fixed play strategy.
The Council resolved to agree with the request to remove the play equipment from the Clink Field
- 15/61 L Hutchinson: - The Council discussed a request from L Hutchinson to erect a 6m x 3m Polytunnel and the use of a portable incinerator on allotment 32
The Council resolved to agree to the erection of a 6m x 3m Polytunnel and the use of a portable incinerator on allotment 32 subject to siting agreement on the allotment prior to erection.
- 15/62 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 £300.00. Councillor Reynolds returned to the meeting.
- 15/63 Durham County Council: – The Council discussed a quotation from Durham County Council for the supply and maintenance of a Christmas tree during the festive season at a cost of £1189.00 + VAT.
The Council resolved to accept the quotation from Durham County Council.
- 15/64 BDO LLP: - The Council discussed a letter from BDO LLP regarding satisfactory completion of the Audit of Accounts for year ended 31st March 2015.
The Council resolved that the Annual Return for year ended 31st March 2015 be approved and accepted.
- 15/65 Durham County Council: - The Council discussed a letter from Durham County Council regarding the possible alterations to highway rights of unclassified road 19.15 Wallnook Bridge Wallnook Lane
The Council resolved to oppose the removal of the bridge and to ask for its repair to full use by vehicular traffic.
- 15/66 Accounts for payment
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| H M Customs | NIC & Income Tax September | 128.00 |
| G Thompson | Telephone July | 22.29 |
| G Thompson | Telephone August | 22.71 |
| BDO | Audit Fee | 240.00 |
| N Power | Electricity Supply | 25.03 |
| Mutts Butts | Poop Bags | 57.85 |
| Northumbrian Water | Water Supply | 52.60 |

	Parish Online	Subscription	50.40
	Sacriston C & Victoria F C	Donation	300.00
15/67	Reports: - County Councillor B Armstrong reported on bollards at Cooper Hall and e mail security for County Councillors		
15/68	Neighbourhood Plan: - The Council received a report from the Clerk regarding continued financial support from consultants & invitations to tender from Landscape Designers for the Village Centre Project		
	The Council resolved that the Parish Council continued financial support from consultants & invite tender from Landscape Designers for the Village Centre Project		

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

Signed..... Councillor A Simpson Chairman

September 14th 2015.