

Minutes of Meeting of Witton Gilbert Parish Council held on 10th October 2016 in the Boardroom Cooper Hall.

- 16/61 Apologies were received from Councillors Harries & Waller.
Present: - Councillors Liddle & F Reynolds, Simpson, Cowan, Hillary, J Reynolds, Guy, County Councillors B Anderson, and J Anderson & PCSO Sadler Watson.
- 16/62 Police Report: - PCSO Sadler Watson presented the Police Report, which included incidents of criminal damage & harassment within the village and surrounding area in September 2016.
- 16/63 Village Wardens: - The Clerk presented the Village Wardens reports on mobile patrols in the village in August 2016.
- 16/64 Minutes: - The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th September 2016 were approved as a true record.
- 16/65 Matters Arising: – The Council a letter of thanks for financial assistance from Witton Gilbert Bowls Cub
- 16/66 Friends of Witton Dene : - The Council discussed a letter from Friends of Witton Dene regarding the Parish Council entering into arrangements with them for taking over of the ownership or management of Witton Dene from Durham County Council.
The Parish Council resolved not to enter into any arrangements with Friends of Witton Dene & Durham County Council regarding taking over the ownership or management of Witton Dene and would suggest that Friends of Witton Dene could have a partnership directly with Durham County Council to jointly accept responsibility for Witton Dene.
The Parish Council also resolved to continue to support & assist Friends of Witten Dene as they have done in the past.
- 16/67 N Davison: – The Council discussed a letter from N Davison requesting to be placed on the allotment waiting list.
The Council resolved that N Davison be placed on the allotment waiting list.
- 16/68 Bank of Scotland: – The Council received a letter from Bank of Scotland regarding changes to their Business Account.
- 16/69 County Durham Ass of Local Councils: – The Council received notification from County Durham Ass of Local Councils of their Annual General Meeting.
- 16/70 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 £1,346.53 + VAT.
The Council resolved to accept the quotation from Durham County Council.
- 16/71 Durham County Council: – The Council discussed a letter from Durham County Council regarding consultation on removal of payphones at Front St & Sacriston Lane.
The Council resolved to accept the removal of payphones at Front St & Sacriston Lane.
- 16/72 County Durham Ass of Local Councils: – The Council received a letter from County Durham Ass of Local Councils regarding consultation on council tax referendum principles.
- 16/73 Accounts for Payment
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| H M Customs (BACS) | NIC & Income Tax October | 129.20 |
| G Thompson (BACS) | Telephone September | 33.22 |
| N Power (BACS) | Electricity Supply | 16.64 |
| Papercraft (BACS) | Newsletter | 305.00 |
- 16/74 Reports: - County Councillor J Armstrong reported on County Council matters which included the replacement of Wallnook Bridge.
- 16/75 Village Centre: - Councillor F Reynolds reported on progress on the design of the Village Centre.
- 16/76 Neighbourhood Plan: - Councillors Liddle & F Reynolds reported on progress of the Neighbourhood Plan and a successful submission to Locality for more financial assistance.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 7.02 p.m.

Signed..... Councillor N Liddle Chairman 10th October 2016