# Minutes of Meeting of Witton Gilbert Parish Council held on 14th November 2016 in the Boardroom Cooper Hall.

16/77 Apologies were received from Councillors Simpson & Hillary.
Present: - Councillors Liddle, F Reynolds, Cowan, Harries, Waller, J Reynolds & Guy.

16/78 Police Report: - The Clerk presented the Police Report, which included incidents of criminal damage & theft from motor cars within the village and surrounding area in October 2016.

16/79 Village Wardens: - The Clerk presented the Village Wardens reports on mobile patrols in the village in September 2016.

16/80 Minutes: - The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th October 2016 were approved as a true record.

16/81 N Power: - The Council received a letter from N Power regarding a review of electricity prices.

16/82 Durham County Council: - The Council received a letter from Durham County Council on a consultation regarding Public Space Protection Orders for Dog Control

16/83 R Smith: - The Council discussed a letter from R Smith regarding permission to erect a 7ft x 5ft shed on allotment Garden 17a.
The Council resolved to grant R Smith permission to erect a 7ft x 5ft shed on allotment Garden 17a & that the shed be positioned in the North West corner of her allotment

16/84 Shay Hoey: – The Council discussed a poem by Shay Hoey with respect to Remembrance Sunday.
The Council resolved to thank Shay Hoey for his thoughtful poem and that his poem be printed in the next issue of the Parish Newsletter.

16/85 Southern Green: – The Council discussed a letter from Southern Green regarding Village Centre additional costs of £850 + VAT for a Pre-Qualification Questionnaire.
The Council resolved to accept the additional costs of £850 + VAT for a Pre-Qualification Questionnaire.

16/86 Accounts for Payment

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| H M Customs (BACS) | NIC & Income Tax November | 129.20 |
| G Thompson (BACS) | Telephone October | 32.69 |
| G Thompson (BACS) | Generators | 40.00 |
| B Gilmore (BACS) | Honorarium | 50.00 |
| Southern Green (BACS) | Design Fees | 6648.00 |
| Chester le Street Youth Band (BACS) | Donation | 100.00 |
| Royal British Legion(CHQ) | Donation | 30.00 |
| Langley Estates (BACS) | Rent | 87.50 |
| K Chicken (CHQ) | Grass cutting | 480.00 |
| Durham County Council(BACS) | Legal Fees Village Centre | 462.80 |

16/87 Reports: - Councillor Cowan reported on meetings of the Witton Gilbert Educational Foundation which she had attended & the Clerk reported on the Annual Parish Bonfire & Remembrance Sunday Service held on 5th & 13th November respectively.

16/88 Village Centre: - Councillor F Reynolds reported on progress on the design of the Village Centre.

16/89 Neighbourhood Plan: - Councillors Liddle & F Reynolds reported on progress of the Neighbourhood Plan.

16/90 Rate Precept: - The Council discussed a summary of expected balances at 31st March 2017 and expected expenditure for the coming financial year commencing 1st April 2017.
The Council resolved that the Parish Precept 2017 - 2018 be placed on the agenda for further discussion at its meeting in December.

16/91 Risk Assessment; - The Council carried out its annual financial risk assessment of its accounts and audit procedures & found all in order.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 7.09 p.m.

Signed…… Councillor N Liddle Chairman 14th November 2016