Minutes of Meeting of Witton Gilbert Parish Council held on 13th February 2017 in the Boardroom Cooper Hall.

16/115 Apologies were received from Councillor Cowan.
Present: - Councillors Liddle, F Reynolds, Harries, Waller, Simpson, Guy, J Reynolds, Hillary, County Councillors B Anderson, & J Anderson.

16/116 Declaration of Interests: - Councillors Hillary declared an interest in agenda item 7.

16/117 Police Report: - In the absence of PCSO Sadler Watson the Clerk presented the Police Report, which included incidents of burglary & criminal damage within the village and surrounding area in January 2017.

16/118 Village Wardens: - The Clerk presented the Village Wardens reports on mobile patrols in the village in December 2016.

16/119 Minutes: - The minutes of a Special Meeting of the Parish Council held on 16th January 2017 were approved as a true record.

16/120 Matters arising: - The Council received a letter from the Department of Communities & Local Government giving approval for the Council to borrow up to a maximum £76,000.00 towards the construction of the Village Centre Project and a BACS remittance advice note from HM Revenue & Customs for VAT repayment for period 1st April 2016 to 31st January 2017.

16/121 County Durham Ass of Local Council: – Councillors Hillary left the room and took no part in the following item.
The Council discussed a letter from County Durham Ass of Local Council regarding Councillor Hillary being selected to attend a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on behalf of the Parish Council.
The Council resolved that Councillor Hillary attend the Royal Garden Party as the representative of Witton Gilbert Parish Council being reimbursed for her travelling and subsistence costs in line with the Parish Councils and Durham County Council approved rates.
Councillors Hillary returned to the meeting.

16/122 Northumbrian Water: – The Council received a letter from Northumbrian Water regarding the water supply to the allotment.

16/123 R Smith: - The Council discussed a letter from R Smith regarding permission to erect a 10ft x 8ft green house on allotment garden 17a.
The Council resolved to grant R Smith permission to erect a 10ft x 8ft green house on allotment garden 17a & that the greenhouse be positioned in the North West corner of her allotment

16/124 Accounts for Payment

H M Customs (BACS)	NIC & Income Tax February	129.20
G Thompson (BACS)	Telephone January	28.88

16/125 Reports: - County Councillor J Armstrong reported on a small grant application on behalf of Witton Gilbert Toddler Group & an update on Wallnook Bridge. Councillor Simpson reported on repairs to outside gym equipment at Fulforth Park

16/126 Village Centre: - The Clerk reported that a pre contract meeting with the appointed contractor, RHD Construction, was to be held on 16th February with initial tree felling and thinning works to commence week beginning 20th February.

16/127 Neighbourhood Plan: - Councillors F Reynolds reported on progress of the Neighbourhood Plan.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 6.55 p.m.

Signed…… Councillor N Liddle Chairman 13th March 2017