

# Minutes of Witton Gilbert Parish Council held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 @ 6pm in the Boardroom Cooper Hall, Witton Gilbert

**Present:** Councillors N. Liddle (Chair), A. Simpson F Reynolds, J Reynolds and L Cowan

**Also, present:** G. Thompson (Deputy Clerk).

17/127 Apologies were received from Councillors A. Hillary, P. Guy, T. Harries, M Waller, County Councillor M. McGaun and L Rowland (Parish Clerk).

17/128 Declarations of Interests: - None received

17/129 Questions and comments from Electors of the Parish – A member of the public was in attendance and requested information on the condition and safety of garages at rear of May Lea. County Councillor A Simpson informed the Council that he would take the matter up with Durham County Homes and report back directly to the member of the public.

17/130 Police – No report.

17/131 Village Warden – No report.

17/132 Minutes: - The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

17/133 Matters arising - None

17/134 HMRC –The Council received a letter from HMRC regarding VAT 126 refund form.

17/135 County Durham Association of Local Councils –The Council received letters from County Durham Association of Local Councils regarding Clerks salary award 2018/19 – 2019/20 and Royal Garden Party.

17/136 K Stockdale – The Council discussed an application for an allotment garden from K Stockdale' The Council resolved that K Stockdale be placed on the waiting list for an allotment garden.

17/137 Councillor L Cowan – the Council discussed an e mail from Councillor L Cowan regarding memorial trees in Witton Dene. The Council resolved that Councillor L Cowan e mail be forwarded to Friends of Witton Dene for their attention.

17/138 Allotment Gardens – The Council received a letter from the Agent of Langley Estates regarding an increase in the annual rent for the allotment gardens from £175 to £186 from April 2018.

17/139 Accounts for Payment

L Rowland (BACS)	Salary January								413.84
L Rowland (BACS)	Tax January								103.40
L Rowland (BACS)	Telephone January								78.00
G Thompson (BACS)	Salary January								130.74
G Thompson (BACS)	Tax January								32.60
G Thompson (BACS)	Telephone November								24.78
E on (BACS)	Electricity								38.97

17/140 Reports: - Councillor Simpson reported on County Council meetings he had attended.

17/141 Parish Council Newsletter: - The Deputy Clerk reported that the newsletter for January 2018 was ready to be distributed.

Signed by the Chairman:

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- 17/142 Neighbourhood Plan – Councillor Liddle updated the Council that the final draft of the Neighbourhood Plan would begin its statutory public consultation on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018.
- 17/143 Schedule of Rates Contract – The Deputy Clerk updated the Council on the progress of the Schedule of Rates Contract for grass cutting, litter picking and Village Centre maintenance.
- 17/144 Parish Precept 2018/2019 The Council discussed a summary of expected balances at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 and expected expenditure for the coming financial year commencing 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018. The Council resolved that the Parish Precept for 2018 - 2019 be £35500.00.
- 17/145 Notion of motion - None
- 17/146 Date and time - The Next Parish Council meeting will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018 @ 6pm in the boardroom, Coopers Hall, Witton Gilbert.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 6.45p.m.

Signed..... Councillor N Liddle                      Chairman                      12<sup>th</sup> February 2018

The Council resolved that this section of minute being confidential be not displayed with the public minutes