

**Minutes of Witton Gilbert Parish Council held on 3rd December 2018
at 6pm in the Boardroom Cooper Hall, Witton Gilbert**

18/91 Apologies were received from Councillors J Reynolds, T Harries, A Hillary, L Cowan, P Guy, L Murphy and County Councillor M McGaun.

Present: - Councillors F Reynolds, Liddle and Simpson.

18/92 Minutes: - The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th November 2018 were approved as a true record.

18/93 Matters Arising: - The Clerk reported to the Council a telephone conversation he had from the Land Agents of Langley Estates notifying the Parish Council that until contracts were exchanged with the new owners of the allotment gardens at Sacriston Lane he was unable to indicate who the new owners were.

Friends of Witton Dene: - The Council discussed an e mail from Friends of Witton Dene regarding further information for financial assistance towards a project to clean up the former car park providing a grassed area which will accommodate seating and benches.

The Council resolved to support Friends of Witton Dene in their project and include an amount of £1000.00 in its rates precept for 2019 / 2020.

18/94 Accounts for Payment

HMRC (BACS)	Tax November					133.20
G Thompson (BACS)	Expenses					75.00
D C Rider (BACS)	Plastic Sacks					13.96
N Crozier (BACS)	Village Maintenance November					49.00

18/95 Reports: - Councillor Simpson reported on Durham County Council matters.

18/96 Parish Council Newsletter: - The Clerk reported that the December edition of the Parish Council Newsletter was at the printers and would be distributed before Christmas.

18/97 Neighbourhood Plan: - Councillor N Liddle reported that the Witton Gilbert Neighbourhood Plan had been formally submit to Durham County Council under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

18/98 Rate Precept: - The Council discussed a summary of expected balances at 31st March 2019 and expected expenditure for the coming financial year commencing 1st April 2019.

The Council resolved that the Parish Precept 2019 - 2020 for £35000 be £35500,00 and that the proposal be placed on the agenda for its meeting to be held on January 14th 2019.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 6.30 p.m.

Signed..... Councillor F Reynolds Chairman 14th January 2019