

Minutes of Meeting of Witton Gilbert Parish Council held on 8th July 2019 in the Boardroom Cooper Hall.

- 19/26 Apologies were received from Councillors Simpson, L Hope, J Reynolds, L Murphy & A Hillary.
Present: - Councillors Liddle, F Reynolds, Guy, Harries, & County Councillor Coult.
- 19/27 Questions from electors of the Parish: - A number of residents of Rose Lea were present expressing concern regarding the speed of vehicles passing along their street towards Findon Avenue and an incident which had occurred regarding a collision between a dog on a lead and a car which had resulted in the death of the dog.
The Parish Council resolved to support the residents in their concerns and the County Councillors will organise an urgent meeting in Rose lea with residents, Durham County Council officers and the police to assess and solve the problem of speeding vehicles.
- 19/28 Vacancies for a Councillor: - The Clerk informed the Council that following the resignation of Councillor Tony Harries a vacancy for the position of a Councillor existed. The Clerk informed the Council that the vacancy had been advertised for the required period of time in the Parish Councils area 2016 and that one application for the vacancy had been received from Geoff Brown and that the respondent was present.
The Council resolved to co-opt Geoff Brown to the position of Councillor on Witton Gilbert Parish Council and Councillor Geoff Brown duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
- 19/29 Minutes: - The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th June 2019 were approved as a true record.
- 19/30 Matters arising: - The Clerk reported to the Parish Council that he had written by recorded delivery to Mr D & Mrs M Hodgson regarding the allotment gardens, which had been collected and signed for at the Belmont sorting office, but as yet had not received a reply.
The Clerk reported that he had spoken to David Davenport regarding a proposed footpath at the Village Centre and was awaiting his approval.
- 19/31 Durham County Council: - The Council received letters from Durham County Council regarding road closures at Nettlesworth and Sacriston Crossroads.
- 19/32 Breathing Space Project: - The Council received a written report from the Breathing Space Project.
- 19/33 Pains Fireworks: - The Parish Council discussed the provision of fireworks for the Parish Bonfire.
The Council resolved to purchase from Pains Fireworks 1 No Stellar Pack, 1 No Colliseum & 1 No Retribution at a cost of £1177.20.
- 19/34 Accounts for Payment
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| D Rider (BACS) | Rubble sacks | 6.05 |
| N Crozier Contractor (BACS) | Village Maintenance | 112.00 |
| G Thompson (BACS) | Shredder | 43.00 |
| G Thompson (BACS) | Telephone June | 52.54 |
| HMRC (BACS) | Tax July | 136.60 |
- 19/35 Reports: - County Councillor B Coult reported on County Council matters
- 19/36 Parish Council Newsletter: - The Clerk reported that the latest edition of the Parish Council Newsletter would be ready to deliver in late August.
- 19/37 Neighbourhood Plan: - Councillor N Liddle reported that a provisional date of 7th November 2019 had been set for the referendum for the adoption of the Neighbourhood Plan.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 7.15 p.m.

Signed..... Councillor F Reynolds Chairman 9th September 2019