

Minutes of Witton Gilbert Parish Council held on 8th June 2020 at 6.30 pm virtually through Zoom

- 20/16 Apologies were received from Councillor A. Hillary.
Present: - Councillors F Reynolds, A. Simpson, G Brown, N Liddle, P Guy, D Lynch, L Murphy, L Hope.
Also present: - G Thompson (Clerk), DC Rider (Assistant Clerk), B Coult (County Councillor)
- 20/17 Declarations of Interest: - None
- 20/18 Questions and comments from electors of the Parish: - None
- 20/19 Minutes: - The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th May 2020 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 20/20 Matters Arising: - The Clerk reported on the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2019/20.
- 20/21 Citizens Advice Bureau: - The Clerk reported that a request for a donation had been received. It was agreed to donate £100 and to invite a representative to the next meeting to talk about the work of the Bureau.
- 20/22 Accounts for payment: -

HM Customs G Thompson	Income Tax (June)	136.60
N Crozier (BACS)	Maintenance	224.00
G Thompson (BACS)	Telephone (May)	52.17

- 20/23 Reports: - The Clerk reported on possible plans for the Firework Display and the Remembrance Day Parade in light of the Covid 19 pandemic. The Assistant Clerk reported on future plans for litter picking in the village.
- 20/24 Parish Council Newsletter: - The Editor/Assistant Clerk reported on progress of the next edition of the Newsletter.
- 20/25 Neighbourhood Plan Monitoring Committee: - The Clerk reported on the latest meeting of the Committee.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC In accordance with the provisions of Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as amended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council excluded the press and public for the remaining items on the agenda by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted since publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest.

- 20/26 Allotment Gardens Sacriston Lane: - A proposal was put forward to give the Parish Council the power to make an application to the Secretary of State for the Department of Communities and Local Government to seek the Secretary of State's approval for the proposed borrowing of a loan towards the cost of the purchase of the Allotment Gardens Sacriston Lane. This proposal was passed by members of the Council.
- 20/27 Allotment Gardens Sacriston Lane: - Members considered a report from the Parish Clerk on the requirements of the Department of Communities and Local Government for key information to be provided with any Parish Councils borrowing application. Repayment of a possible future loan was discussed as was an offer of financial support from both County Councillors from their allotted budgets.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 7.40 p.m.

Signed..... Councillor F Reynolds Chairman 6th July 2020