

Minutes of Witton Gilbert Parish Council held on 6th July 2020 at 6.30 pm virtually through Zoom

- 20/28 Apologies were received from Councillor L Murphy.
Present: - Councillors F Reynolds, A. Simpson, G Brown, N Liddle, P Guy, D Lynch, L Hope and A. Hillary.
Also present: - G Thompson (Clerk), DC Rider (Assistant Clerk), B Coult (County Councillor)
- 20/29 Declarations of Interest: - None
- 20/30 Questions and comments from electors of the Parish: - None
- 20/31 Minutes: - The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th June 2020 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 20/32 Matters Arising: - The Clerk reported on a letter of thanks from the Citizens Advice Bureau for the recent donation from the Parish Council.
- 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.*
- 20/33 Minutes of the Allotment Committee meeting held on 2nd July 2020: - The Minutes of the Allotment Committee meeting held on 2nd July 2020 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 20/34 D Lynch: - The Council discussed an application for an allotment garden and permission to erect a shed on allotment 17b from D Lynch of 5 Chester Gardens
The Council resolved that D Lynch be placed on the waiting list for an allotment garden and that permission to erect a shed on allotment 17b be approved
- 20/35 M Stephenson – The Council discussed an application for an allotment garden from M Stephenson of 3 Acorn Croft.
The Council resolved that M Stephenson be placed on the waiting list for an allotment garden
- 20/36 J Barrett – The Council discussed an application for an allotment garden from J Barrett of 27 Friarside.
The Council resolved that J Barrett be placed on the waiting list for an allotment garden
- 20/37 Witton Gilbert Play Group: - The Council discussed an application from Witton Gilbert Play Group for financial assistance.
The Council resolved to make a donation of £1500.00 to Witton Gilbert Play Group.
- 20/38 Accounts for payment: -

HM Customs G Thompson (BACS)	Income Tax (July)	136.60
N Crozier (BACS)	Maintenance (June)	287.00
Witton Gilbert Playgroup (BACS)	Donation	1500.00
Durham County Council	Website Support	736.51
E-on (BACS)	Electricity	14.30
D Rider (BACS)	Bin Bag Holder	16.70
D Rider (BACS)	Protective masks	24.89
Vickers & Barrass (BACS)	Consultants Fee	594.00
H & H (BACS)	Consultants Fee	607.20
G Thompson (BACS)	Telephone (June)	52.17

- 20/39 Reports: - The Clerk reported on a letter received from DCC regarding problems with overgrown verges in the Brookside area. County Councillors Coult and Simpson reported on ongoing steps they were taking to facilitate the cleaning up of pavements and roads in the village. Councillor Coult also reported on planned improvements to play equipment

on the playing field behind the Primary School. Councillor Brown reported on an email he had circulated suggesting thanking everyone involved in providing services to vulnerable residents during the Covid 19 pandemic.

20/40 Parish Council Newsletter: - The Editor/Assistant Clerk reported that the latest edition (Issue 58) had been posted online and on the notice board at the Village Centre.

20/41 Neighbourhood Plan Monitoring Committee: - The Clerk and Councillor Reynolds reported on the latest meeting of the Committee.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 7.14 p.m.

Signed..... Councillor F Reynolds Chairman 13th Sept 2020