

## Minutes of Witton Gilbert Parish Council held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at 6.30 pm virtually through Zoom

- 20/84 Apologies: - County Councillor B. Coult.  
Present: - Councillors F Reynolds, G Brown, A. Simpson, D Lynch, N. Liddle, L Murphy and A. Hillary.  
Also present: - G Thompson (Clerk) and DC Rider (Assistant Clerk)
- 20/85 Declarations of Interest: - None
- 20/86 Questions and comments from electors of the Parish: - None
- 20/87 Minutes: - The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 20/88 Matters Arising: - None.
- 20/89 Correspondence: – The Clerk reported on the following Correspondence: -

- Request from Lyndsey Ramm of Witton Gilbert to be placed on the waiting list for an allotment. Members agreed to add Lyndsey Ramm to the waiting list.
- Request from Rob Copeland to be placed on the waiting list for an allotment (double plot). Members agreed to add Rob Copeland to the waiting list
- Request from Ian Eltingham to be placed on the waiting list for an allotment. Members agreed to add Ian Eltingham to the waiting list. The Vice Chair suggested writing to all allotment holders to enquire as to their future plans in relation to their allotment plots.
- Mayor's Appeal 2020 Donation. Members agreed to donate £50. The Vice Chair and Councillor Lynch suggested a review of all regular donations in the coming year.
- Email from Michelle Marshall of Witton Station Court requesting that the Parish of Witton Gilbert submit an objection to a Proposed development on the Land South of Wallnook Lane and East of the Recreation Ground, Langley Park which is within the Witton Gilbert Parish boundary. County Councillor Simpson and the Clerk added some background information on this issue. The planning application was first submitted in 2013 and has not progressed to final approval since then for various reasons, however it is now moving forward again. The Parish Council at the time the application was first submitted decided not to take a view on it. The Parish Council discussed the issue and resolved that they would not change their previous position. It was decided that the Clerk should reply to Michelle Marshall explaining the position of the Parish Council.

- 20/90 Accounts for payment: -

D & M Property	Allotment Rent	87.50
N Crozier	Maintenance November	231.00
Mazars	Audit Fee	240.00
Mutts Butts	Poo Bags	57.85
Mayor of Durham	Donation	50.00

- 2091 Reports: - County Councillor Simpson reported on planning issues with a fence recently erected by a householder at Burnside, Witton Gilbert. Councillor Simpson also reported on an initiative by the Village Hall to distribute Christmas treats to local Schoolchildren (under 11s). Councillor Lynch reported on recent problems with someone knocking on doors asking for money. It was decided to post a warning to householders about this on the Parish Council Facebook page.
- 20/92 Allotment Gardens: - The Clerk reported on the latest developments regarding the Allotment Gardens.
- 20/93 Parish Council Newsletter: - The Assistant Clerk reported that production of the next edition is now underway with a hoped for publishing date in January.

- 20/94 Neighbourhood Plan Monitoring Committee: - The Clerk reported on the latest meeting of the Committee which included a discussion of traffic management in Front Street.
- 20/95 Witton Gilbert Parish Council - Precept 2021 – 2022: - The Council discussed a summary of expected balances at 31st March 2021 and expected expenditure for the coming financial year commencing 1st April 2021. The Council resolved that the Parish Precept for 2021 - 2022 be £55000,00 and that the proposal be placed on the agenda for its meeting to be held on January 11th 2020.

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

Signed..... Councillor F Reynolds Chairman 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021