

## Minutes of Witton Gilbert Parish Council held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 6.30 pm virtually through Zoom

- 20/127 Apologies: - County Councillors A Simpson and B. Coult. Councillor L. Murphy  
Present: - Councillors F Reynolds, G Brown, D Lynch, N. Liddle, P. Guy, L Hope and A. Hillary.  
Also present: - G Thompson (Clerk) and DC Rider (Deputy Clerk).
- 20/128 Declarations of Interest: - None
- 20/129 Questions and comments from electors of the Parish: - None
- 20/130 Minutes: - The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 20/131 Matters Arising: - None
- 20/131 Correspondence: – The Clerk reported on the following: -
- a) Email from Durham County Council regarding a proposed diversion of footpath No. 33, Ravensgarth, Sacriston Lane, Witton Gilbert. After some discussion the Parish Council made the decision not to object to this proposal
  - b) Durham County Council approval of small grants payment for environmental works
  - c) AAP Funding for Easter Holiday Activities
  - d) Quote from Durham County Council for pest control at allotment gardens. Members agreed to accept the quote
  - e) Communication from G. Asquith requesting to be placed on the waiting list for an allotment. Members agreed to place G. Asquith onto the waiting list
  - f) Communication from L. Watts requesting to be placed on the waiting list for an allotment. Members agreed to place L. Watts onto the waiting list. Councillor Brown requested a meeting of the Allotment Committee to discuss untidy allotments.
- 20/132 Accounts for payment: -

NWG Business	Water Supply	282.90
EON	Electricity	15.12
Northern Counties	Subscription	55.00
D. Rider	External Hard Drives	40.99
G. Thompson	Telephone	56.17
N. Crozier	Maintenance Feb	56.00
Ward Bros. Skips	Allotment Skip Hire	240.00

- 20/133 Reports: - County Councillor Coult submitted a written report that was read out by the Chairman. The report included items on the new Play Park, Pavement Works, Potholes, Planning Applications, Fly Tipping, Litter Picking, the provision of an additional Grit Bin, a Covid Update, and a DCC Update including Council tax, Additional funding into Towns and Village Regeneration and Work starting on the new bus station in Durham City.
- 20/134 Christmas Tree: - Members discussed possible species of permanently planted Christmas trees that could be purchased by the Parish Council in the future.
- 20/135 Allotment Gardens: - The Clerk reported on the latest developments on the ongoing purchase of the Allotment Gardens.
- 20/136 Parish Council Newsletter: - The Deputy Clerk reported that the latest newsletter was now available on the Parish Council website.
- 20/137 Neighbourhood Plan Monitoring Committee – The Clerk reported on the latest meeting of the Neighbourhood Monitoring Committee.

Members thanked the outgoing Clerk Mr Thompson who is stepping down to Deputy Clerk from April, for his long service to the Parish Council and the local community over 2 separate periods as Parish Clerk.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 7.54 pm.

Signed..... Councillor F Reynolds Chairman 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021