WOODSIDE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held Monday 22nd July 2019 at 7.30 p.m. in Oulton Institute Hall.

**Members Present**

W.F.Marrs (Chairman) D.Wright J.Crouch (Borough Cllr)

S.Connor A.Pitcher (Borough Cllr)

W.McKie Mrs A. Lewis

M.Mullett Mrs C. Robinson M.D.McCabe (Clerk)

## Members of the Public Present

## None

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**Apologies for Absence** were received from the following.

H.Barrow J.Mattinson R.Liddle

E.Lynch

**The Minutes of the Last Meeting** were read and approved by the chairman.

**Matters Arising from the Minutes**

The three street lights in Oulton which were not working had been fixed, although two have since failed again. The clerk reported this, but Cumbria C.C. again deny that the lights are their responsibility.

**Cumbria County Councillor’s Report**

Cllr Liddle asks by e-mail what the Council’s views are with regard to the recent top dressing of the road between Standingstone and Lawrenceholme Lonning End. It was commented that the road in the village was more in need that the other parts, but it is a job well done, and thanks should be passed on. Cllr Liddle also asks about the Cemetery, and if there is a positive way forward. Progress is being made, but it will take quite a while to sort out.

**Allerdale Borough Councillor’s Report**

There has been a suspension of collecting garden waste and some recycling in recent weeks. The contract had been renegotiated with SCC, which involved the reduction of the fleet of wagons from 25 to 20 and new software. Basically too many changes were implemented all at once, which resulted in the change being unworkable. The suspension is a temporary measure to enable things to be sorted out. The issue will be investigated, but it is strongly believed that all procedures were properly followed, and staff are now working very hard to put matters right. There will not be a rebate on the Council Tax, however.

**Wigton Burial Joint Committee**

The grass at the cemetery is being cut voluntarily at the moment. Allerdale B.C. will cut it three times in the Autumn, starting late August. A headstone has been knocked over, but was repaired at the cutters expense. A new path has been signposted which avoids walking over graves. Much planting has taken place, especially near the War Memorial. Some compliments have been received.

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**Accounts 2018/19**

The Council was satisfied that it qualified to certify it was exempt from a limited assurance review.

The Annual Governance Statement was reviewed and approved by the Council.

The Accounting Statements were then reviewed and approved by the Council.

**Declarations of Office and Election Expenses**

Outstanding declarations of acceptance of office and election expenses were completed.

**Correspondence**

**Wigton Wiza Club –** has thanked the Council for its £50 donation, and has sent a receipt.

**Citizens Advice Allerdale –** asks that the Council considers them when setting the precept.

**The Pensions Regulator –** remind the Council to review the situation with eligible staff. This has been completed.

**Clerks & Councils Direct –** was made available to the meeting.

**Trade Catalogues –** Wiksteed, Creative Play and Littlethorpe sent catalogues which were available to the meeting.

**Bank Statements**

These were checked and approved by the meeting.

**Applications for Planning**

**New Applications**

FUL/2019/0091 D.Harrison, Glebelands, Waverton. Barn conversion. APPOVED in principle.

**Accounts for Payment**

M.D.McCabe (Clerk’s ½ year salary) £1011.00

M.D.McCabe (Petty cash arrears) £ 6.00

H.M.R.C. (Employers P.A.Y.E.) £ 252.60

J.Salisbury (Internal Audit 2017/18 & 2018/19) £ 130.00

**Date and Time of the Next Meeting**

The next meeting was provisionally arranged for **Monday** 23rd September 2019, at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.