WOODSIDE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held Monday 16th December 2019 at 7.30 p.m. in Oulton Institute Hall.

**Members Present**

W.F.Marrs (Chairman) D.Wright A.Pitcher (Borough Cllr)

S.Connor J.Mattinson J.Crouch (Borough Cllr)

M.Mullet Mrs C.Robinson

T.Mattinson Mrs A. Lewis M.D.McCabe (Clerk)

## Members of the Public Present

## None

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

W.McKie Mrs E.Lynch (Borough Cllr)

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

**Matters Arising from the Minutes** The flooding issues at Moorhouse and Longthwaite have been attended to by C.C.C. Highways Dept. It was agreed to thank them for their prompt and efficient attention. An update on the proposed change to the speed limit through Oulton has been requested. The clerk is to enquire about this.

**Cumbria County Councillor’s Report**

None.

**Allerdale Borough Councillor’s Report**

Waste collection is being brought in-house from 3rd April 2020. There will then be a review of the service to make it more efficient. This may involve a short period of disruption whilst the changes are implemented. With regard to climate change, Allerdale B.C. are not declaring an emergency at this stage, but are implementing a number of measures to reduce waste including the banning of plastic ducks, Chinese lanterns and fireworks with plastic in them. All of these cause pollution and can be dangerous to animals. The scrutiny committee is investigating what further measures need to be taken.

**Wigton Burial Joint Committee**

Waverton P.C. want to pull out from running WBJC, but Allerdale B.C. advise that the committee must keep running as it is until a solution for the future can be found. The legal case has now been settled. Mrs Smallwood had objected to people having to walk over her families’ graves. It has been agreed to move a seat and re-align a path, so that this will no longer happen. The cemetery house needs re-decorating and some joinery work doing. It will then be let through an agency. Cllr McKie has indicated that he would like to resign from the Burial Committee as soon as possible, but he will serve until the A.G.M. in May if no one comes forward in the meantime.

**Street Lighting**

It is proposed by Allerdale B.C. that the energy costs for the lights presently owned by them should be passed on to the parish council. It would seem Woodside have no choice in this matter. Sponsorship for the electricity costs may be an option. However it needs to be advised which lights this applies to, and how much the energy costs are. LEDs will only be installed when the lights break down. Maintenance costs will remain with Allerdale, but only on highway lights.

**Precept 2020/21**

It was agreed that the precept for 2020/21 (apart from WBJC) should be the same as for 2019/20, as there are adequate reserves, and no known significant changes in proposed expenditure and income. Total is £6,097. The figures agreed form part of these minutes.

**Oulton Institute Hall Donation**

The auditor has advised that the reserves held by the Council should normally be broadly the same as annual expenditure. For 2017/18 expenditure was about £10,000, though it was only around £5,000 in 2018/19, due to changes in WBJC funding. The Council’s present assets are £20,100, of which £4,050 is capital, and cannot be used. This would mean an amount of £6,000 could be donated to the Hall Committee.

**Declarations of Office and Election Expenses**

Cllr Barrow still needs to complete his declaration of expenses.

**Correspondence**

**Allerdale B.C. –** The second instalment of the Parish Precept for 2019/20 has been paid. This is a sum of £2,696.

**C.A.L.C. –** The 2019 AGM was held on 9th November in Wigton Market Hall. The agenda and minutes from the previous meeting were made available to the meeting, as was the 2019 Annual Report.

**Barclays –** The interest rate on the Business Premium account will reduce from 0.2% to 0.1% from January.

**Wigton Burial Joint Committee –** acknowledge receipt of the £593 for the precept for 20019/20, and the £1,703.40 for the legal settlement.

**Wigton Wiza Club –** have put this council’s donation towards the purchase of a music centre. The members will think of the Council as they sing the night away!

**ACTion with communities in Cumbria –** are offering a new programme, “Neighbourliness Works” to build local, personal and community resilience. A “Household Emergency Plan” is part of this.

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

**Trade Catalogues –** from Glasdon and Sunshine Gym were made available to the meeting.

**Bank Statements**

These were checked and approved by the meeting.

**Applications for Planning**

**New Applications**

OUT/2019/0018 J.J.Lattimer, Syke Park, Wigton. Four plots for industrial use. APPROVED

**Accounts for Payment**

Hospice at Home (Donation) £ 100.00 Chq 100575

Great North Air Ambulance (Donation) £ 50.00 Chq 100576

Oulton Institute Hall Committee (Donation & Meeting room) £ 438.00 Chq 100577

William Marrs (Retirement present for Ann Fox) £ 31.99 Chq 100578

Society of Local Council Clerks (2020 Membership) £ 78.00 Chq 100579

**Date and Time of the Next Meeting**

The next meeting was provisionally arranged for **Monday** 17th February 2020, at 7.30 p.m. at Oulton Institute Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.