WOODSIDE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held Monday 15th February 2021 at 7.30 p.m. remotely on-line. Physical meetings cannot be held due to restrictions on gatherings because of the Coronavirus.

**Members Present**

W.F.Marrs (Chairman) H.Barrow Mrs E.Lynch (ABC)

S.Connor Mrs C.Robinson A.Pitcher (ABC)

W.McKie T.Mattinson

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

## Members of the Public Present

## None

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

D.Wright

**The Minutes of the Last Meeting**

These had been circulated prior to the meeting. They were agreed, and will be signed by the Chairman in the next few days.

**Matters Arising from the Minutes**

No feedback has been received about the dog problem in Oulton, or the Highway matters. The provision of notice boards around the parish was again mentioned. Councillors are to assess what is needed (if anything) in their localities.

**Cumbria County Councillor’s Report**

None.

**Allerdale Borough Councillor’s Report**

Not a lot happening at the moment. The Local Government Review will shortly be put forward for consultation. The budget is being discussed, and will be put before a full council meeting in early March. It is proposed to put the ABC part of the rates up by £5. All ABC offices remain closed due to the pandemic. There have been problems with the IT systems, and also the rounds for refuse collection. However, the refuse wagon drivers have been very helpful. The ABC website is to give many more details as to what can and cannot be recycled, and where. There is to be increased tree planting and better land management. It is proposed that licenses for taxis and drinking establishments would last for three years instead of the current one year. An emergency response group has been set up in Wigton (also covering Woodside) to deal with issues such as the pandemic, flooding etc. Wigton business forum aims to attract people to the town through the Borderlands Project. “Fareshare” are operating from St Cuthbert’s on a Wednesday morning. They provide food, and people pay whatever they feel they can afford. Anyone can use this service.

**Wigton Burial Joint Committee Report**

Cllr McKie has tendered his resignation from Wigton Burial Joint Committee. He has overseen the smooth running of the cemetery for forty-five years, most of which were as Chairman. As a replacement is needed, Cllr T. Mattinson volunteered to fill the position, and was voted for unanimously. Subsequently, the Chairman advised that the Council were not empowered to do this at a meeting held remotely.

**Clerk’s Salary**

N.A.L.C. has recommended an increase in clerks’ salaries from 1st April 2020. This would mean an increase from £12.15 per hour to £12.48 per hour, meaning an increase from £2527.20 to £2595.84 pa. This was agreed unanimously by the meeting.

**Highways**

The following highway problems were raised.

Two drains are blocked at Spring Close and near Spring Lea.

The road beyond Oulton village heading towards Colmire, and the main road between Bird-in-Hand and Oulton both have sub-standard surface.

The Clerk is to report these matters to the Highways Dept.

**Longthwaite Planning**

Cllrs. J. Mattinson and M. Mullett have been approached about planning issues at Longthwaite Nook.

**Correspondence**

**Great North Air Ambulance:** thank the Council for their £50.00 donation.

**Hospice at Home:** acknowledge and thank the Council for the £100.00 donation.

**Oulton Village Hall:** thank the Council for the cheque for £438.00, which covers the meeting room fees and a donation.

**Clerks & Councils Direct & The Clerk** has been sent.

**Bank Statements**

Statements from Barclay’s and National Savings were checked and approved by the meeting.

**Applications for Planning**

**New Applications**

None

**Accounts for Payment**

M.D.McCabe (1/2-year salary) £1066.94 Chq 100595

H.M.R.C. (PAYE & NI) £ 266.80 Chq 100596

Wigton Burial Joint Committee (2nd payment 2020/21) £ 649.00 Chq 100625

**Date and Time of the Next Meeting**

Due to the Coronavirus, no date has been set for the next meeting, but it should be in April.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.