WOODSIDE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held Monday 20th December 2021 at 7.30 p.m. in Oulton Institute Hall.

**Members Present**

W.F. Marrs (Chairman) Mrs C. Robinson M.D. McCabe (Clerk)

D. Wright Mrs A. Lewis

J. Mattinson S. Connor

M. Mullett

## Members of the Public Present

## None.

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

W. McKie – ill health, T. Mattinson – working in Lockerbie, Mrs E. Lynch (ABC), A. Pitcher (ABC).

**The Minutes of the Last Meeting**

These were agreed, and signed by the Chairman.

**Matters Arising from the Minutes**

A drain between Bird-in-Hand and Moorhouse is blocked, causing water to run across the road, taking quite a quantity of silt (and sometimes sewage) with it. This is hazardous to motorists, especially with the approach of freezing temperatures. This is to be reported to Cumbria C.C. Acknowledgement has been received, but the problem still persists. Apparently, there is a dispute as to who is responsible for the repair. Councillors agreed to report the problem on Cumbria Highways website as individuals. The condition of the road between Oulton and Colmire is very bad. This is to be reported.

**Cumbria County Councillor’s Report**

None.

**Allerdale Borough Councillor’s Report**

None.

**Wigton Burial Joint Committee Report**

Acknowledgement of receipt of the second payment for 2021/22 of £575.00 has been received. Mrs P. Williams is moving away from the area, so will no longer be chair of the Burial Committee. Ms H. Robbins will take over. The cemetery house has been re-let through an agent. Three months’ notice needs to be given to terminate the lease. The precept for 2022/23 will be the same as 2021/22, i.e., £1,150.

**Cheque Signatories**

As Cllr Wright is now vice chairman, it was agreed to add him as a signatory for the bank accounts, and remove Cllr McKie. The paperwork to change this was completed.

**Oulton Institute Hall**

To build a new hall would be very expensive, and also involves land issues. Repairs and modernisation of the existing building would be a much cheaper, though far less permanent solution. One issue is that there is subsidence on one side, which is thought to be related to an old drainage ditch. Old OS maps are to be studied to see if it can be found where this ran. In the meantime, the Council is holding high reserves which will be used for the Hall.

**Precept 2022/23**

The attached page shows the figures. The overall increase this year is £35.

**Correspondence**

**Glasdon** has sent their latest catalogue for seats, litter bins and signs.

**Sunshine Gym** has sent a catalogue of outdoor fitness equipment.

**Clerk & Councils Direct** was made available to the meeting.

**Bank Statements**

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

**Applications for Planning**

**New Applications**

None

**Accounts for Payment**

TEEC Ltd (Website) £ 157.56 Chq 100635

Hospice at Home (Donation) £ 100.00 Chq 100636

Great North Air Ambulance (Donation) £ 50.00 Chq 100637

Oulton Institute Hall - Meeting room & Donation £ 438.00 Chq 100638

Society of Local Council Clerks (2022 Membership) £ 80.00 Chq 100639

Wigton Wiza Club £ 50.00 Chq 100640

**Date and Time of the Next Meeting**

The date for the next meeting is provisionally Monday 21st February 2022.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.