WOODSIDE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held Monday 10th October 2022 at 7.30 p.m. in Oulton Institute Hall.

**Members Present**

D. Wright (Acting Chairman) Mrs C. Robinson M.D. McCabe (Clerk)

Mrs A. Lewis H. Barrow

M. Mullett S. Connor

## Members of the Public Present

## None.

**Apologies for Absence** were received from the following, and accepted. W.F. Marrs – unwell, W. McKie – ill health and deafness, J. Mattinson – on holiday, Mrs E. Lynch (ABC) – another meeting.

**The Minutes of the Last Meeting**

These were agreed, and signed by the Chairman.

**Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Acceptance of Office – the Chairman and Vice-Chairman each need to complete the declarations of office. The Vice-Chairman completed his.

The paperwork to change the signatories on the Barclays Bank accounts still needs to be actioned. This involves Cllr Wright, the Chairman and one other councillor to complete the forms and take identification to a branch of the bank for verification. A suitable date is to be arranged to make an appointment. The National Savings account also needs to be changed.

Allerdale Borough Council say they will not supply paper copies of planning applications, so as to reduce their carbon footprint. They go on to say that Cumbria C.C. are able to provide paper copies at a reasonable rate! Hard copies of plans need to be available so the Council can sit around the table, view them, and discuss them. It was agreed to contact CALC to see if this causes problems for other councils.

**Cumbria County Councillor’s Report**

None.

**Allerdale Borough Councillor’s Report**

None.

**Wigton Burial Joint Committee Report**

None.

**Disabled Access to Meetings**

The subject of provision of facilities for people with disabilities was raised. Oulton Institute Hall is accessible for wheelchair users. It was agreed to investigate having an amplifier for those who have hearing difficulties. Cllr Marrs will find out about this.

**Correspondence**

**HM Revenue and Customs** imposed a penalty of £200 for late submission of PAYE returns. This is the Clerk’s fault, as he was trying to transfer the past records from the previous laptop. This problem was compounded by the death of his wife, Eileen. No payments were due to HMRC in this period. The clerk appealed against the fines, stating the reasons above. HMRC cancelled the penalty.

**The Pensions Regulator** reminds the Council that a review of staff pensions is due. This was actioned by the Clerk (there are no pensionable staff). Confirmation of this has been received.

**C.A.L.C.** would like to update their records of councillors’ e-mail addresses. Cllrs Connor, Barrow and Mullett agreed to this. Cllrs Wright, Mrs Robinson and Mrs Lewis did not want this, as they thought it would lead to loads of unwanted e-mails.

**Oulton Village Hall** has had improvements carried out. These include a new floor and wall panels and repainting and decorating. As previously agreed, the Parish Council have money in hand to be spent on the Hall. Cllrs Wright, Lewis and Connor declared an interest in this and withdrew from the meeting. The remaining councillors unanimously agreed to pay £3,400 for the above works. The other Councillors then returned to the meeting. Receipts for payments from the Hall Committee were given to the meeting.

**John Salisbury** has sent a receipt for £65 for his work on the internal audit.

**Wigton Wiza Club** are very grateful for the £50 donation. It was used to buy Prosecco and Nosecco to toast Her Majesty’s platinum jubilee.

**Great North Air Ambulance** ask if the Council would like to be involved in a Clothing Champions campaign. Whilst it was thought to be a good idea, it was felt it wouldn’t be used very much as similar facilities are available in Wigton.

**Hospice at Home** has sent a newsletter Christmas catalogue and raffle tickets. Some tickets were bought. The clerk is to pay for them on his credit card, and keep the cash.

**Glasdon** has sent its latest catalogue of playground equipment and street furniture.

**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**

FUL/2022/0129 S.Evans, Old Oulton School – 3 Bedroom Bungalow. Amended plan.

The above is presently in abeyance.

**Accounts for Payment**

M.D.McCabe (Clerk’s ½ Year Salary) £1038.52 Chq 100649

H.M.R.C. (N.I. & P.A.Y.E.) £ 259.40 Chq 100650

Wigton Burial Joint Committee (2nd payment 2022/23) £ 575.00 Chq 100651

Oulton Village Hall Committee £3400.00 Chq 100652

**Date and Time of the Next Meeting**

The date for the next meeting is provisionally Monday 12thDecember 2022.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.