WOODSIDE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held Monday 13th February 2023 at 7.30 p.m. in Oulton Institute Hall.

**Members Present**

W. Marrs (Chairman) Mrs C. Robinson Mrs E. Lynch (ABC)

H. Barrow M. Mullet

D. Wright J. Mattinson A. Pitcher (A.B.C.)

Mrs A. Lewis

M.D. McCabe (Clerk)

**Members of the Public Present**

## None.

**Apologies for Absence**

Were received from the following, and accepted.– W. McKie – ill health and deafness, S. Connor– work.

**The Minutes of the Last Meeting**

These were agreed, and signed by the Chairman.

**Matters Arising from the Minutes**

The interest rate paid on the NSI Investment Account is not competitive. NSI are offering 4% fixed for one year. A new account needs to be considered when changing signatories. Barclay’s paperwork still needs to be completed. It was agreed to look into on-line banking.

**Cumbria County Councillor’s Report**

None.

**Allerdale Borough Councillor’s Report**

All services that are provided by Allerdale B.C. will continue until 31st March, after which Cumberland Council will take them on, along with the services provided by Cumbria C.C. The transfer should be seamless. The budget is being reviewed, and will go before the full Council on 1st March. The police budget will also cover the fire service. This is Cllr Pitcher’s last meeting. Mutual thanks were exchanged.

**Wigton Burial Joint Committee Report**

None.

**Disabled Access to Meetings**

Assistance for people who are hard of hearing needs to be provided for Council meetings. It was agreed to consult the Hall Committee to get their views on this. Cllr Connor has sent some information.

**Clerk’s Salary**

The Local Government Association recommends that the clerk’s salary should increase as follows:- From April 2020 £12.48 per hour x 4 hours per week x 52 weeks = £2595.84. The rate from April 2021 should have been £12.70 per hour x 4 x 52 = £2641.60. This was never discussed or implemented. The recommended rate from April 2022 is 13.70 x 4 x 52 = £2849.60. The recommended increase was agreed, back dated to April 2022.

**Correspondence**

**Society of Local Council Clerks** acknowledge receipt of £80 for subscription for 2023.

**Hospice at Home** is grateful for the £100 donation.

**Great North Air Ambulance** is grateful for the £50 donation.

**Oulton Village Hall** have acknowledged receipt of £238 for hire of the Hall and are very grateful for the £200 donation.

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

**Bank Statements**

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

**Applications for Planning**

**New Applications**

None

Decisions

FUL/2022/0287 Frank Mattinson. To erect a post-tensioned agria-tank slurry store. Bridge House Farm GRANTED

**Accounts for Payment**

M.D. McCabe (Clerk’s ½ year salary) £1241.28 Chq 100658

H.M.R.C. (P.A.Y.E. & N.I.) £ 310.40 Chq 100659

M.D. McCabe (Petty cash arrears) £ 41.50 Chq 100660

**Date and Time of the Next Meeting**

The date for the next meeting is provisionally Monday 17th April 2023.

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