WOODSIDE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held Monday 17th April 2023 at 7.30 p.m. in Oulton Institute Hall.

**Members Present**

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

D. Wright S. Connor

Mrs A. Lewis T. Mattinson 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, John Mattinson – prior engagement, M. Mullett – Covid symptoms.

**The Minutes of the Last Meeting**

These were agreed, and signed by the Chairman.

**Matters Arising from the Minutes**

NSI no longer have accounts available for parish councils. The existing account can, however, be retained. The Clerk is looking into new investment accounts and on-line banking.

**Cumberland Councillor’s Report**

The first meeting of Cumberland Council took place on 13th April. There are 46 councillors, of which 30 are Labour. There will be one planning committee, with officers working from Carlisle, Whitehaven and Workington. Community Panels have been set up. Woodside is in “Fells & Solway”, which includes Wigton, Aspatria, Silloth, Dalston and Thursby as well. The panel can co-opt three people, ideally with specialist knowledge such as health and education. The first meeting will be in June. Any potholes should be reported on the Cumbria Council website, as funding from Central Government is linked to the number of complaints.

**Wigton Burial Joint Committee Report from this**

The War Graves Commission are to erect a plaque near the Cemetery entrance. The annual check revealed 24 unstable graves. Some of the owners have yet to be traced. There have been complaints that the heating in the chapel is ineffective. This is to be investigated. The first grass cutting for this year has now been done. Cemetery fees have yet to be decided.

**2022/23 Accounts**

The accounts for 2022/2023 have been completed by the Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer. They have been approved by the Internal Auditor. They were made available to the Council for any queries. After consideration, they were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**Appointment of new Internal Auditor**

John Salisbury has audited the accounts since 2002. He would like to stand down from this duty. It was agreed to write to thank him for all his work over the last twenty-one years and send £100 of Dobies gift vouchers. A replacement needs to be found. Cllr Connor said he knew someone who might be interested.

**Cllr W. McKie**

Billy has not stood for re-election due to deafness and his age (85). As he has served on the Council for over 40 years, many as Chairman, it was decided to send him a thank you letter and £100 Dobies gift voucher.

**Coronation of Charles III**

A party for parishioners has been organised for Sunday 4th June, the day after the Coronation. This will consist of games for the children in the afternoon, and a Kaleigh in the evening. It was considered whether to donate towards the cost of this, but it is already fully funded. The Council agreed they would consider covering any overspend.

**Correspondence**

**Eden Valley Hospice** has sent a newsletter and raffle tickets which were made available to the meeting.

**Elan City** has sent details of a new radar speed sign.

**Glasdon** has sent its latest catalogue.

**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**

Zurich Insurance (2023/24 premium) £ 257.60 Chq 100661

C.A.L.C. (2023/24 membership.) £ 193.81 Chq 100662

J. M .Salisbury (Internal Audit 2022/23) £ 65.00 Chq 100663

Wigton Burial Joint Committee (1st payment 2023/24) £ 575.00 Chq 100664

**Date and Time of the Next Meeting**

The date for the next meeting is provisionally Monday 15th May 2023.

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