WOODSIDE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held Monday 20th May 2024 at 7.30 p.m. in Oulton Institute Hall.

**Members Present**

W. Marrs (Chairman) H. Barrow M.D. McCabe (Clerk)

D. Wright S. Connor

M. Mullett Mrs A. Lewis

**Members of the Public Present**

## None.

**Apologies for Absence**

Were received from the following, and accepted. Mrs C. Robinson – ill, J. Mattinson – hospital appointment, Mrs E. Lynch – other meetings.

**The Minutes of the Last Meeting**

These were agreed, and signed by the Chairman.

**Matters Arising from the Minutes**

The fingerpost signs around the Parish are being restored thanks to the efforts of Cllr Mrs Lewis. All the actual posts have been rubbed down and repainted, and the arms removed for restoration. Some of the signs have now been completed. Moorhouse, Kirkland and Aikhead are still outstanding. It was agreed to send a letter of thanks when they are all completed. A very thorough job appears to have been done.

**Cumberland Councillor’s Report**

None.

**Wigton Burial Joint Committee Report**

The cemetery gates are being restored. New gate posts have been installed. The front of the cemetery is to be tarmacked to allow easier access for prams, wheelchairs, etc. The shape of the grassed area around the cenotaph is being changed to improve access.

**Vacancy for Councillor**

This still needs to be filled.

**Internal Auditor**

The Clerk has been in touch with CALC regarding internal audits. Scott Thornley who works for CALC does internal auditing independently for £75 p.a. It was unanimously agreed to let Scott do the internal audit.

**On-line Banking**

It was noted that On-line banking was becoming more popular, and that inevitably The Council would need to switch to this. After much discussion, it was agreed that three accounts would be needed. 1) A current account for day-to-day transactions, 2) A savings account with instant or very short notice access and 3) A high interest savings account, which need not be instant access. Thresholds and interest rates would need to be looked at, as well as a whole package. The Clerk is to make enquiries. Unity Trust, Barclays, Lloyds, and Cumberland Building Society are all being considered.

**Correspondence**

**Hospice at Home** thanks The Council for its donation of £100.

**Great North Air Ambulance** thank The Council for the donation of £50.

**Elan City** has sent leaflets about speed signs and displays. It was agreed to ask Cllr Lynch what help Cumberland Council could give regarding speeding traffic.

**Glasdon** has sent its latest catalogue.

**The Clerk and** **Clerks & Councils Direct** were made available to the meeting.

**Bank Statements**

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

**Applications for Planning**

**New Applications**

 None  **Decisions**

 None

**Accounts for Payment**

Zurich Municipal (Insurance Premium) £ 257.60 Chq 100677

Cumbria Association of Local Councils (Membership) £ 305.60 Chq 100678

**Date and Time of the Next Meeting**

The date for the next meeting is provisionally Monday 15th July 2024 at 7.30 pm in Oulton Institute Hall.