WOODSIDE PARISH COUNCIL

Supporting statement for year ended 31st March 2016.

**ASSETS**

No assets were disposed of during the financial year.

As at 31st March 2016, the following assets were held:-

 Bus shelter at Oulton £5,000

 Seven Parish seats @ 400 each £2,800

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 £7,800

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Wigton Cemetery and its assets are jointly owned with Waverton Parish Council and

Wigton Town Council. These should be declared with Wigton Town Council’s accounts.

**BORROWINGS**

At the close of business on 31st March 2016, there were no outstanding loans to the Council, nor had there been at any time during the financial year.

**PRECEPT**

The total precept and concurrent grant for 2015/16 was £8,621.24. The figure for 2014/15 was £8,945.98, a reduction of £324.74.

**LEASES**

At the close of business on 31st March 2016, there were no outstanding leases by the Council, nor had there been at any time during the financial year.

**TENANCIES**

The Council were neither landlords nor tenants at any time during the financial year.

**S.137 PAYMENTS**

Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 enables Parish Councils to spend up to the product of £7.36 per head of electorate for the benefit of people in its area on activities or projects not specifically authorised by other powers.

The Council had no transactions using these powers during the financial year.

**ADMINISTRATION**

The clerk’s gross salary remains the same as last year. There have been small increases in subscription rates, but no external audit fee.

**OTHER PAYMENTS**

Other than direct administration costs, the Council proportionately finance Wigton Cemetery jointly with Wigton Town Council and Waverton Parish Council. The costs for Wigton Burial Joint Committee have actually fallen by £250. Due to an error by the clerk, an over-payment of £1,000 had been made in 2014/15. This was corrected by paying £1,000 less in 2015/16. Donations were made to Wigton Wiza Club of £40 (an increase of £10 over last year), Hospice at Home of £100, Oulton Institute Hall of £110, Great North Air Ambulance of £50 and Wigton Baths Trust of £100. The donation to Wigton baths in 2014/15, was £200 for two years. This year it is again £100. A cheque sent to West Cumbria Rape Crisis was returned by Royal Mail. Attempts to contact this organisation have proved fruitless. It is planned to make a contribution to improvements to Oulton Institute Hall, which accounts for the balance in the Council’s accounts being rather high. The Council are awaiting estimates from the hall committee.

**AGENCY WORK**

None

**INTEREST**

This is broadly similar to the previous year, increasing by 64p.

**Signed**

 **(Chairman) (Responsible finance officer)**