WOODSIDE PARISH COUNCIL

Supporting statement for year ended 31st March 2017.

**ASSETS**

No assets were disposed of during the financial year.

As at 31st March 2017, the following assets were held:-

 Bus shelter at Oulton £5,000

 Seven Parish seats @ 400 each £2,800

 £7,800

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 2017, 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 2016/17 was £8,621.00. The figure for 2015/16 was £8,621.24, a reduction of £0.76. This year’s precept consists of £4,247, CTRS Grant of £124, and Burial support grant of £4,250.

**LEASES**

At the close of business on 31st March 2017, 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 £7.42 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. Due to an error, the internal auditor has not been paid. This will be rectified in next year’s accounts. The Clerk’s membership of Association of Local Council Clerks (£10) was paid from Parish Council funds in error. This will be corrected in 2017/18 accounts.

**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 £498.24. 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. A payment for £1,877 is outstanding for 2016/17 due to not having received a receipt for the previous cheque. Donations were made to Hospice at Home of £100, Oulton Institute Hall of £110 and Great North Air Ambulance of £50. It has been agreed to make a contribution to improvements to Oulton Institute Hall, which accounts for the balance in the Council’s accounts being rather high. A grant of £1,452.14 has been received from the Transparency Fund to purchase computer equipment and pay for the extra time and training required to set up a website. So far, £617.44 has been spent on training and computer equipment.

**AGENCY WORK**

None

**INTEREST**

This has decreased by £13.40.

**Signed**

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