WOODSIDE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held Monday 20th February 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in Oulton Institute Hall,

**Members Present**

W.McKie (Chairman) D.Wright A.Hedworth (Dist. Cllr)

J.Mattinson J.Pigg

W.F.Marrs Mrs C.A.Robinson M.D.McCabe (Clerk)

H.Barrow Mrs A.Fox

## Members of the Public Present

## Ian Lewis Alison Lewis Jane Roe Sean

**Apologies for Absence** were received from the following.

M.Mullet (ill)

**The Minutes of the Last Meeting** were read and approved and signed by the chairman.

**Matters Arising from the Minutes.**

The hole at the side of the road near Moorhouse has been filled in, so is no longer causing a problem. Many of the roads in Woodside have been resurfaced to a very high standard. The road between the village hall and Colmire still needs attention, as does the gulley at the bottom of Dockray hill. It was agreed to write to Cumbria Highways to alert them to the problems and to thank them for the excellent work they have done so far.

**County Councillors Report**

None.

**District Councillors Report**

A complaint has been received by a Wigton resident about tractors with slurry tankers travelling at inappropriate speeds through the town at night. It is not known who has been doing this, but it has been noted. The drainage board has now been renamed “Water Level Management Board”. The pumps will continue to be maintained until 2018. No money is available to provide a footpath between Oulton and Standingstone. Cumbria Highways have requested that anyone with local knowledge of where gulleys are located is to let them know, as some of the records have gone missing and many gulleys are now overgrown.

**Wigton Burial Joint Committee**

A receipt for the cheque sent for the first part of the precept has not yet been received. It was agreed not to send the second part until a receipt has been received. The gable end of the chapel needs repairing, the down spouts replaced, pointing to be completed and a drain cover needs raising. There are no signs of damp inside. A letter has been received from the curator saying he is very upset that Cllrs Girvan and Marrs had said that he had to move his tools from the chapel. He uses his own tools to do many jobs in the cemetery, thus saving WBJC a considerable amount of money. Cllr Marrs stated that neither he nor Cllr Girvan had said he had to move the tools. However this is a matter for WBJC.

**Correspondence**.

**Cumbria C.C.** – None.

**Allerdale B.C.** – Allerdale Local Plan has identified sites for development of housing and employment. A drop in session is to be held in Wigton on 24th February to allow discussion.

**C.A.L.C. –** Annual report was made available to the meeting.

**Great North Air Ambulance –** send thanks for the £50 donation made by the Council.

**Hospice at Home –** thank the Council for the £100 donation towards their work.

**Barclays –** Interest paid on the Business Premium Account has reduced to 0%. A new business support team has been set up.

**National Grid** A new line of pylons is proposed from the new power station at Moorside (Sellafield) to Harker (Carlisle). This will run through the Parish more or less parallel to the existing pylon routes. One of the existing pylon runs will be dismantled.

**Clerk & Council’s Direct** was made available to the meeting.

**To discuss funding and setting up of a parish council website.**

A grant of £1,452.14 has been received for setting up a website. The clerk has purchased a new laptop, software, and scanner. He has also been on a training course to learn how to build a website. Any expenditure covered by the grant will be separately identified in the annual accounts.

**Councillor Paul Pearson**

Paul unfortunately died just before Christmas, so a minutes silence was held in his memory. The Clerk is to write a letter to his family thanking him for his valuable contribution to the Council over many years. Paul’s untimely death results in a vacancy on the Council. The members of the public present were asked if they might be interested in filling this. Jane Roe said she would think about it. William Marrs put his name forward to be vice-chairman. He was proposed by Cllr Wright and seconded by Cllr Mrs Robinson. He was un-opposed and therefore duly appointed. Cllr Barrow is to be the CALC representative for a trial period.

**To discuss proposed parliamentary boundary changes**

The draft recommendations have been published. Woodside would be included in a ward with Wigton, called Wigton and Woodside, within a constituency named Penrith and the Solway Coast. The ward would be represented by three councillors. Any comments need to be made by 3rd April 2017.

**Oulton Hall Committee**

Alison Lewis explained that the donation to be made by Woodside Parish Council would be spent on a new floor. The hall committee were to discuss the best way of physically doing this and would come up with some costings. The donation would be made at that stage.

**Bank Statements**

These were checked and approved by the meeting.

**Applications for Planning**

**New Applications**

2/2017/0002 T.Davies, Beech Villa, Kirkland Rd. Agricultural building. APPROVED

2/2017/0008 F.Mattinson, Bridge Ho, Rosewain. Silage Bunker. APPROVED

2/2017/0010 C.Carruthers, Eskrigg. Six residential dwellings. APPROVED

**Decisions**

None

**Accounts for Payment**

M.D.McCabe (Clerk’s ½ Year Salary) £ 970.56 Chq 100547

M.D.McCabe (Petty Cash arrears) £ 132.79 Chq 100548

M.D.McCabe (Website Costs other than time) £ 698.92 Chq 100549

H.M.R.C. (Employers Tax and N.I. Contribution) £ 242.60 Chq 100550

Wigton Burial Joint Committee (2nd ½ yearly payment) £ 1877.00 Chq 100551

C.A.L.C £ 35.00 Chq 100552

**Date and Time of the Next Meeting**

The next meeting was provisionally arranged for **Monday** 15th May 2017, at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.