WOODSIDE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held Monday 17th July 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in Oulton Institute Hall,

**Members Present**

W.F.Marrs (Chairman) D.Wright

W.McKie M.Mullett

Mrs A.Fox Mrs C.A.Robinson

Mrs A. Lewis H.Barrow M.D.McCabe (Clerk)

## Members of the Public Present

## Mr T. Mattinson

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

J.Mattinson A.Hedworth (Borough Cllr)

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

**Matters Arising from the Minutes.**

National Savings state that as the Responsible Financial Officer is not one of the signatories, then no correspondence can be sent to them. It was agreed to contact NSI to ask that all correspondence should be sent to the RFO. A letter signed by all three signatories is to be sent.

**County Councillors Report**

None.

**District Councillors Report**

None.

**Wigton Burial Joint Committee**

A receipt has not been received for the last payment sent. The clerk asked if the WBJC representatives could stress the importance of having receipts at the next meeting. Over 200 headstones have so far failed the safety test. WBJC will pay for them all to be made safe, including the families who have already paid for this. The Council applauded that decision. It was agreed to write to WBJC to thank them for this decision and to ask that the work be completed by Easter 2018.

**Accounts 2016/17**

The external auditors have discovered a problem with the accounts. Initially, Woodside P.C. were informed that £4,250 would be required for WBJC for 2016/17. This figure was submitted to Allerdale B.C. on the statement of precept in Jan 2016. However, WBJC subsequently amended the figure to £3,754, resulting in an overclaim of £496. It was agreed to refund this immediately.

**Correspondence**

**Local Government Boundary Commission –** has published its final recommendations. Allerdale currently has 56 councillors. It is proposed to reduce this to 49. Woodside would be in a new ward, “Wigton & Woodside”, and be represented by three councillors.

**Cumbria C.C.** – The manhole cover at Bird-in-hand crossroads has been coned off for several months, creating a traffic hazard. This belongs to United Utilities. They informed Cumbria Highways that it would be repaired on 12th July. This has now been attended to, and the full width of the highway has been restored. Cumbria Highways have been thanked for their help in this matter.

**Allerdale B.C.** – None

**C.A.L.C. –** None

**National Grid –** Work on progressing development of Moorside power station and its associated links has been put on hold.

**Action With Communities in Cumbria –** have sent leaflets giving advice as to what households can do to prepare for emergencies, such as the 2015 flooding.

**Barclays -** have confirmed the changes to signatories on the bank accounts.

**Wigton Wiza Club –** have sent a receipt and a letter of thanks for the donation of £80.

**John Salisbury –** has sent a receipt for the £100 paid for the internal audit for 2015/16 and 2016/17. However it had been agreed that he would be paid £65 for auditing the accounts annually, so a cheque for a further £30 has been issued.

**Seafarers UK –** are asking for support for Merchant Navy Day on 3rd September. A brochure was made available to the meeting. It was thought that to buy a Royal Ensign which would only be used for thgis one event was not best use of Council funds.

**Clerks & Councils Direct** was made available to the meeting.

**Oulton Bus Shelter**

It has been reported that there is some graffiti in the bus shelter. Could this be painted over? An inspection of the bus shelter immediately after meeting revealed that there was not much damage, and it would be best removed with a wire brush. The Councillors would do this work.

**Stile Croft to Dockray**

Quite a few villagers walk along this section of the road through Oulton. Cllr Mrs Lewis asked that the verge could be kept clear for people to walk on to get out of the way of passing traffic. This could be quite easily achieved with minimal expense by keeping the grass cut down on a regular basis. Cllr Wright said he would approach John Graham to ask if he would be willing to do this for a small donation, as he has the necessary equipment.

**Bank Statements**

These were checked and approved by the meeting.

**Applications for Planning**

**New Applications**

HOU/2017/0093 Mrs K Salisbury, Kirkland Hill. Front porch.

HOU/2017/0135 T.Davies, Beech Villa. House extension.

2/2017/0314 J.Pigg, Dockray Farm. Milking parlour.

**Accounts for Payment**

J.Salisbury (2015/16 and 2016/17 audit donation arrears) £ 30.00 Chq 100560

M.D.McCabe (Clerk’s ½ Year Salary) £970.56 Chq 100561

M.D.McCabe (Petty Cash arrears) £ 2.60 Chq 100562

H.M.R.C. (Employers Tax and N.I. Contribution) £242.60 Chq 100563

Allerdale B.C. (2016/17 WBJC Overclaim) £496.00 Chq 100564

**Date and Time of the Next Meeting**

The next meeting was provisionally arranged for **Monday** 18th September 2017, at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.58 p.m.