LOWICK PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Lowick Parish Council was held on 15th April 2010 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Present: PD Calder, A Fairbairn, Mrs F Burn, SA Mather, JA Huddart, W Perks, Ms M Harker, Ms M Nesbit

1. The Vice-chairman, PD Calder, welcomed everyone and opened the meeting

2. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs S Graham and Mrs MA Bell

3. Declaration of interest - none

4. Minutes of previous meeting item 4 should be changed to amber flashing lights are not allowed on public highways.

5. Matters Arising
   ● the 30mph sign can't be moved. It was agreed that the matter should be pursued to see what can be done, perhaps a sign warning of children/playing field, perhaps a sign warning that drivers are entering a 30mph limit
   ● W Perks still to provide a price for the 'What's On' board

W Perks joined the meeting

6. Planning applications
   ● Application No 10/B/0114 : Full Planning Application : Erection of single dwelling and garage : Land at 36 Main Street, Lowick. There were no comments to make
   ● Application No 10/B/108 : Full Planning Application : Proposed first floor extension to provide additional bedroom : 1 Black Heddons. There were no comments to make
   ● Application No 10/B/0087 : Full Planning Application : Conversion of cottage into 3 no units, alterations, extension, improvements : Northfield Old Cottages, Lowick. The only comment was to make sure there was clear enough visibility from the entrance

JA Huddart joined the meeting and took over the Chair
   ● Application No 10/B/0110 : Agricultural Notification : Proposed agricultural building : Sheillow Wood, Nr Belford. there were no comments to make

Planning approval was received for application No 10/B/0034 : Proposed alterations and extension to provide ground floor office, toilet and improved kitchen area - 4 South Road, Lowick

Ms M Nesbit joined the meeting

7. Playbuilder - the clerk gave a report on a meeting she had attended the previous evening which had given information on the necessary paperwork, timescale for the project and some helpful hints from people who had already established new play areas.

Ms M Nesbit outlined the next steps - April/May/June would be when consultations took place and it is hoped the work would begin on the site in August/September. She planned to get some designers to look at the site and make some designs for the consultation. JA Huddart suggested that the proposals could be circulated to all households and the responses could be returned to a drop-in session at the hall, the consultations could perhaps also be tagged on to the school sports day. Ms Nesbit asked how involved the Parish Council wanted to be - A Fairbairn said he would like to be involved, work permitting. The current equipment in the Playpark will be inspected to see if it is going to last. The entrance will also be improved.
8. Correspondence

- A letter was received from Lowick in Bloom with regard to extra seating near Phillips Place, this was thought to be a good idea.
- A letter was received from Mrs Pannell expressing concerns about the possibility of Lowick In Bloom establishing a pond area on the Common - she is concerned it might cause flooding in her garden. PD Calder said that he was meeting with Lowick In Bloom and Groundworks at the end of the month but he said that at some stage the burn runs into the ground and there is a danger that the pond would dry up, he didn't feel it was feasible just to untilise the burn. Proposals are still awaited and then those affected would be consulted. If there were serious concerns following this consultation the project would not be allowed to go ahead.
- A reply is awaited from the County Solicitor re the use of the Common for a washing line
- CAN donation acknowledged
- Air Ambulance donation acknowledged
- Precept received
- A letter from Gill Jones requesting a dog waste bin at the football field - the clerk to investigate

9. Any other business

- A Fairbairn asked who owned the track and ditch opposite the common on South Road - the clerk to invesitage
- SA Mather asked why the Village Hall car park was becoming a parking dump for cars - the person concerned had been contacted - the clerk to write
- Mrs F Burn commented that she thought it was a waste of money sending cards notifying people that the Polling Station had been changed to the Village Hall
- PD Calder said the village hall car park was to be tarmaced on 26/27/28 April

10. Date of next meeting - 20th May 2010

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

20th May 2010