A meeting of Lowick Parish Council was held on 15th January 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present: JA Huddart, Mrs A Worlock, Mrs F Burn, SA Mather, W Perks, P Hanson,

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone, wished them a Happy New Year and opened the meeting

2. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs MA Bell, Mrs S Graham, Councillor RJD Watkin

3. There were no declarations of interest

4. Minutes of previous meeting – these were approved as being correct

5. Matters arising – the clerk reported that she had spoken to Graham Head and invited him to a meeting, he is away until March.

6. Barmoor Windfarm Community Fund Panel – JA Huddart said he would be happy to be the Parish Council’s nominee, he was also prepared to apply to be chairman of the panel – this nomination was unanimously agreed

7. Play Park – JA Huddart had received some correspondence with regard to the Parish Council taking over responsibility for the Play Park. Mrs A Worlock to follow up on this

8. Precept – The clerk circulated a summary of current bank balances and proposed expenditure until the end of March. Following discussion it was agreed to leave the precept at £1750pa, but if the Parish Council opt to take over responsibility for the Play Park this figure will have to be increased

9. Local Development Plan – JA Huddart circulated points he thought worth considering. It was thought that all housing developments in the area should make provision for affordable housing, rural transport should be fully supported and cycle paths introduced and maintained

10. Black Bull – the Black Bull’s registration as a community asset has been upheld by the Tribunal. The next step is to contact Hawthorn Leisure to find out what their plans are for the pub, are they planning to let it, appoint a manger – JA Huddart and Mrs A Worlock to write the letter

11. Community Fund – JA Huddart plans to submit an application for theatre lighting for the village hall so a drama group can be set up

12. Lowick Common – JA Huddart plans to write to all the solicitors involved to invite them to an informal discussion on the Parish Council’s proposals

13. Monthly press release – JA Huddart to send a press release to the Berwick Advertiser covering the Community Award, Black Bull

14. Speed indicators – the speed limit will be increased to 70mph although the speed through the village will still be 30mph, the volume of traffic through the village was interesting. P Hanson was thanked for monitoring the information from the indicators
14. Matters to report on potholes, repairs/maintenance to highways, street lights etc
   • The sign approaching the silos from the west has been blown over
   • Sign at Black Heddens crossroads is pointing the wrong way
   • Black Heddens to Kentstone deep sides on the side of the road

15. Correspondence
   Planning approval and Listed Building approval received for 5 Main Street, Lowick – single storey rear extension and detached garage

16. Date of next meeting – 19th February 2015

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm

19th February 2015