LOWICK PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Lowick Parish Council was held on 20th July 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: JA Huddart, Mrs L Bradbury, Mrs MA Bell, Mrs A Worlock, P Hanson, Mrs F Burn, W Perks, Mrs S Graham, Councillor RJD Watkin and 2 members of the public

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting

2. Apologies for absence were received from SA Mather

3. Declarations of interest – Mrs F Burn and Councillor RJD Watkin in connection with the planning application

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

5. Matters Arising
   • Prices had been received to cut the tree near the burn on the Common, Following discussion it was decided to try and find someone local who would be able to do the work
   • Benches on Common – one bench is to be removed and W Perks will repair the other one. There was discussion on acquiring more benches for the Common
   • W Perks has talked to Tony Brown regarding the tree who said it was the farmer’s responsibility. Mrs S Graham to contact Kyloe Parish Council
   • A letter was received from Anne-Marie Trevelyan regarding the state of the roads in the parish
   • Footpaths – check with officer that he’s aware that the area is cultivated

6. Play Park – the Chairman invited the 2 members of the public to update the Parish Council on progress made regarding new equipment for the Play Park. Quotes had been received from Playdale and Sutcliffe. The suggestions from the school children still have to be considered and attempts will be made to incorporate these suggestions. JA Huddart suggested that the 2 quotes should be finalised and then an application can be submitted. The Parish Council will sign the form with the 2 parents acting as agents

7. Planning Applications
   Ref: 16/01761/FUL: Construction of 3 no. agricultural sheds, 1 no. agricultural worker’s dwelling and new access road: Land north east of Lambton Avenue, Lowick. The following comments were made
   • Rubble and waste has been deposited on this site which gave environmental concerns
   • The width of the road from the main road should be wide enough for 2 HGVs to pass
   • Further detailed plans of the proposed house required. Parish Councillors felt unable to comment on the present plans as no details given on exterior stonework, roof tiles etc

   Ref: 16/02223/OUT: Outline application with all matters reserved: Demolition of existing industrial buildings and use of land for residential development (C3 use): Peat processing yard, Kemping Moss. The following comments were made
   • It is an overdevelopment – the wrong development in the wrong place
   • No consideration has been given to the access used by neighbouring farmers
• In accordance with the new local plan Parish Councillors do not think it is a sustainable development

8. The Common – a summary of the current situation received from the solicitor was considered. The proposals - £1500 to the Parish Council from everyone involved and £2500 for the easement. It was commented that the Parish Council has felt very let down by the County Council from the beginning
• Following discussions it was unanimously agreed to accept the solicitor’s advice and accept the agricultural purposes only easement payment of £2500 and £4500 towards the Parish Council’s costs (£1500 from each party) proposed Mrs S Graham, seconded W Perks
• JA Huddart and Mrs A Worlock to have delegated rights of authority to take any further decisions which are cost neutral – proposed W Perks, seconded Mrs F Burn, agreed unanimously
• JA Huddart will discuss outstanding issues with A Young
• It was suggested that the chain link fence be moved 1 metre so that the area isn’t abused
• It was unanimously agreed to accept the terms in the letter of 15th July from Adam Douglas that the Parish Council will receive £4500 and that Weller’s Hedley sign the document with the Parish Council’s best interests in mind – Proposed Mrs A Worlock, seconded Mrs L Bradbury

9. Neighbourhood Plan – JA Huddart reported that all is proceeding well. Plans are in hand for a village open day on 24th September and there will be pavilions for various groups to enable them to showcase what they do. Jenny Ludman is keen to get feedback by the end of September and the plan to be written by Christmas

10. Speed signs – data circulated

11. Potholes - P Hanson has sent the latest report on potholes, Neil Howie is currently on holiday

12. Correspondence
• information on waste charges – received
• Local transport plan – repeat requests from 2015
• Grass cutting is under threat and it’s possible that the Parish Council will become responsible for grass cutting

13. Date of next meeting – 15th September 2016

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm

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15 September 2016