LOWICK PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Lowick Parish Council was held on Thursday 15\textsuperscript{th} June 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: JA Huddart, Mrs S Graham, W Perks, SA Mather, Mrs F Burn, P Hanson, County Councillor R Lawrie

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting

2. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs A Worlock, Mrs MA Bell and Mrs L Bradbury

3. There were no declarations of interest

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

5. Matters Arising
   - The clerk to write to RJD Watkin to thank him for all the help he gave the Parish Council
   - R Lawrie hadn’t received a response to his query to the County Council about help to the Parish Council in connection with the legal issues relating to the Common. R Lawrie said he may still be able to offer financial help towards legal costs
   - Registration of the Common received. JA Huddart commented that the whole procedure had taken a lot of time and money and the whole situation should be examined to try and see if any lessons could be learned and perhaps a summary could be sent to NALC. It was suggested that a report would be made to the public to include all costs involved. R Lawrie cautioned that it may not be legally possible to name other parties. S Ricketts (NALC) may be able to advise on legalities
   - Mrs S Graham reported that 4 people from Belford Middle School are being made redundant. Mrs Graham said she blamed the County Council – there’s a 2 tier system at Alnwick and 3 tiers at Berwick and a number of year 6 children are now going to Alnwick. JA Huddart commented that he looks forward to seeing if the new administration can come up with a more coherent system for education
   - R Lawrie said he didn’t have any further information with regard to a parish receiving a free play park. P Hanson commented that if there was one free play park in the area it was unlikely to be another in the same area
   - EDF hasn’t responded to the email regarding the proposed mural
   - R Lawrie said he hadn’t been able to find any more information with regard to speed signs
   - JA Huddart has spoken to someone at the County Council about the pinfold, the Parish Council would perhaps have to pay £30 for the pre-application process. JA Huddart asked if our new County Councillor might be able to use his influence. It was suggested there might be a design competition involving the school and the people who live around the Common
Mrs S Graham reported that she had attended a WASPI meeting. The turnout wasn’t huge – Anne-Marie Trevelyan, Julie Porksen and a member of the Green Party attended. No new information was forthcoming, the fight will continue and the DWP is being taken to court by the WASPI women. Anne-Marie Trevelyan supported them.

6. **Neighbourhood Plan** – JA Huddart circulated the progress to date. Progress has been made as far as possible with regard to housing and the committee is waiting for Jenny Ludman to produce more questions and tasks. P Hanson offered to take on the Accessibility topic. JA Huddart explained that a planning document and policies will have to be developed.

7. **Planning application**
   Ref: 17/02017/FUL: To sensitively restore the Grade II cottage and granary building and convert into 2 self-contained holiday apartments as well as restoring the roof and floor of the Grade II listed drying kiln: Holburn Mill Cottage
   Ref 17/02017/LBC: Listed building consent to sensitively restore the Grade II listed cottage and granary building and convert into 2 self-contained holiday apartments as well as restoring the roof and floor of the Grade II listed drying kiln: Holburn Mill Cottage

   Mrs S Graham and SA Mather had visited the site. The neighbours were concerned about their privacy and safety as a fence had been removed resulting in a steep drop from the cottage to the neighbouring property. Parish Councillors agreed that the plans were a potential enhancement to a threatened building and it was hoped that all parties could come to a mutual agreement over the boundary fencing.

8. **Interactive speed signs** – P Hanson has previously circulated the latest data which showed that speeds are increasing. P Hanson offered to alter the speed sign beside the village hall to record the number of vehicles leaving the village in response to concerns raised by Fenwick Parish Council regarding the proposed junction improvements onto the A1.

9. **Matters to report on potholes, repairs/maintenance to highways/street lights etc** – P Hanson reported that road drains are being sorted but that there was only sufficient money to tackle the drains at Barmoor Corner.

10. **Any other business** – Mrs F Burn asked if anyone knew anything about fences in Kyloe Wood. JA Huddart recommended she asked John Daniels.

11. **Date of next meeting** – 20th July 2017

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40pm.

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20th July 2017