LOWICK PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Lowick Parish Council was held on 22\textsuperscript{nd} March 2012 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: JA Huddart, SA Mather, Mrs S Graham, Mrs MA Bell, Mrs L Bradbury, W Perks, Mrs A Worlock, Mrs F Burn, Councillor RJD Watkin

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting

2. Apologies for absence were received from PD Calder

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

4. Matters Arising
   - Lowick Common – JA Huddart reported that he had attended an informal meeting with the Souters, Karen Taylor and the Currah\textquotesingle s with regard to Aiden Colgan\textquotesingle s rights. Mr Colgan had interpreted Mrs Taylor\textquotesingle s Land Registry application as a blockage to his access to the field. JA Huddart has been in touch with Stephen Ricketts at Northumberland County Council, but as he is soon leaving the Council the email has been passed to a Mr Newton. The objective is to get all to agree and not fall out. Mrs MA Bell suggested that the Parish Council took photos of how the Common is now, JA Huddart said there are photos on Google but that he would take some. RJD Watkin suggested that the photos on Google could be printed off. JA Huddart said he was happy to act as an intermediary between Mrs Taylor and Mr Colgan.

   - JA Huddart reported that he had attended a Planning Training Workshop meeting which he found very interesting. He said the new planning Local Development Framework laws mean localities need good plans to stop a free for all situation. JA Huddart thought that the Local Development Framework was more than one Parish Council could handle – possibly something for Norham and Islandshires. 50\% of the electorate would have to agree. The Local Planning Framework has to conform to national guidelines. RJD Watkin said that there had been cross party agreement to the Northumberland News being printed with regard to the Local Development Framework, but it would probably not be called Northumberland News.

   - Condition of planning at Holburn for passing places – RJD Watkin said an investigation is taking place in the Planning Department

5. Finance – It was agreed that David Harrison be appointed Internal Auditor. Clerk\textquotesingle s salary and expenses. It was proposed this be raised to £900 to reflect costs of producing the Newsletter. Proposed Mrs F Burn, 2\textsuperscript{nd} Mrs A Worlock. The clerk thanked the Parish Council for this.
6. Matters to report on potholes, repairs/maintenance to highways/street lights etc
   • The hedging on the C18 still hasn’t been cut back
   • Mrs A Worlock asked if there could be flashing speed signs, the diverted traffic was going much too fast, it was agreed the police should be contacted with regard to the diverted traffic

7. Correspondence
   • The County Council is now cutting the grass
   • Nurturing Northumberland’s Environment – received
   • Glendale Gateway Trust correspondence – received

8. Any other business – none

9. Date of next meeting – to be agreed. The clerk reported that there is very little correspondence being received at the moment, so if there is nothing received for the April meeting the next meeting would be on 17th May.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm

17th May 2012