LOWICK PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Lowick Parish Council was held on 21st March 2013 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: JA Huddart, Mrs MA Bell, Mrs S Graham, SA Mather and PC Alan Morton (Northumbria Police)

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting

2. Apologies of absence were received from PD Calder, Mrs A Worlock, Mrs F Burn, W Perks and Mrs LA Bradbury

3. Declaration of Interest – JA Huddart declared an interest in the planning application in Cheviot View

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

5. Matter Arising

   • The Common – JA Huddart circulated an email from Stephen Rickitt and a map. JA Huddart had asked S Rickitt if the road was part of the Common Mr Colgan would not be able to have 4.5 metres on the Common unless he had permission from the Common landowner. S Rickitt had suggested that Mr Colgan would perhaps have to make access over another part of his land as compensation. JA Huddart circulated a map showing the roadway. It was also pointed out that the Parish Council has never had any contact from Mr Colgan since the meeting in July 2012. JA Huddart has emailed Mrs Taylor’s solicitor to report that the matter is being discussed and he said he would be passing all the information to Mrs Taylor’s solicitor.

   Parish Councillors felt that Mr Colgan should use the current access from the steading to the field for heavy vehicles. The Parish Council has never received a proposal from Mr Colgan and it was felt there was nothing the Parish Council could do unless Mr Colgan asked it for permission to have access over the Common

6. PC Alan Morton – PC Morton reported that there had been 1 crime in the village – a farmer’s trailer with hay on it had been set on fire.

   PC Morton then raised the question of a defibrillator for the village. He explained that the police have been trained to use them and he hopes that there will be one in Lowick. The ambulance service can train anyone who would be interested. He said the total cost is around £1500 but it would be cheaper if obtained through the ambulance service. PC Morton said he would ask someone to get in touch with the Parish Council to arrange to come and speak at a meeting.

   PC Morton is also looking into a hand-held speed device. Local people can be trained and they can take a note of anyone speeding and pass this information to the police who will then speak to the offender. This device is currently being tried in Wooler and more
information will be available at the next meeting. PC Morton said he had recently visited the village and spoken to a few people who were speeding. He was hoping to use the flashing speed signs over the coming weekend. The Chairman thanked PC Morton for attending the meeting.

7. Planning Applications – Ref: 13/00011/OUT: Outline planning application: Land adjacent to 73 Main Street, Lowick. Amended information received, no additional comments

Ref: 12/03497/LBC: Listed building consent for installation of air source heat pump: The Old Church, 3 Cheviot View, Lowick. JA Huddart had declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussions. Comments made

- Plans are very unclear and much more information is needed.
- Application is for an air source heat pump but plans show wood chip boiler and concerns were expressed about how the chips would be delivered – access over the Common would not be permitted by the Parish Council. There is no indication of a boiler flue and there were concerns about fumes and noise disturbance to the neighbours. No plans have been received showing the proposed construction of the roof of the boiler house

Ref: 13/00425/VARYCO: Application for new planning permission to replace an extant planning permission in order to extend the time limit for implementation relating to planning permission N/09/B/0454 (Conversion of existing farm buildings to form 6 dwelling houses along with construction of car port building) : East Holburn Farm, Lowick. There were no comments to make regarding this application

8. Matters to report on potholes, repairs, maintenance to street lights/highways etc – Holburn Bridge and passing places should be created on the road to Holburn because of the increased traffic to the grain store. Stones on the grass verge at Barmoor Corner – clerk to contact the Enforcement Officer

9. Any other Business – Mrs S Graham had received cards for people to fill in requesting faster broadband – the clerk agreed to leave these in the Village Store.

10. Date of next meeting – Thursday 18th April 2013

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm

22nd April 2013