A meeting of Lowick Parish Council was held on 19th March 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: JA Huddart, P Hanson, Mrs MA Bell, W Perks, SA Mather, Mrs F Burn,

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting

2. Apologies of absence were received from Mrs LA Bradbury, Mrs S Graham, Councillor RJD Watkin

3. There were no declarations of interest

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

5. Matters arising
   • Signs warning about speed cameras in the village – these had been put up by the police
   • Community Panel has been set up, David Lockie is to be the Chairman
   • Speed Indicators – vehicles are coming into the village at 70mph. S Hanson has given PC Amer the information. Cars are thought to pick up speed as the travel past the shop. P Hanson is to investigate the possibility of changing the radar recording to show the speeds of cars leaving the east end of the village.
   • Changes to County Council planning – RJD Watkin had advised the Chairman that the Parish Council should not be too concerned because if there was a genuine reason to object to an application they should report objections to the County Councillor who is honour bound to bring the objection up at a planning meeting. P Hanson said that the impression given at the Norham and Islandshires meeting was that the County Council wanted to steamroller applications through. P Hanson said he was planning to attend the NALC meeting followed by a meeting at County Hall

6. The Common – JA Huddart and Mrs A Worlock had held a meeting with Mrs J Colgan and B Colgan. Mrs Colgan had suggested that she thought the Parish Council should have the stones removed as they cause an obstruction, JA Huddart said they weren’t on a public road. The Colgans also reported that Mr Butson hadn’t reported the Colgan’s views 100% at his meeting with JA Huddart and Mrs A Worlock – he hadn’t discussed it with his clients.

The major sticking point appears to be the covenant on the building of just a single house – the Colgans don’t want that. No mention of the issue of granting of adverse possession which has been agreed by the adjudicator – hopefully this is drawing to a conclusion. There was a firm commitment to enter into discussions with regard to a path to the Community Orchard. M Butson is proposing one easement to benefit the Colgans and another for the Currah and K Taylor. JA Huddart said he would email M Butson to say that no mention of the adverse possession issue has been made but that the Parish Council accepts the terms of the letter subject to the adverse possession and the Parish Council would like to proceed apace.

Parish Councillors expressed fears that the promise of permitted access might not come to fruition

7. Neighbourhood Plan – JA Huddart outlined the process
   • He has emailed David English but no reply received to date
   • A referendum of people who vote is not completely necessary
   • The geographical area to be covered by the plan has to be agreed and the reasons why a plan is wanted
   • In the whole plan it would be necessary to identify how the Parish could wish to conserve/develop/move forward in the community with employment etc, it would also be necessary to follow the Northumberland Plan
   • It was agreed to commit to the process of a Neighbourhood Plan and if one was produced the County Council would have to consider it when making decisions affecting the Parish
• P Hanson said that at the Norham and Islandshires meeting a suggestion had been made for a joint plan. JA Huddart thought it was better to keep within the Lowick Community, this was agreed. There were concerns that Norham would be lead in a Norham and Islandshires plan.
• It was unanimously agreed that the whole parish be included in the plan not just the village. JA Huddart will request a map of the parish and put forward a proposal. From then there will be 6 weeks consultation. Following the consultation information about the community will be collected (there are 208 houses in the village).

8. Black Bull – still awaiting a buyer

9. Matters to report on potholes, repairs/maintenance to highways, street lights etc
• Potholes at Brownridge
• Light at give way sign on South Road beside the shop
• Signs to Holburn Village and Holburn Grange requested

10. Correspondence – Sample complaints procedure received from Ancroft Parish Council

11. Any other business
• W Perks reported that lorries are parking outside the silos before the gates are open (5 one morning)
• It was agreed to look into buying a rubbish/dog bin for near the football field

12. Date of next meeting – 16th April 2015

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm

16th April 2015