The Annual General Meeting of Lowick Parish Council was held on 20th May 2013 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: JA Huddart, Mrs A Worlock, Mrs S Graham, SA Mather, Councillor RJD Watkin, and one member of the public (P Hansen)

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting, he also congratulated RJD Watkin on his re-election as a County Councillor and commented that he thought it was good for the County and the Parish

2. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs MA Bell

3. Declaration of interest – there were no declarations of interest

4. Election of Officials
   - Chairman – JA Huddart, proposed by Mrs S Graham, seconded by SA Mather – JA Huddart accepted the nomination
   - Vice-Chairman – Mrs A Worlock, proposed by Mrs S Graham, seconded by JA Huddart, Mrs Worlock accepted the nomination

5. Finance – the clerk has already circulated the financial summaries for 2012/13 which showed a balance of £843.99, being split between the Deposit Account - £684.20 and Current Account £159.79. The clerk pointed out that there was a VAT rebate pending and that in the current financial year the Auditors fees would be much less as the income which was received for the Play Park grant has now been spent. These accounts were accepted by Parish Councillors and signed by the Chairman.

The clerk handed bank signatory forms to JA Huddart and Mrs A Worlock for completion.

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

7. Matters Arising
   - JA Huddart has an email to send to S. Rickitt asking if Mr Colgan wants part of the Common how they would go about the legalities. JA Huddart also pointed out that if the Adjudicator rules against adverse possession 4.5 metres would still encroach the common. RJD Watkin said that if adverse possession was ruled against the case would come back to the Parish Council. There was also a question raised as to what amount of heavy traffic would use the road. JA Huddart will end the email and copy everyone

8. PC Alan Morton’s report
   - PC Morton reported that there had been no crime in the Parish since the last meeting
   - Defibrillator – he would arrange for someone to come and talk to the Parish Council, 27th June was suggested, as this would be the date for the next meeting
   - Speed Cameras – the clerk reported that one person had requested more information about this scheme. PC Morton said that the use of this camera wouldn’t hurry the installation of a camera in the village. It was felt that flashing speed signs would be effective. PC Morton said he had taken letters into the school asking parents to be aware of their speed, he though it had
been effective. RJD Watkin said he could possibly pay for one speed sign and perhaps the Parish Council could pay for another one

- Mrs S Graham thanked PC Morton for putting in a report on potholes

9. Co-option of Parish Councillors
Following the elections in May there were still 4 vacancies on the Parish Council and 5 people interested in these vacancies, namely Mrs LA Bradbury, Mrs F Burn, Rev V Dickinson, Mr P Hansen and Mr W Perks.

The clerk reported that she had taken advice from David Francis in case one candidate received the same amount of votes. His recommendation was that those with majority votes could be co-opted and in the event of a tie those involved could be considered for co-option at the next meeting or that the Chairman could have a casting vote

Three of the candidates had already served on the Parish Council but Mr P Hansen and Rev V Dickinson had been invited to the meeting to give a brief outline of their reasons for wanting to join the Parish Council. Rev Dickinson was unable to attend but had emailed the clerk confirming that he would like to be considered for co-option, stating that he had the good and well-being of the community very much to heart and that he had past experience having been elected and served as a Borough Councillor in South Wales. Mr P Hansen then introduced himself. He said he had been living permanently as Barmoor Corner for 2 years. Ill health meant that he and his wife had retired earlier than planned and that prior to his retirement he worked as an Environmental Health Officer, he also used to be a brewer. Mr Hansen said he would do his utmost to carry out his duties accordingly. JA Huddart thanked Mr Hansen for his interest.

Mr Hansen and RJD Watkin left the room while the candidates were discussed and the clerk distributed voting forms. The result of the votes was that the 3 previous Parish Councillors were co-opted and Mr Hansen and Rev Dickinson received 2 votes each. The Chairman decided not to have the casting vote and it was decided to leave the co-option of the final Parish Councillor to the next meeting when more people will be able to vote. The Chairman thanked Mr Hansen for attending the meeting

10. Matters to report on potholes, repairs/maintenance to street lights, highways etc – there are still numerous potholes which continue to be reported. The barrier outside the school needs attention

11. Any other business
RJD Watkin reported that Labour is now the biggest single party on the County Council. He also said that he would not support any new council proposals which would have an adverse effect on his ward and that the financial benefits of local government re-organisation have now gone.

12. Date of next meeting – Mrs Worlock asked if the date of the next meeting could be changed as she would not be here on 20th June, it was agreed to change the date to 27th June

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm

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