LOWICK PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Lowick Parish Council was held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 2\textsuperscript{nd} November in Lowick First School

Present: PD Calder, Mrs MA Bell, Mrs F Burn, W Perks, SA Mather, A Fairbairn, Mrs S Graham, Ms ME Harker, Councillor RJD Watkin

1. The Vice-Chairman, PD Calder, welcomed everyone and opened the meeting

2. Apologies for absence were received from JA Huddart

3. Declaration of Interest - none

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

5. Matters Arising
   - PD Calder reported that he had attended a meeting of the Norham and Islandshires Parish Councils Association and he believes that it will act as the host for the Community Forum. It was agreed at the meeting that Parish Councils would pay 10p per elector and the clerk would be paid £8.34 per hour, the constitution was agreed and parish clerks can vote as well as councillors. RJD Watkin said that Community Forums had to be set up, it was Government orders and Northumberland County Council will benefit from more money.
   - The repairs to Holburn Bridge will not be done this year
   - Ms M Harker reported that she had not been given sandbags but the drain at the end of the road to Holburn Mill had been flushed out
   - Village Hall - the builders hope to have the work finished by the end of November. The problems with the heating have been fixed although there is a possible legal dispute taking place between Geowarmth and George Craig

6. Playbuilder Programme - Ms M Nesbit outlined this programme
   - This programme is being run by Northumberland County Council with funding from the Lottery.
   - The Council are unique in consulting with communities, other councils have just decided where the play areas are to be built
   - The funding is for natural play and to make use of natural elements with no formal playgrounds and they must offer opportunities for risk and challenge, the target age group is 8-14 year olds and they must be involved in the consultation
   - A Fairbairn said he would work with the junior football club
   - The amount of money to apply for could possibly depend on the number of children to benefit, Mandy is still waiting for Lorna Chappell to provide the numbers
   - The deadline for expression of interest is 13\textsuperscript{th} November, notification by 20\textsuperscript{th} November
   - If the expression of interest is successful the final application has to be submitted by 8\textsuperscript{th} January with the decision being made in February and the final decision in March
   - If the application is successful the project must be completed by 30\textsuperscript{th} March 2011
RJD Watkin said that the Council were expecting Parish Councils to take over responsibility for play parks, but it is hoped that they will do a blanket insurance for the whole county. Parish Councils will shortly receive a letter asking them to take this responsibility. If the Parish Council precept increases the County precept will decrease.

7. Planning - Application No: 09/B/0454 : Full Planning Application : Conversion of existing farm buildings to form 6 dwelling houses with construction of ‘carport’ building : East Holburn Farm, Holburn Village, Berwick-upon-Tweed TD15 2UJ

RJD Watkin declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussions
• Mrs S Graham reported that she has had a chat with the village residents who agreed that something needed to be done, although there were concerns regarding light pollution, eg security lights, and extra traffic.
• The population of the village would almost double.
• Questions were asked about the need for low cost housing and it was suggested that provision in this development could be made for low cost housing
• Questions were asked as to why it was to be wooden cladding on the cartshed and not stone
• There were concerns raised over the water supply
The new power lines should be underground

8. Finance
Cheques signed - £26.50 for poppy wreath, £25 for hire of Fenwick Village Hall, £20 for hire of school hall. A Wayleave payment of £14.28 received from Scottish Power

9. Correspondence
• People and Places - received
• NSP meeting - received
• Library service - letter received
• NALC AGM - no one to attend
• CAN AGM - no one to attend
• Northumberland News - RJD Watkin reported that it is delivered to every home in the county. It costs 10p per copy and it is saving on advertising costs as the Council is not using the press. Police/Fire consultations will be included, so saving on postage
• E-on - The clerk to contact them to ask why they need this information (no of street lights)

10. Any other Business
A Fairbairn reported complaints about the number of cars parked on the Main Street

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

21st January 2010