A meeting of Lowick Parish Council was held on 16th November 2014 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present: JA Huddart, Mrs F Burn, Mrs S Graham, SA Mather, Councillor RJD Watkin, D Fone and S Bell (EDF Energy)

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting

2. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs A Worlock, P Hanson and Mrs MA Bell

3. Declaration of Interest – RJD Watkin declared an interest in the planning applications

4. Barmoor Windfarm update – D Fone reported that
   - The underground cables are installed and Scottish Power is just finishing the connections between Horncliffe and Barmoor.
   - The site is to be energised between 14th/end November and it is hoped to fully commission the site in January which is ahead of schedule.
   - The Community Foundation will manage the Community Fund on behalf of EDF.
   - The site preparation for turbine deliveries is almost complete
   - A1 lane restrictions have caused the turbine deliveries to be rescheduled with the wider loads being delivered first, it is expected the loads will travel through Lowick between 10.30 – 11.30 am. A trial run had been carried out which the police were happy with
   - A CCTV survey is to be undertaken prior to delivery, NCC will monitor after construction
   - 12metres per second is the highest speed of wind for the installation of the highest parts of the turbines
   - Fibre optic components – BT have installed the pipe for the fibre optic cable, EDF have an overhead section of fibre connection

JA Huddart thanked D Fone and S Bell for attending and they then left the meeting

4. Minutes of previous meeting - amendments to be made
   i) Item 4 (The Common) paragraph 7 road amended to ‘track’ as it was agreed that this area is not considered a road
   ii) Item 11 (Any other business) paragraph 4, reference change to former Church of Scotland building, not the Manse

Following these changes the minutes were agreed as being correct

5. Matters Arising
   - Black Bull – the decision on the challenge to the Black Bull being made a community asset is awaited
   - Speed Indicators – JA Huddart asked if they would be recording the speed of the diverted traffic
   - Community Fund – at a recent meeting of the working group most of the outstanding points were discussed and agreed. The terms of reference were agreed. It was also agreed that each of the 7 Parish Councils involved, Lowick, Ford, Bowsden, Kyloe, Duddo, Doddington and Tillside would nominate a panel representative, although their nominee does not have to be a Parish Councillor. In addition to these representatives applications would be sought from ‘self-nominated’ members of the community and the application form would include a question asking if they would be interested in being the panel Chairman. There will be a total of 4 self-nominated panel members, one being the panel Chairman. Closing date for applications for self-nominated applications is 12th December and for Parish Council nominees 31st January.
Huddart urged everyone to encourage as many as possible from the Parish to apply to be a self-nominated panel member.

It is anticipated that there will be 2 panel meetings a year. JA Huddart asked where they would meet and would everyone have to stand down after 3 years. Clerk to check on this.

6. Lowick Common  - JA Huddart circulated a copy of the letter which had been sent to the Tribunal. JA Huddart and Mrs A Worlock had met to discuss the content of the letter. No money had been made available from the County Council. It had been suggested that as a starting point the chain link fence should be removed with easement over the grass – which Parish Councillors unanimously agreed with

7. Planning Applications
   • Application No: 14/03077/FUL : Construction of a steel framed agricultural building : Land south west of Laverock Law cottages, Laverock Law  There were no comments to make
   • Application No: 14/02848/FUL : Proposed kitchen/utility extension : 13 South Road, Lowick  There were no comments to make
   • Application No: 14/02932/FUL : Proposed single storey extension : 7 Church Lane, Lowick  There were no comments to make
   • Application No: 14/03164/FUL : Single storey rear extension and detached single garage : 5 Main Street, Lowick
   • Application No: 14/03165/LBC: Listed building consent for single storey rear extension and detached single garage : 5 Main Street, Lowick  There was unanimous support for this application, it was felt that the proposals were subservient to the rest of the house and don’t appear to affect any of the listed features. It was also thought that the proposed breach in the wall doesn’t take away the overall appearance of the wall

8. Finance – the External Auditor’s report was received and approved

9. Community Award – the wording was agreed – previous winners can be nominated again

10. Matters to report on potholes, repairs/maintenance to highways, streets lights etc
   • A new sign to Holburn Grange is needed

11. Any other business
   • It was reported that there is a cracked sheet on the roof of the bus shelter.  RJD Watkin said that the Parish Council is now responsible for the shelter
   • SA Mather asked if a ‘No Smoking’ sign should be put on the wall of the shelter

12. Date of next meeting – 20th November 2014

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm