LOWICK PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Lowick Parish Council was held on 21st September 2009 at 7.30 p.m. in Fenwick Village Hall.

Present: PD Calder, SA Mather, Mrs MA Bell, Ms ME Harker, JA Huddart, Mrs F Burn, Mrs S Graham, Councillor RJD Watkin

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting

2. Apologies for absence received from A Fairbairn and W Perks

3. Declaration of interest - none

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

5. Matters Arising
   • JA Huddart had received a reply to his letter to Norham & Islandshires Parish Councils Association. He had attended the first meeting of the Community Forum which he thought was quite productive. He explained that the forum has 2 separate arms - Berwick and Norham and Islandshires. PD Calder agreed to attend the meeting of the N&I Parish Councils Association on 30th September.
   • JA Huddart, George Miller and V Dickinson are to meet with Gillian Simmons to explore the next steps for the Community Forum
   • RJD Watkin explained that Community Forums should be all embracing, they cannot make decisions only recommendations. Parish Councils can also make views known to Area Committees
   • RJD Watkin said that grass cutting will only become the responsibility of the Parish Council if they want it to.

6. Finance
   • External Audit report received
   • Second payment of precept received - £606.50
   • Age Concern - it was agreed not to make a donation
   • North East Trust for Aphasia - it was agreed not to make a donation

7. Planning
   Planning approval received for
   Application No 09/B/0261 - Conservatory to rear of Blue House
   Application No 09/B/0312 - Conversion of agricultural building to domestic dwelling at Lowick Hall
   Application No 09/B/0302 - Extension of porch - The Oaks, 20a Main Street
   Application No 09/B/0313 - Removal of condition 6 on planning approval 04/B/0748 - Barmoor Mill Farm House

   Application No: 09/B/0388 - Full Planning Application - Conversion of cottage into 3 no units, alterations, extension and improvements - Northfield Old Cottages, Lowick. There were no comments to make regarding this application
Application No: 09/B/0399 - Full Planning Application: Conversion of two store/slate barn buildings for residential units - Moorhouse Farmhouse, Lowick, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 2UQ. PD Calder commented that there is a known issue of water running off the road and work will be needed to alleviate this problem. The footpath which is near the proposed development should be protected.

8. **Matters to report on potholes, repairs/maintenance to highways/street lights**
   - RJD Watkin to find out about repairs to the Wooler road
   - Mrs S Graham asked when the repairs to Holburn Bridge were to be carried out, RJD Watkin agreed to find out
   - Ms ME Harker requested sandbags for the top of the lane to Holburn Mill
   - RJD Watkin suggested asking the Highways manager, Dave Cherry to a meeting

9. **Correspondence**
   - Compost bins - received
   - Playbuilder programme, the clerk said she would attend the meeting
   - National Park meeting - RJD Watkin said he would be attending

10. **Any other Business**
    - Write to Lowick in Bloom to offer congratulations and support
    - Village Hall - there has been a problem with the heat pump which is back with the manufacturers
    - SA Mather asked about the post box - a larger one has been installed

11. **Date of next meeting** - to be decided, but it was agreed to hold the meeting in Lowick First School.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

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2nd November 2009