LOWICK PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Lowick Parish Council was held on 20th September 2012 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: JA Huddart, Mrs MA Bell, SA Mather, Mrs S Graham, Councillor RJD Watkin

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting

2. Apologies for absence were received from PD Calder, Mrs A Worlock, W Perks, Mrs L Bradbury, Mrs F Burn

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

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

5. Matters Arising
   • The clerk had been in touch with the neighbourhood police officer who said that the problem with the lorries at the silos is being monitored and there are plans to work with traffic police with regard to speeding. It was agreed to invite PC Morton to a Parish Council meeting
   • **Local Development Framework** – JA Huddart and Mrs A Worlock completed the questionnaire (a copy of the answers is in the minute book)
   • **The Common** JA Huddart reported that there had been a meeting between the solicitors of all parties (Mr & Mrs Colgan, Mr & Mrs Currah, Mrs Taylor). Mr & Mrs Currah and Mrs Taylor have also spoken to JA Huddart and told him that the Parish Council would receive a letter from all the solicitors to outline their proposals. JA Huddart was given the impression that a conciliatory solution would be found. It is thought that Mr Colgan would not oppose parking in front of the houses if he had a 4.5 metre access to his field, he believes this could be achieved by taking a metre from the Common. JA Huddart will contact the County Solicitor. David Francis from NALC has requested all the paperwork and proposes that he attend a meeting. To date no letter from the solicitors has been received by the Parish Council.

   It was suggested that Mr Colgan should let the Parish Council know what he wants so that they can consider his proposal. RJD Watkin said that the road could not be used for heavy traffic and a condition should be made that it was only to be used for light traffic. Any easement which might be agreed to should make it clear that the Parish Council still owns the land. The issue could come down to Mr Colgan stating what he wants and the Parish Council deciding if they think he really needs it. JA Huddart closed the discussion by stating that the Parish Council must remain reasonable.

6. **Code of Conduct** it was agreed to adopt the new code of conduct – proposed by Mrs S Graham, seconded by Mrs MA Bell. RJD Watkin stated that if a meeting is below quorum someone with a declared interest can take part.

7. **Finance** – the auditor’s report was received and accepted

8. **Planning** – Planning Ref: 12/02648/FUL: Erection of 2no dwelling houses: land behind 85/87 Main Street, Lowick after discussion it was decided to make the following comments
   • The driveway near the pavement/road should be tarmacked to prevent gravel going onto the pavement
• It was thought the number of waste bins on the pavement on collection days could cause an obstruction
• The wall near the street should remain low for the safety of the pedestrians

9. Matters to report on potholes, repairs/maintenance the street lights/highways etc
The road at Low Lynn is in a very bad state of report. Trees on the verge along the road to Holburn still haven’t been cut back

10. Correspondence –
• Summer/Autumn update from Highways/Neighbourhood services received
• Local Transport Plan – It was agreed to request passing places on the road to Holburn as more large vehicles are using the road because of the grain store. Also to repeat the request for a street light to the football field

10. Any other business
• Lowick in Bloom received a Gold Medal at the recent awards
• RJD Watkin reported that he has had discussions recently about the War Memorial at Barmoor Corner – the grass is County Council property. The road to the castle belongs to the castle, but the triangle of grass belongs to the County Council.
• The Parish Council passed on their congratulations to RJD Watkin on his recent engagement.

11. Date of next meeting – the clerk reported that she will be away in October so it was decided to hold the next meeting on 8th November.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm