A meeting of Lowick Parish Council was held on 19th September 2013 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: JA Huddart, P Hanson, Mrs S Graham, SA Mather, W Perks, Mrs LA Bradbury

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting

2. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs MA Bell, Mrs F Burn, Mrs A Worlock, Councillor RJD Watkin, PC Alan Morton

3. Declaration of Interest – none

4. Minutes of previous meeting – should have stated that the Parish Council agreed that the chain link fence on the Common should not be moved, otherwise they were agreed as being correct

5. Matters Arising
   • The Common – an adjudication will take place in South Shields in December to rule on the adverse possession claim
   • Community Fund – no response has been received to date
   • The planning application for 2 eco units at Kemping Moss has been withdrawn
   • JA Huddart has not yet made contact with H Leyland regarding the merger of Lowick and Fenwick Parish Councils
   • The sign for Bastle Corner has been ordered – P Hanson will keep the Parish Council informed on developments

6. Interactive Speed Signs – the clerk had received costings from Stefan Bell at Northumberland County Council – the cost for the posts would be £650 each and the cost to supply and install the sign would be £3000. P Hanson circulated some data regarding speed signs and the clerk was asked to cheque with S Bell as to whether to signs stored information at P Hanson felt it would be wrong to spend so much money on the project if it wasn’t going to be effective. P Hanson said he would also be prepared to use a speed gun to check speeds. JA Huddart commented that he felt the sign does permanently remind people to slow down.

7. Public Access Defibrillator – the clerk reported that a meeting has been arranged for 8th October when the community will be given the opportunity to find out more about the project. P Hanson said he was willing to distribute flyers

8. PC Alan Morton – PC Morton was unable to attend the meeting but reported that there had been 1 crime in the Lowick beat area which is being investigated. He had also received complaints about the 2 large caravans parked on the Main Street and he is looking into getting these moved. Complaints have also been received regarding people with large dogs
exercising them off their leads and the speed of the traffic which is being diverted from the A1.

JA Huddart asked the clerk to contact PC Morton regarding the traffic at the junction of the Village Store in the mornings when the school buses are in the village.

9. **Community Service Award** – JA Huddart proposed an annual award to recognise service in the community, eg fundraising, keeping the village tidy. It was suggested the award could be presented at a special event – ie switch on the Christmas lights. Details to be finalised at the next meeting with the discussions to centre around
   a) what would be award consist of?
   b) more than one award, perhaps a young person and someone else from within the Parish
   c) nomination form

10. **Local Transport Partnership** – repeat the requests for a street light to the football field and flashing lights indicating the school

11. **Any other business**
   - JA Huddart reported that the trees at the end of the old football field are to be felled and the wood to be replanted
   - Mrs A Worlock reported that she had spoken to the owners of the Hermitage regarding the overhanging hedge
   - JA Huddart had represented the Parish Council at the Flodden 500 celebrations and took the banner from the Village Hall with him

12. **Date of next meeting** – 17th October 2013

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm

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17Th October 2013