A meeting of Lowick Parish Council was held on Thursday 16\textsuperscript{th} November 2017 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall

Present: JA Huddart, Mrs A Worlock, P Hanson, W Perks, SA Mather, Mrs MA Bell

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting

2. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs L Bradbury, Mrs F Burn, Mrs S Graham

3. There were no declarations of interest

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

5. Matters Arising

   - JA Huddart reported that Mrs Chisholm is willing to give the surplus stone from her wall repair for nothing – it will have to be checked to see if it is suitable for the construction of the pinfold.
   - The pre-planning application for the pinfold has been successful, it doesn’t need planning permission but it does need a scale drawing. P Hanson to attempt to come up with something which could then be shown to the community. Costings will have to be carried out before applying for grant funding.
   - P Hanson has been in contact with the Land Registry and a representative from Northumberland County Council have been to look at the land beside the Village Hall which they own. The land at the War Memorial is unregistered. Discussion following on what part of the War Memorial area to register – it was decided it should be the grass area within the chain link fence. P Hanson to look into the procedure with regard to registering this land.

6. Finance – Precept

   The clerk circulated details of possible expenditure until the end of March 2018. After discussion it was decided to set the precept at £3,500 which is a reduction on the previous year

7. Community Award

   Following consideration of those nominated it was decided to give the 2017 award to Michael and Moira Metcalf and John and Alan Fairbairn.

8. Interactive Speed Signs

   P Hanson reported that he had visited the First School with a speed gun, he also agreed to check with the school with regard to the petition for 20mph outside the school. The latest speed sign data has been circulated along with the latest quotes for speed signs.

9. Matters to report on potholes, repairs to street lights/highways etc

   The Water Main connection at Barmoor Lane end is due to take place on 13\textsuperscript{th} December. The delay in the connection has been caused by the diversion at Fenwick.
10. P Hanson said the poppy wreath rectangle is missing – JA Huddart said he had it.

11. Date of next meeting – 18th January 2018

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm

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11th January 2018