LOWICK PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Lowick Parish Council was held on 19\textsuperscript{th} October 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: JA Huddart, Mrs MA Bell, P Hanson, Mrs L Bradbury, Mrs F Burn, Mrs S Graham

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting

2. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs A Worlock, SA Mather and W Perks

3. Declaration of Interest – Mrs M Bell declared an interest in the planning application

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

5. Matters Arising
   - The clerk had not received a response from County Councillor R Lawrie with regard to the speed limit through the village. However in the light of the staff and pupils starting a campaign to have the limit reduced past the school the clerk contacted County Hall and received an email stating that the Council is working through a programme of 20mph limits near schools and in the light of the current petition this work will be put into next year’s Local Transport Programme. At the same time flashing amber lights warning of the proximity of the school will also be installed. It was agreed that this email be forwarded to the school.
   - JA Huddart is to contact Mrs D Chisholm to ask for any surplus stone for the pinfold
   - Groundworks grant received for further work on the Neighbourhood plan. Jenny Ludman is to continue to work for Lowick
   - JA Huddart confirmed he had corrected one or two points on the Parish Council website in relation to the Common
   - JA Huddart had sent an application to County Hall with regard to the proposed pinfold. It would be 5.5 metres from the road, 4.2 metres wide and 1 metre tall. Some discussion took place as to whether or not it was necessary to have a gate
   - Consultation regarding Belford Middle School ongoing – the 1\textsuperscript{st} School will become a Primary
   - The land at Lowick Hall is registered to Lowick Hall. The War Memorial land needs more investigation and P Hanson also agreed to find out who owns the land near the polytunnel

6. Planning Applications
   - Ref: 17/03452/VARYCO : Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning approval 14/01679/FUL to amend materials of doors and windows, remove house type 1 from plots 2 and 3 and form new bungalows on these plots, increased garden size to plots 1 and 2 and the addition of an underground compound for LPG tanks : Land at South Road, Lowick

   The Parish Council is aware of the importance of this site and the remaining part – they are crucial to the amenity of the Common. It was decided to object to this application as it was felt the local area should be taken into consideration and bungalows were not suitable for this site

   Ref: 17/03625/FUL: Erection of agricultural building: Moss Hall, Lowick – Mrs MA Bell took no part in discussions. There were no comments to make
7. **Finance**
   - Auditors report received – one point noted that in future the value of the waste bin near the football field should be included in the return
   - Bank statement received – which showed a balance of £3825. The clerk pointed out that the balance payment for the play park equipment hadn’t cleared so when the £1359.10 was deducted the Parish Council’s balance is £2466.15

8. **Interactive speed signs** – P Hanson had circulated the information prior to the meeting and the police continue to be informed

9. **Matters to report on potholes, repairs/maintenance to street lights, highways etc**
   - P Hanson had received information as to why repairs had still not been undertaken on the B6353 from the Vicarage to Barmoor Lane End. Apparently Northumberland CC did not speak to Northumbrian Water before remaking the Barmoor Lane End junction. As a result there’s an automatic ban on digging up an newly laid road for a number of years so when Northumbrian Water turned up to carry out the connection work they were unable to do so using their existing plans. NW have now made new plans and are waiting to see if NCC will accept them. Once all Northumbrian Water’s work is completed the road will be repaired
   - The clerk had reported the overgrown hedge along the roadside to Holburn

10. **Correspondence**
    - It was unanimously agreed to give £50 to the Air Ambulance
    - A request had been received from the First School for a raffle prize for their Christmas Fair, it was agreed to make a hamper to the value of £15 Planning approval received for Listed building consent to reduce the garden wall, 5 Main Street Lowick
    - Planning approval received for demolition of existing single storey dwelling at Laverock Law
    - Barmoor Windfarm fund grant for village hall received

11. **Any other Business**
    - Parish Council Community Award – request for nominations on the website. The clerk to put up notices and forms in the Village Store
    - Mrs LA Bradbury said that the defibrillator pads run out in November, she will contact the Stephen Carey fund with regard to replacements
    - Mrs S Graham commented that the Heritage weekend was excellent
    - Following discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council meetings during the winter would begin at 7.00pm and if this time continued to suit everyone this start time would be extended throughout the year

12. **Date of next meeting** – Thursday 16th November at 7.00pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm