A meeting of Lowick Parish Council was held on Thursday 11th January 2018 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall

Present: JA Huddart, Mrs S Graham, Mrs MA Bell, W Perks, Mrs F Burn, 14 members of the public, C Colgan (landowner)

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting

2. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs A Worlock, P Hanson, Mrs L Bradbury, SA Mather

3. There were no declarations of interest

4. W Perks proposed that discussions regarding the planning application be moved forward in the agenda, seconded by Mrs MA Bell. Unanimously approved

5. Planning Ref 17/04394/OUT: Hybrid planning application for the erection of 24 residential dwellings (C3 use) including full planning approval for 4no dwellings and associated siting, design, appearance and landscaping of those plots, front boundary wall treatment and access; together with outline approval for the erection of up to 20no dwellings including details of access and the internal road layout only, and associated works

Location: Land East of Lambton Avenue and Kyloe View, Lowick

- Mrs F Burn said that while she understood the benefits of a larger population in the village and support for local businesses, she thought it would be better to keep any developments within the current village boundary and proposed that this development was in the wrong place. Proposal seconded by Mrs MA Bell – unanimously approved

JA Huddart pointed out that it is a statutory requirement that Parish Councils are consulted on planning applications and that comments are sometimes listened to and sometimes disregarded

- Mrs Bell said that she thought this proposed development was beyond what the village needs and that more affordable homes and homes for rent is what is needed and there’s not enough provision for young people. Proposed Mrs MA Bell, seconded W Perks. 3 agreed, 1 abstension

- W Perks said that the 6.5 supply in the village would be exceeded and that the application should be discussed by the Planning Committee and not through delegated powers. He also said that the County Council should follow the 1999 local plan and that the village already has land with planning permission in place. JA Huddart added that the County Council should take responsibility in debating clearly housing needs. Proposed W Perks, seconded Mrs S Graham, approved unanimously

- Mrs S Graham said she thought a full ecological survey should be undertaken as well as a noise impact survey in relation to noise from the silos. Proposed Mrs S Graham, seconded Mrs F Burn, unanimously approved
In response to concerns already raised by the Parish Council the landowner’s agent had responded that a covenant could be put in place preventing houses to be sold as second homes. JA Huddart commented that homes were needed now for young people not plots of land for them to build on

C Colgan and all members of the public left the meeting

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

7. Matters Arising
   • Play Park annual inspection – County Council to carry out
   • Land at Lowick – Community asset transfer. In P Hanson’s absence it was decided to discuss this at the next meeting

8. Interactive speed signs – no data available but P Hanson thanked in his absence for all his work regarding speeding

9. Matters to report on potholes, repairs/maintenance to highways, street lights etc
   Too many potholes to mention. Mrs S Graham expressed concern about water running from a field onto the road and freezing on the C18

10. Any other business – none

11. Date of next meeting- 15th February 2018 at 7.00pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm