LOWICK PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Lowick Parish Council was held on Thursday 19th April 2017 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

Present: JA Huddart, Mrs A Worlock, Mrs L Bradbury, Mrs S Graham, Mrs MA Bell, SA Mather, W Perks and 2 members of the public

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting

2. Apologies for absence were received from P Hanson

3. There were no declarations of interest

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

5. Matters Arising
   - Land beside the War Memorial – it was agreed to register the land at the War Memorial into the ownership of the Parish Council. Proposed Mrs A Worlock, 2nd Mrs L Bradbury, agreed unanimously
   - it was agreed that a tree surgeon be consulted to see if any work needs to be carried out on the trees on the east side of the Village Hall car park before agreeing to any transfer of land. T Bruton-Gibney was thanked for his work in removing the ivy from the trees
   - 20mph speed limit – Mrs L Bradbury said it is hoped that a member of staff and a pupil will be able to attend the Area meeting on 24th May
   - JA Huddart has received no reply from Councillor P Jackson to his email regarding R Lawrie

6. Finance – the bank statement at the end of March showed a balance of £6,474.92. Included in this amount was grant money received from Groundworks UK in respect of the Neighbourhood Plan, some of which would have to be repaid. The Parish Council balance after repayment is £4,455. It was unanimously agreed that payment for £175.07 in respect of the Parish Council insurance be paid. The first payment of the precept, £1,750, has been received

7. Street Naming – it was unanimously agreed that the suggested name of Lowick Meadows for the proposed development in South Road was not appropriate. JA Huddart circulated a number of suggested names which had been put forward and ‘The Pinfold’ was decided to be the most appropriate

8. Lowick and Holy Island CofE First Schools proposed Federation. Correspondence had been received regarding this and Mrs L Bradbury outlined the plans. There would be one governing body, including governors from Holy Island and instead of 25 governors there would be about 11. There would be no difference to the finance of the schools
9. Neighbourhood Plan – JA Huddart reported that he is putting together proposals for the village boundary, there would be a number of proposals to see which one the community prefers, these proposals would include all or part of the field on South Road, details for the rest of the field will be discussed when the various options are put forward. JA Huddart said he is putting together a report and applying for more grant funding. The objective is to have a consultation with the community in May/June before holding a referendum.

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

    JA Huddart suggested that each Parish Councillor report any potholes and take a note of the reference number.

11. Correspondence

    Northumberland local plan consultation – received, Parish Councillors didn’t want to make housing recommendations for the whole of the county, just the local area. JA Huddart to complete response.

    Play Park – annual inspection report received.

12. Any other business

    • JA Huddart reported that the Community Foundation plan to have an open meeting before the next round of applications are due to be made the Barmoor Wind Farm fund.

    • The clerk had received a request from M Metcalf to put a bench on the Common in memory of his wife Moira Metcalf, this was unanimously agreed.

13. Date of next meeting – Thursday 17th May

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

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17th May 2018