LOWICK PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: JA Huddart, Mrs A Worlock, P Hanson, Mrs S Graham, Mrs MA Bell, Mrs F Burn and 2 members of the public

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting

2. Apologies for absence were received from SA Mather

3. There were no declarations of interest

4. Neighbourhood Plan

JA Huddart circulated results of the questionnaire and from the responses received most were broadly in favour especially on the policies on community facilities and green spaces. There was some dissatisfaction about development outwith the current boundary except for low cost housing.

With regard to the boundary settlement JA Huddart pointed out that SHLAA is advisory for development and it is not automatic for planning permission to be given, it would depend on what the voters wanted with regard to the village boundary and one question to be answered would be does all SHLAA land have to be included or should it be a tighter boundary. Low cost housing is seen as a need and it was unanimously agreed that a housing need survey should be undertaken.

Mrs A Worlock will circulate a response to a letter received from Mrs J Colgan for comments. It will also be pointed out that Mrs Colgan in 2016 she declined to be part of the steering group.

JA Huddart emphasised that this was early consultation and that nothing is written in stone and all input is welcome. Jenny Ludman is to start working on some aspects of the plan.

Mrs S Graham said she’d received no feedback from Holburn and she will check whether or not the residents want a boundary.

The 2 members of the public left the meeting

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

6. Matters arising – JA Huddart has met with a dry stone waller and will await his opinion, it was suggested that farmers be approached to provide some stone

7. New Parish Councillor – the County Council will contact the Parish Council in due course to advise whether or not it is necessary to hold an election. If no election is needed co-option of a new Parish Councillor will be discussed at the next meeting

8. Interactive Speed signs – results much the same a previously except for someone coming past the vicarage at 80mph at 8.15am
9. Matters to report on potholes, repairs/maintenance to highways, street lights etc

- Road beside the silos
- Loose gravel left on the pavement following resurfacing

10. Correspondence

- Local transport plan – to be discussed at the next meeting
- Planning permission confirmation received for the development of houses at the east end of the village

11. Any other business

- The school buses are turning at the White Swan which is causing concern
- Mrs S Graham said that St Mary’s School, Belford closes on 20th July. Many children from Lowick will have been educated there over the years.

12. Date of next meeting – 13th September 2018

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm

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