LOWICK PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Lowick Parish Council was held on Thursday 21\textsuperscript{st} June at 7.00pm 2018 in the Village Hall

Present: JA Huddart, Mrs L Bradbury, Mrs S Graham, SA Mather, P Hanson, W Perks, (K Crane, T Burn, C Colgan – Neighbourhood Plan)

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting

2. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs MA Bell and Mrs M Worlock

3. There were no declarations of interest

4. Neighbourhood Plan – discussions on the plan took place before the normal Parish Council business so those solely involved with the Plan could leave the meeting after these discussions if they chose to

Discussions on the following took place

- Open day on 30\textsuperscript{th} June, leaflets are going to the printers and there will be an online questionnaire as well as printed leaflets
- T Burn was concerned about the Orchard boundary as Open Green Space as shown on the proposed boundary plans. JA Huddart said that as the Orchard is out with the boundary it is not available for development and the consultant had recommended it was included, but the Parish Council would not pursue this if T Burn preferred but it could still be listed as an amenity. T Burn was happy with this suggestion
- Mrs S Graham asked about Holburn Green – it was confirmed that it is listed and registered as a village green so will remain so
- Holburn Village – JA Huddart said it would seem remiss not to include Holburn as it is a hamlet and he had drawn a boundary for consultation with the people of Holburn to see if they agreed
- A housing needs support grant it being applied for
- C Colgan said he didn’t think the maps should be up for consultation on 30\textsuperscript{th} June and that he disagrees with the old football field being shown as green space. JA Huddart said the maps will be shown
- C Colgan said he was willing to provide a bowling green/tennis court on his proposed development at the east of the village
- JA Huddart said the purpose of the plan was to try and prevent the village being swamped in bungalows and houses built not in keeping with existing buildings
- Timetable – to run until January 2019 when a draft plan for consultation will be produced
- JA Huddart confirmed that he is applying for more funding

C Colgan, K Crane and T Burn left the meeting

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

6. Matters Arising
- JA Huddart had been unable to attend the Area Committee meeting
• The suggestion of Pinfold View was not acceptable to the developers and it will be known as Lowick Meadows

• The pinfold – JA Huddart is looking into acquiring stone and is in discussion with a dry stone waller

7. Planning Application : Change of use of land at ‘Back Croft’ to site 60 static holiday caravans as an extension to existing holiday park and in lieu of existing permissions leading to a net increase of ten caravans, provision of warden’s lodge, reduction in size and relocation of maintenance yard and building: Caravan Park, Barmoor Castle Country Park, Barmoor Castle, Lowick. The following comments were made
  • The planning permission for the original layout should be withdrawn
  • Lighting is intrusive and no more should be included
  • The back entrance is still regularly used, this should be discouraged
  • JA Huddart commented that the owners of the castle should make a public statement regarding the future of the castle and encourage the local community to come and visit

8. Interactive speed signs - P Hanson reported that the figures were in line with last years. W Perks said that the police had been parked in the Village Hall car park stopping and warning people

9. Matters to report on potholes, repairs/maintenance to street lights/highways etc. – it was thought that the situation is improving. P Hanson reported that he had been looking into wheel damage caused by a pothole during the winter. The County Council had not forwarded the accident report to Zurich. Zurich deny liability as the pothole hadn’t been reported

10. Correspondence
  • NALC invoice – It was agreed this could be paid

11. Any other business
  • School buses – the school had received complaints regarding bus parking on Wednesdays to collect children
  • A letter of resignation was received from W Perks. JA Huddart, on behalf of all Parish Councillors, thanked Will for all he has done for the village and for his contribution to the Parish Council. The clerk will now contact Northumberland County Council with regard to the process to appoint a new Parish Councillor

12. Date of next meeting – 19th July 2018

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm

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19th July 2018