LOWICK PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Lowick Parish Council was held on Thursday 13th September at 7.00pm in the Village Hall

Present: JA Huddart, Mrs A Worlock, Mrs S Graham, Mrs LA Bradbury, Mrs MA Bell, P Hanson, S Mather
Ms H Deane-Hall and Ms T Young (Aspire to Believe)
J Daniels, Mrs A Daniels, H Burn (Neighbourhood Plan steering committee) and one member of the public

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting

2. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs F Burn. Parish Councillors expressed regret that Councillor Lawrie was not at the meeting and had not sent apologies, despite the date being changed so as not the clash with the Area Committee meeting

3. There were no declarations of interest

4. Aspire to Believe – JA Huddart invited Ms Deane-Hall and Ms Young talk about ‘Aspire to Believe’

- Aspire to Believe North East Ltd is a North Northumberland company which believes in investing in people and unlocking potential
- It is a social enterprise community based project taking great things from teaching and putting them into the community
- The polytunnel would be a great fit with a project forming friendships. It could be an intergenerational space where activities could be developed to help combat loneliness
- It would a grant funded one year project with weekly sessions in Spring/Summer and during the winter there could be sessions for exchange of skills where between young and old
- It was stressed the sessions would be weekly so it was a regular event and would be outside school time which is what grant funders prefer
- It could be expanded to wider activities – eg cooking the vegetables grown
- Tom and Karen Burn could be approached with regard to the Community Orchard looking at the environment
- The use of the polytunnel, and also the erection of a small greenhouse would enable to above to be facilitated along with use of the village hall in the winter
- Grant funding – they have been in touch with the Community Foundation. They have to demonstrate how they will identify the young/old people in Lowick. They have informally spoken to members of staff at the school but they don’t want it to be a school project
- They would like to backing of the Parish Council and hopefully in the future engage in further projects
- They currently run work readiness courses in Alnwick and Wooler for young people not going to university, eg filling application forms. They are looking for volunteers
- P Hanson asked about mental health - this comes under every project to help self-esteem, confidence
- Parish Councillors expressed support for the project and use of the polytunnel. The project would be launched with a coffee morning once funding is in place. JA Huddart suggested other groups in the village could be contacted.

JA Huddart thanked Ms Deane-Hall and Ms Young for their presentation, they then left the meeting

5. Neighbourhood Plan – JA Huddart proposed that all those eligible to attend the Neighbourhood Plan discussions should be listed

- An email had been received from Mrs J Colgan in response to Mrs A Worlock’s letter stating that the old football field will not be available to be designated as a Green Space. It was decided that there was no future in the field being designated a green space and the land could be put outside the boundary and become green belt.
- Discussion needs to take place with Jenny Ludman to see where the boundary should be.
- Mrs Colgan suggested that the village would not be a vibrant community without the inclusion of the SHLAA land. Parish Councillors felt that the community was vibrant with 2 thriving pubs, a shop, well used village hall, a football club and rising pupil numbers at the first school pointed in the opposite direction.
It was pointed out that the plan is only for 15 years and has to be voted on by the community.
P Hanson proposed that the Parish Council get some guidance from J Ludman before replying to Mrs Colgan.
J Huddart proposed that the Neighbourhood Plan meeting is held at the beginning of the Parish Council meeting as all Parish Councillors are members of the Neighbourhood Plan steering committee, this was agreed and the Neighbourhood Plan meeting would start at 6.30pm followed by the Parish Council meeting at 7.30pm.
JA Huddart pointed out that the Parish Council is the lead partner of the steering committee and is obliged to include other members of the community.
Mrs A Worlock proposed that J Ludman was invited to the next meeting – unanimously agreed.
P Hanson said that NALC had suggested that the revised planning policy might mean the end of Neighbourhood Planning.

H Burn, Mrs A Daniels and J Daniels left the meeting.

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

7. Matters Arising
- the school bus is now turning at the east end of the village
- JA Huddart has not yet contacted farms about possibly providing stone for the pinfold
- The gravel on the footpath has been swept

8. Planning Application – Ref: 18/02982/FUL : Replacement of rear extension : 1 Holburn Grange Farm Cottages, Lowick. There were no comments to make regarding this application.

Planning applications also considered – Ref: 18/02780/FUL : Proposed alterations and extension to dwelling house : The Dolls House, Lowick. Ref: 18/02436/FUL : Demolition of existing front porch, together with rear flat roof extensions, restoration of existing lodge structure, new rear extension to provide family accommodation and relocation of driveway entrance : Barmoor East Lodge, Lowick.
Ref: 18/02612/LBC : Listed building consent for conversion of a redundant church into a dwelling house : 3 Cheviot View, Lowick

9. Election of New Parish Councillor – a number of names were considered and a vote taken. Miss Rebecca Maitland was unanimously elected.

10. Local transport Plan – it was decided to request a street light to the football field, 20mph signs past the school as well as flashing warning lights either side of the school.

11. Correspondence
- JA Huddart responded to the proposal in the Local Plan regarding turbines, he pointed out that they would only happen if there was local support.
- JA Huddart will reply to J Lamb’s invitation to visit Barmoor Castle and perhaps hold a Parish Council meeting there.

12. Any other business
- JA Huddart requested that the minutes were sent out in draft form earlier.
- P Hanson asked if a copy of the approved minutes could be posted on the notice board.
- Defibrillator pads – Mrs L Bradbury has replaced the children’s pads and she has set up a small fund to cover the costs – this was agreed. Mrs A Worlock said that defibrillators are hardly ever used on children.
- Thanks were expressed to Ritchie and Karen Blake for paying for the electricity.

13. Date of next meeting – 11th October 2018

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

11th November 2018