

Minutes of the Meeting of Lowick Parish Council held on 17 March 2016 (2016–2)

1. Councillors Present:

B Mitchel, R Dove, D Jennings, E Vaughan, J Longmire.
District Councillor, Anne Hall.

2. **Minutes:** The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and adopted.

3. Public Participation

A local resident, Mr Cross, informed the meeting that he had received notification from the Rivers Trust about spraying to eradicate skunk cabbage. He accepted that it is an alien species but it is not a serious problem and, in fact, stabilises the river bank. Glyphosate would be used and this in itself is an issue because it is a dangerous chemical. It is assumed that the D of E has sanctioned this policy. BM felt that this issue is not within the remit of the PC and DJ suggested that Mr Cross should challenge this action on his land. RD observed that it would be difficult for the PC to object since it paid to have the footpath sprayed.

4. Declarations of Interest

RD is Parish rep to LCH and Chairman.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Last Meeting

- a. Lowick Community Hall Update:
Bookings good. Bought a new water heater. Renovating the notice board.
- b. Lowick Green Management Committee Update:
Possibility of a low key event in June being considered.
- c. CCC Highways
DJ advised that the quote for the sign at Coniston junction was £700 and the only difference is the directional arrow. He will speak to Victoria Upton.
- d. LAP
No update.
- e. Broadband Update
DJ reported that he had been advised that broadband at Lowick Bridge was imminent. Problems in the trunking to Blawith – conduit blocked.
- f. X12 Bus Service
Anne Hall updated that fund raising is still necessary. Raised £19K last year. New timetable out. EV made the suggestion of a prize draw.
- g. National Grid
EV reported on her discussion with Muncaster. She suggested contacting CALC but did not seem very keen. BM commented that NG are not taking any notice of consultation meeting options. Can't do much until planning application is submitted.

6. Finance

a. General Items

Barclays 17/03/2016	£ 4154.36
Pay TDH Gardens for notice boards	£ 475.00
Pay LCH Hire of Hall	£ 78.00
Pay Stuart Boyren for grass cutting	£ 64.00

Pay Clerk annual salary	£ 837.60
Pay HMRC (PAYE direct debit)	£ 209.40

Cash Flow Sheet circulated

b. RISK ASSESSMENT 2015/2016

Circulated and discussed

Agreed that it be accepted

Proposed DJ; seconded RD. Agreed by PC

7. Correspondence

On circulation.

Agreed to invite Charlotte Hall from the Rivers Trust to the May meeting.

PC Elections. RD confirmed that he was standing down as a councillor after 05 May. Clerk will circulate nomination papers when received.

8. Complaints Procedure

None.

9. External Meetings

None.

10. Planning Applications

Green Garth. Two storey gable/front elevation extension. Issue raised by local farmer about parking and his field access being blocked.

Brantscar, Groffa Crag – lean to greenhouse. No objections.

Hopefield House, Lowick Green – change of use to holiday letting. Assumption that the cabin is on main sewer. No objections.

Espes Farm – extension to cattle rearing and young stock building. No objections.

Burlington Slate Quarry extension. Councillors need more time to consider the application which has only just been received. Clerk to request extension of time to allow this from SLDC, preferably until the next PC meeting.

11. Bus Shelters

Maintenance to be considered. BM will inspect

11. Confirmation of date of next meeting

19 May 2016 at 7.15pm in LCH

Meeting closed at 9.30pm