

Lowick Parish Council
Annual Parish Assembly

18 May 2017

Agenda

1. Annual Report
2. Any Other Business

Annual Report

For adoption at the meeting.

The Annual General Meeting was delayed until June following the complications after the elections in May 2016. John Longmire became the new Chairman and two residents were co-opted to the Parish Council, Joanne Edmondson and Bernard Mitchell. A further two were co-opted after the July meeting, Graham Sanderson and Chris Harrison.

During the year, views have been sent opposing a planning application to extend Kirkby Moor Slate Quarry. Lowick also responded to the consultation about the proposed pylons to be erected by the National Grid adjacent to our parish. There are strong feelings against this proposal from other organisations too. The process of developing the pylons has now been stopped.

The Parish Council is keen to update the Parish Plan which set out aims and objectives as long ago as 2005. The 40mph speed limit through the village has been one achievement, along with changes to Lowick Green following the gift of this area to the Lowick Green Management Committee by Mrs Yvonne Miller.

A strategy meeting has been held to identify other organisations who have an interest in the Lowick area and to invite them to form a sub-committee to develop ideas for the future. This, along with views and opinions from local residents, will enable the Parish Council to develop a new Parish Plan to address current issues.

Councillors were involved in 'leg work' to identify blocked drains and gullies along our roads. The results have been sent to Better Highways at South Lakeland. This may help to alleviate some local flooding problems. Work has taken place on the gullies at Woodgate and Lane End.

The Parish Council has tried to get the message out to residents on a regular basis that a connection to superfast broadband will not just ‘happen’. Those wishing to access it have to contact their supplier.

Financial support continues to be given to Lowick Community Hall and Lowick Green Management Committee.

There are outstanding tasks – one of which is repairs to the bus shelters to keep them up to standard; another, the setting up of a Facebook page so that information is readily accessible.

Overall, following a difficult start, Lowick Parish Council is up and running again. As a demonstration of their enthusiasm, the new councillors have attended a ‘New Councillors Course’ and have wasted no time in getting to grips with parish issues.

Minutes of meeting 16 June 2016

The annual report was adopted and there were no matters arising