

Minutes of the Meeting of Lowick Parish Council held on 17 November 2016 (2016–7)

1. Councillors Present:

J Longmire, Jo Edmondson, B Mitchell, G Sanderson and Anne Hall, District Councillor.
Chris Harrison sent his apologies.

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

3. Public Participation

Fran Richardson from ACT addressed the meeting on parish/neighbourhood plans as Lowick PC wishes to update its parish plan. It is important to get local views and turn these into actions. Fran recommends that a plan should be updated every 5 years. It may not be appropriate for Lowick to have a 'neighbourhood plan' because it is a small area. Fran recommended that 'emergency planning' should be considered too. Clerk will copy and distribute information.

4. Declarations of Interest

JE is representative to LCH

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Last Meeting

- a. Lowick Community Hall Update:
JE reported AGM held. Discussed fund raising for contingency planning. Yew trees at the back trimmed.
- b. Lowick Green Management Committee Update:
Now belongs to Lowick Green Management Committee
- c. CCC Highways
SLDC have sent a detailed map of the parish showing gullies and culverts. They want advice, through local knowledge, of any other that they do not know about and may be blocked. Gully cleaning is now 'in house'. Clerk to copy and distribute map to all councillors to collate information.
GS commented on speeding traffic through Lowick Bridge. Highways would not extend the 40mph limit to include Lowick Bridge. Courtesy signing may be helpful?
- d. LAP
JL, BM and GS attended last meeting. Discussion on poaching and thefts. Rural crime to attend next LAP meeting. Car parking costs also raised.
- e. Broadband Update
Try to get message out that people need to contact their provider to get superfast broadband.
- f. X12 Bus Service
AH reported that there is a constant need for fund raising. Trying to get 1,000 people to commit to a £10 standing order – uptake from 350 so far. 60,000 passengers in 2 years. AGM 29/11.
- g. Cleaning road signs
Start made – ongoing.
- h. PC Website
Councillors to prepare a profile.
Discussion on setting up a Facebook page. GS/JE to progress.
- i. Occasional meetings with Egton PC

JL spoke to B Campbell. Perhaps initial discussion – informal meeting with open agenda. JL to follow up.

6. Finance

a. General Items

Barclays 17/11/2016	£ 5073.38
<u>PAY</u>	
CALC Annual Subscription	£130.00
AON Insurance	£297.46
(Reimburse Clerk)	
Lowick Green Management Committee	£360.00
Lowick Community Hall (based on electoral roll)	£219.00
Royal British Legion	£17.00
Colton PC	£61.50
(expenses for Councillors training)	
Great North Air Ambulance (donation)	£50.00

b. Cashflow sheet circulated.

c. **AUDIT**

Minor issue noted in Annual Audit Return considered.

1. Resolved that minor error should not be included in the Accounting Statement in future.
 2. Resolved that Audit certificate has been accepted and approved by the PC.
- Proposed BM, seconded JL.

7. Correspondence

Clerks & Councils Direct; CALC Annual Report; Local Govt Boundary Commission/ SLDC Final Recommendations; Gt North Air Ambulance donation request.
E Mails – Blawith re National Grid + extraordinary meeting 05/12; Info re gully sucker (18/10)
Rodent control course 10/01/17
Election of Parish Member to LDNPA;
Planning – Bark House approved 20/09; Greengarth approved 22/09;
Non compliance complaint re Lane End Stud Farm - being investigated. .

8. Complaints Procedure

Via Rob Dove that residents at Lowick Bridge are concerned about speeding.

9. External Meetings

None. AH commented on the CALC AGM and how interesting it was.

10. Election of Vice Chair.

JE unanimously elected. Proposed JL; seconded BM.

11. Bus Shelters

Maintenance to be considered. Pending - BM.

12. Update of Parish Plan.

Defer to next meeting.

13. Accessibility of Fire Hydrants

JE raised issue following the experience of the recent fire at Esps Farm Concern about maintenance of hydrants. Clerk to write to Chief Fire Officer.

14. Confirmation of date of next meeting

19 January 2017 at 7.30pm in LCH.
Meeting closed at 9.50pm