

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Lowick Parish Council held on 12 October 2017 (2017-5)**

### **1. Councillors Present:**

J Longmire, J Edmondson, G Sanderson.

Apologies from B Mitchell and District Councillor Anne Hall.

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

### **3. Public Participation:**

Rob Dove updated the meeting on the contact he has had with Highways because of flooding from Lowick Common which is affecting the access road to Beck Bottom and causing flooding at times of persistent and heavy rainfall. The drains on the fell road are either blocked or non-existent – which is another concerning issue. Highways investigated as part of its ‘flood defence unit’ and have proposed a plan which will entail digging a gully across the road two feet wide and nine inches deep to drain into Otley Beck with a non-return valve.

John Hudson and Rebecca Thomas gave short presentations on their reasons for opposing the planning application by Innogy Renewables to re-power the wind farm at Kirkby Moor. The extension of the planning application will only run until the end of the subsidy period. The original planning permission was for 25 years with the site being restored to its natural state. It is a SSI which should be managed by the landowners and Natural England. The current wind farm is inefficient and the offshore wind turbines are more effective. There is an updated recommendation that ‘no community should have a windfarm imposed upon it’. Topographically and geographically, the moor is effectively part of the National Park. This is now a world heritage site, with new guidelines. The PC was urged to object to the planning application.

### **4. Declarations of Interest**

JE is representative to LCH.

### **5. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Last Meeting**

- a. Lowick Community Hall Update:  
Lost some regular bookings but still casual ones. Cumbria Sustainability Group want to use LCH as an example in relation to the heating installed.
- b. Lowick Green Management Committee Update:  
Nothing of note.
- c. CCC Highways  
GS reported that he has looked at the speeds recorded by the loop installed by Highways at the Red Lion crossroads and speeds are below 60mph.  
Some discussion about installing flower boxes at the roadside on each side of the junction with money available from Anne Hall (£100) and perhaps ‘caution’ signs to try and slow traffic.
- d. LAP  
No update.

- e. **Broadband Update**  
Agreed to delete item from agenda because it relates to Blawith not Lowick.
- f. **X12 Bus Service**  
No report from AH. She advises that she has £100 available towards flower boxes (for example) or something to meet SLDC's 'vision'.
- g. **PC Website/ Transparency Code**  
GS, JE and Clerk have had meetings with Celia Roblin who has generously given her time and expertise to set up a website so that the PC is compliant with the Transparency Code. Councillors expressed their gratitude and Clerk will write a letter of thanks. GS to complete form from CALC for funding – training/laptop.
- h. **Parish Plan**  
Discussion how to proceed. Need to meet with individuals who hold opinions and have ideas. Missed the opportunity at Lowick Show. Agreed to defer until January for further discussion.
- i. **Crake Valley Website**  
No report.
- j. **Co-option of Parish Councillor**  
Les Ingham attended the meeting.  
His co-option was proposed by GS, seconded by JE and agreed. He signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

## 6. Finance

- a. **General Items**

Barclays 11/10/2017	£ 4303.58
Pay HMRC (04/08/2017 – cheque 100088)	£ 1504.26
- b. **Cashflow sheet circulated.**
- c. **AUDIT**  
Issue raised by Auditor that defibrillator has not been included on the Asset Register.  
AGREED that RFO amend financial records to reflect this. Cost of item £1550.00
- d. **HMRC BACS Remittance Advice**  
HMRC have credited Lowick PC's bank account with £1,504.26. This is an error. Clerk has queried this on 29/06 and 19/07. Response from HMRC - admitted error and requested repayment.

## **7. Correspondence**

Clerks and Councils Direct; Air Ambulance donation request; BDO: SLDC re co-option. E Mails – Phone box adoption –NFA. Cyber Efficiency Training.

Planning – Decisions – Brackenbarn - approved.

Garth Row – domestic extensions and alterations.

Non –compliance – Bark House – response awaited; Lane End Equestrian Centre – response awaited.

## **8. Complaints Procedure:**

No complaints.

## **9. External Meetings**

GS gave a presentation on his attendance at the Cyber Efficiency Training and provided a hand out covering salient points.

## **10. Kirkby Moor Wind Farm**

Councillors discussed the proposed application and took into consideration the points made by individuals opposed to the extension. It will prepare an outline of objections to be sent to SLDC as a response.

## **11. Lengthsman**

Clerk advised that Archie Workman, lengthsman for Colton and Blawith had been in contact. He is willing to do some work for Lowick parish. Councillors were keen to use his services. Clerk will invite him to the next meeting and discuss requirements. There will be financial implications which will have to be considered at the next precept.

## **11. Roadside Verges**

Colton has had its verges cut. GS/JL to find out who has done this.

## **12. Confirmation of date of next meeting**

16 November at 7.30pm in LCH.

Meeting closed at 9.45pm