Lowick Parish Council

Annual Parish Assembly
17 May 2018

Agenda

1. Annual Report
2. Any Other Business

Annual Report

For adoption at the meeting.

In May 2017, Councillor Harrison advised that he was intending to resign because pressures of work made it impossible for him to give a full commitment to the Parish Council. A casual vacancy was advertised and Les Ingham joined the parish council in October.

Councillor Edmondson has set up a Facebook page to keep residents informed about parish council activities. The Parish Council has also set up a website, with the invaluable help and expertise of Celia Roblin, in order to be compliant with government legislation under the Transparency Code.

Councillor Mitchell was actively involved in the consultation and response to a planning application to extend the life of the wind turbines on Kirkby Moor. The Parish Council was opposed to this and a response was drafted by Councillor Ingham and sent to SLDC. The planning application was narrowly defeated in December at a public meeting.

Mr Archie Workman, Lengthsman working in Colton and Blawith, attended the November meeting and offered his services to Lowick parish. He will concentrate on clearing gullies initially because there have been problems with flooding because of blocked drains on minor roads. There are other tasks that Mr Workman has already undertaken, using his own initiative, for example cleaning and clearing round the bus shelter at Lowick Bridge and he plans to clean the road signs in the parish.
The Parish Council is still planning to put flower boxes and signs on either side of the cross roads at Lowick Bridge in an effort to remind motorists that there is a hazardous road junction. A grant towards this was received from District Councillor, Anne Hall. CCC Highways needs to approve the location and dimensions. Because of the number of highways issues within the parish, for example, the satnav sign past the old school, lorries running off the A5092, and the lack of signing for ‘Coniston’ at the junction of the A5092 and the A5084, the Parish Council have requested a site visit with CCC Highways.

The proposal for a new Parish Plan rumbles on with ideas about how to encourage local residents to take part. Hopefully a stall at Lowick Show in September will have some success in getting ideas and opinions.