

Minutes of the Meeting of Lowick Parish Council held on 21 March 2019

1. Councillors Present:

J Longmire, B Mitchell, G Sanderson, L Ingham. District Councillor Anne Hall

Apologies: J Edmondson

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

3. Public Participation

None

4. Declarations of Interest

GR has an interest in item 5c – flooding on A5092.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Last Meeting

- a. Lowick Community Hall Update:
None,
- b. Lowick Green Management Committee Update:
Email from RE. No adverse comments about proposed improvements in parking (see minutes of January 2019) so he plans for improvements to go ahead.
- c. CCC Highways
PC has received no response from Mr M. Dooz about the feasibility of solar powered signs on either side of the village on the A5092 to remind motorists of the 40mph limit or improved signing ahead of the Coniston road junction despite a reminder being sent.
A local resident has sent further information about solar powered signs which is helpful. It would be an expensive project.
The gully cleaner has done work on the A5092. See item 7 – email re flooding. JL wondered why the salt heaps on the common road had been replenished in March.
BM commented on the shoddy work done during the resurfacing of the A5082 and white lines not being replaced on the side of the road.
- d. LAP
No update.
- e. X12 bus service
AH reported that still struggling for funding.
- f. Website/Transparency Code
Ongoing. Grant received - £1905.00. GS confirmed that computer purchased and additional amount could be spend on a printer/scanner.
- g. Parish Plan
JE has produced a Newsletter; LE has drafted his section on emergency planning. Others outstanding. Defer.

- h. Lengthsman
Been working up the common road, clearing out some drains. Will attend to the dirty signs on the A5092.

2121 Finance

a. General Items

Barclays 21/03/2019	£ 5891.99
Reimburse G Sanderson - computer	£ 431.67
Reimburse Clerk – Data protection renewal	£ 40.00
Pay Clerk - Annual salary	£ 837.60
Pay NW Air Ambulance donation	£ 50.00
Pay Great North Air Ambulance donation	£ 50.00

- b. Letter to Barclays Bank to authorise PAYE to HMRC £ 209.40
- c. Cash Flow circulated
- d. Councillors agreed that Risk Assessment was acceptable for y/e 2019

7. Correspondence

Clerks and Councils Direct; Letter from local resident re solar power sign costings; Bus timetables. NW Air Ambulance – request for donation
Emails circulated: Freedom of Information Act – to be clarified; blockage on River Crake – cleared; Flooding on A5092 –drains cleared but flooding will continue to be a problem because road needs digging up to retrieve equipment that has been lost.

Planning applications:

Green View, Lowick Green – decision outstanding.

Esp's Farm. Application approved with conditions.

Nettleslack Farm – no decision.

Hunda Hall – agricultural polytunnel. Advice only.

Red Lion – change of conditions. No objections.

Lowick Farm House – decision outstanding.

8. Complaints

None received

9. External Meetings

GS attended SBP. Drop in session suggested for 19/06. Clerk to book LCH and invite other parishes.

10 Bus Shelter Maintenance

BM to inspect again. May be suitable to request Lengthsman to undertake work. Defer.

11. Kirkby Moor Protectors

Public Enquiry in January. Outcome expected in May. No longer an agenda item.

12. Vodafone

A number of residents affected by Vodafone's action to cut off the mast opposite Lowick School – unable to receive a signal. Rural deprivation, Company need to address the issue with a long term solution, not a quick fix. Councillors to prepare a letter to highlight the issues with Vodafone.

13. Unofficial Residence

A number of parishioners are concerned about an unofficial residence in the area of GR 279 868. The area has been fenced off and vehicles parked. This unpermitted residence has been there for over 12 months and after 4 years could get residency rights if no one acts. Concerns about pollution etc. Letter to LDSPB advising Blawith of this action.

14. Confirmation of date of next meeting

16 May 2019 at 7.30pm in LCH. This is also the date for the AGM and Annual Parish Assembly.
Meeting closed at 9.50pm.