

Lowick Parish Council
Annual Parish Assembly

16 May 2019

Annual Report

To be adopted at the meeting of the Annual Parish Assembly

This year saw the involvement of the Council, local residents and a group called Kirkby Moor Protectors working hard to present a case to a Public Enquiry held in January this year, voicing its opposition to the proposal to repower the wind turbines on Kirkby Moor. It is 25 years since they were erected and they were due to be dismantled in August last year. The decision by the Secretary of State is expected in May. Lowick Parish Council gave a donation to Kirkby Moor Protectors who appointed a barrister to present their case. Councillors Mitchell and Sanderson gave evidence at the Enquiry.

There has been active participation in the Southern Boundary Partnership – a proposal to extend the southern boundary of the National Park. This will affect Lowick because it is currently split by the National Park boundary. If this is to happen, there will be an impact on local residents and the farming community. All the aspects of potential change need to be shared and considered.

The Council hopes that the improvements to the bus stop/shelters have been noticed and approved of by locals. Thanks go to our Lengthsman (Lowick Bridge) and a local resident (Lowick Green). It is unfortunate that the regular bus service appears to be diminishing, in spite of the valiant efforts of the Friends of the X12.

The Newsletter, which was one of the proposals as part of the Parish Plan has been compiled by Councillor Edmondson and delivered to all households. It appears to have been well received by residents.

It will probably have been noticed that there has been little activity on highways issues. Any response by County Highways to queries or actions has been seriously lacking as, presumably, they spend their limited funds on more pressing issues – or is it a case of who shouts the loudest...

Thank you to Mr Ian Currie who has acted as the Parish Council's Internal Auditor for many years. Mr Tim Gooding is undertaking the task this year and, hopefully, for many years to come.

Finally, thanks to our webmaster, Celia Roblin, who works so diligently for the Parish Council to keep our website up to date
