

Minutes of the Meeting of Lowick Parish Council held on 16 May 2019 (2019-3)

1. Councillors Present:

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

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

3. Public Participation

Police Support Community Officer PSCO Debbie Ross attended the meeting. She reported that (fortunately) Lowick is a low crime area and since 21 March there have only been 3 calls for service – a road related offence on the A5092; rtc damage only; highway disruption (cattle on the A5092). She emphasised that insecure quad bikes have been stolen from rural locations in South Cumbria and owners are advised to keep them locked and the keys out of sight when not in use.

4. Declarations of Interest

JE is representative on LCH; GR has an interest in 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. The rutted area in front of Cosy/Green/Rose cottages has been repaired. Thanks to local residents who provided the digger and labour free of charge and the plate vibrator to compact the hardcore. There is a good display of flowers in the wild flower area.
- c. CCC Highways
Email response received from CCC Highways about flooding on the A5092. Request for information had been compiled by GS. Not aware of any obstruction in the drains. Gully cleaning will take place again in July/August. GS has received a query about the proposed flowers boxes at Lowick Bridge crossroads – this is still a blackspot for traffic incidents.
Following a general discussion about traffic issues that have not been addressed by CCC Highways, LI undertook to compile a comprehensive list to send to County Councillor Matt Brereton, seeking his support/intervention to try and achieve some progress with these.
- d. LAP
No update. In view of the fact that this no longer appears to be functioning, it was resolved and agreed this item should be removed from the agenda.
- e. X12 bus service
AH reported the Friends of the X12 are working with ACT to make the group a community project and therefore eligible for charitable status and grants Advertising for a Transport Manager. Still fighting to retain this important service for the local community.

- f. Website/Transparency Code
Ongoing. Grant received - £1905.00. Computer purchased and additional amount could be spend on a printer/scanner.
- g. Parish Plan
Councillors confirmed that a deadline was required to prevent drift. Agreed 30 June. LI undertook to produce a draft if everyone sends him their particular items they have been working on. Newsletter – JE will compile another Newsletter before the summer. Items of interest to be sent to her.
- h. Lengthsman
Invoice and worksheet received. Clearing drains on the fell road and 15 road signs. Councillors wondered if he would be able to assess the bus shelters for work needed.

6. Finance

a. General Items

Barclays 16/05/2019	£ 7186.99
Pay Lengthsman Invoice 07	£ 70.00
Pay CALC Annual subscription	£ 113.27
Pay BHIB Insurance Annual renewal	£ 272.05
SLDC Precept and Grant received	£ 3,000.00

- b. Asset Register
Councillors approved the Asset Register for 2018/9

- c. Cash Flow to be circulated

d. AUDIT

Councillors approved the appointment of Mr Tim Gooding as the Internal Auditor for 2018/9.

Thank you to Mr Gooding for undertaking this task.

1. Councillors agreed that Lowick PC should apply to the External Auditor for an Exemption Certificate for 2018/9.
2. Councillors agreed and approved the AGAR 2018/9 Part 2. This was signed by the Chairman and the RFO.
3. Clerk will ensure that the AGAR Part 2 is placed on the website and a notice for the period for the exercise of public rights is advertised.

7. Correspondence

Clerks and Councils Direct;

Emails circulated: District Councillor Anne Hall re SLDC updates.

Planning applications:

Green View, Lowick Green – approved. Lowick Farm House – granted

03/04. Application for an extension at 5 Groffa Crag discussed – no objections.

8. Complaints

None received

9. External Meetings

None attended.

10 Bus Shelter Maintenance

Defer. Lengthsman to be asked to assess what work is required.

11. Vodafone

Reply received from Vodafone. To be circulated.

13. Unofficial Residence

GS has been liaising with Blawith PC. LDNP District Planner Julie Birkett has served an enforcement notice; caravan and non agricultural vehicles to be removed. 6 weeks compliance period.

GS will contact PSCO Debbie Ross about unlicensed vehicles.

14. Confirmation of date of next meeting

18 July 2019 at 7.30pm in LCH. Meeting closed at 9.30pm.