

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Lowick Parish Council held on 21 November 2019 (2019-6)**

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

G Sanderson, J Edmondson, J Longmire, B Mitchell, L Ingham. District Councillors Anne Hall and Ian Wharton, County Councillor. Matt Brereton.

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

### **3. Public Participation**

None

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

JE is representative on LCH.

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

- a. Lowick Community Hall Update:  
Meeting on 19/11. Discussions about general maintenance. Looking at sources for grants – from windfarm, after April; CCC Community grant fund suggested and possibly Lake District Community Fund.  
BM advised following at a recent inspection the fire extinguisher in the kitchen needs to be changed to a CO2 one because of changes in British Standards. He has advised Rob Dove.
- b. Lowick Green Management Committee Update:  
No update. Wild flower area has been cleared.
- c. CCC Highways  
Councillor Brereton gave some feedback. SatNav sign is going to be moved to the other side of the A5092.  
Proposed flowers boxes at Lowick Bridge crossroads – MB recommended that the project go ahead. Need to use ‘common sense’ in the siting. BM observed that Highways can regard ‘street furniture’ as a potential hazard.  
MB advised that Highways officers are looking at flooding issues generally, including Woodgate.  
MB said that Colton PC are keen to get a speed action group and are looking for volunteers. Speeding is an issue that will be highlighted with Highways England at a meeting to be held in the New Year and the problems arising when there are when there are traffic flow problems on the A590.  
BM said that there was a lot of white lining needed and MB agreed. BM commented that recent white lining was a waste of money and there was some discussion about who supervised the contractors if CCC are not doing the job.
- d. X12 bus service  
AH advised that a grant of £3000 had been received and local groups are still fund raising. ACT have named them ‘Community Group of the Year’ which gives the Friends of the X12 good publicity.

- e. **Parish Plan**  
LE has finalised the questionnaire. BM suggested it should be sent to the printers. Councillors agreed that 250 should be printed to be sent to each household – one copy per person. Consideration about a copy for children. Agreed for 11 – 16 year olds. LE will identify the relevant questions. No conclusions about completing the forms online.
- f. **Lengthsman**  
No Invoice for this meeting. He reported that the bus shelters need some attention and paint. Councillors agreed that he should go ahead with the work. Councillors confirmed that the Lengthsman’s services should be retained.

## 6. Finance

- a. **General Items**

Barclays 18/11/2019	£ 5849.13
Pay Royal British Legion – Poppy Wreath	£ 17.00
- b. Cash Flow circulated.
- c. Councillors considered the Precept Assessment. This will need to be completed at the January meeting.

## 7. Correspondence

Clerks and Councils Direct; CALC Annual Report; ACT information: Letter requesting contribution of £50 towards the cost of printing the new Parish Magazine. Agreed, although BM to highlight that Lowick only puts in a report every 2 months, unlike some other parishes, and should be entitled to a lower fee. Copy letter from Julie Birkett, Area Planner LDNP re enforcement notice - land at Moss Wood, Blawith. Prosecution to be brought against landowner because enforcement notice not complied with.

Emails circulated:

CALC - change of password; Pete Jones – Cumbria Wildlife Trust to come to speak about Lowick Common at the January meeting.

Planning applications:

Barn at Woodgate crossing - outstanding.

Arqiva smart metering pole and antennae and associated works. Rejected.

Nettleslack – change of use – no decision.

Everard Lodge – amendments to 7/2018/5637. No objections.

## 8. Complaints:

None received.

## 9. External Meetings

None.

## 10. Bus Shelter Maintenance

Lengthsman to undertake required maintenance.

### **11. Farmer's Arms**

IW attended Egton PC who are going ahead with an attempt to register it as an asset of community value. Need to consult local residents to see whether there is enough community interest. Need a planning group to move things along – query enough motivation. Could apply to LDNP for a dilapidation order – owners not let it deteriorate further.

### **12. Resignation of Councillor**

Councillor John Longmire announced that he was resigning from his position as an elected councillor for Lowick. A casual vacancy will need to be advertised.

Councillor Mitchell gave prior notice that he would not be standing for re-election in May 2020.

### **13. Date & Time of Next Meeting**

Thursday, 16 January 2020 at 7.30pm in Lowick Community Hall.  
Meeting ended at 9.45pm.