

**LOWICK PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Virtual meeting held Thursday 17 September 2020**

**16. Chairman opened meeting at 7.30pm**

**Chairman specifically asked all participants to leave their microphones 'open' and only 'mute' when requested to do so.**

**17. Present and apologies**

**Councillors**

Graham Sanderson (Chair)  
Joanna Edmondson (Vice Chair)  
Simon Bailey  
Les Ingham  
Bernard Mitchell (not present)

**District Councillors**

Ian Wharton  
Tracy Coward (apologies sent)

**Cumbria County Councillor**

Matt Brereton

**Also present**

Mike Child (Parish Clerk)  
One member of the Public

**18. Adoption of minutes from 16 July 2020 meeting to be signed by Chairman.**

**Chairman read through the minutes of this meeting to participants,**

Resolved that the minutes from the last meeting held on 16 July 2020 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**(Proposed by Cllr. Bailey, seconded by Cllr. Edmondson)**

**19. Declarations of interest.**

Cllr. Edmondson declared interest in Lowick Community Hall and Planning Application SL/2020/0504

Riddings Farm

No other member declared any interests on items on the agenda.

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**20. Public participation / report from County and District Councillors.**

**Report from Cllr. Brereton.**

**On traffic issues / speeding through the Parish also refer to item 26.**

A Steering Group of Parishes within the Crake Valley (including Penny Bridge, Spark Bridge, Lowick and Water Yeat) are to investigate extensions to 40mph speed limits and other traffic issues on the A5092 and A5084. There is a proposal to extend the 40mph limit from Penny Bridge through to Lowick.

The first meeting will be held within the next five weeks.

Once organised the meeting, which will probably be held via Microsoft Teams, will include presentations from Carol Last (Community Support Officer) and The Highways Department.

**Cllr. Sanderson volunteered as Liaison Officer to attend this meeting and deal with the issues raised. (Item 23a)**

Moving SatNav sign on A5092 which is an ongoing issue, he is in contact with 'Helen's' department for it to be moved to a more suitable location.

There is a need to monitor the speed of vehicles and vehicles turning off at The Farmers Arms and driving through Spark Bridge.

**Flooding issues / gullies blocked on A5092 at Woodgate (also refer to item 23a)**

He suggested that the complaint from the resident is forwarded on to him which he will then take up with Shamus Giles, Flooding Engineer at Highways who visited the site at least 9 months ago and has not yet taken any action to resolve the problem.

This is a longstanding issue, the resident who has been approached by the Highways has no authority or enforcement powers to compel the landowner / builder to rectify this.

**Parish Council to contact Lengthsman to visit site.**

**Report from Cllr. Wharton.**

**The Farmers Arms, Lowick** – nothing further to report. Result of recent survey sent to residents, the majority of those who replied would prefer it to remain as a public house / community pub.

**Further update at November meeting.**

**Traffic issues A5092 and A5084**

Reiterated Cllr. Brereton's comments (as above) also mentioned a significant increase in heavy traffic, noise mainly down to the road surface and speed of vehicles.

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**Anti-social behaviour**

East of the Lake and surrounding area. In lockdown large groups of undesirable people were congregating using threatening and violent behaviour towards residents / guides. Strong message is that, do not approach or challenge them, need to report to police (text to 61016 or telephone 101) and relevant authorities.

Road has just reopened and the plan is for it to remain open in the winter and review prior to summer 2021. This will be in consultation with the relative Parish Councils and authorities.

**21. Annual Accounts to year end 31 March 2020.**

- a) Internal Audit Report.
- b) Annual Governance Statement.
- c) Accounts.
- d) Exemption Certificate.

The Clerk reported on the internal audit, referring the Council to the Internal Audit Report and draft Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2019/2020 Part 2 as circulated before the meeting.

The Council considered the report and draft and resolves to approve the internal audit report and Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2019/2020 Part 2.

**Forms completed by Chair and Clerk with the Certificate of Exemption sent to the External Auditors by email on 18 September 2020.**

**22. Progress Update;**

- a) Lowick Community Hall - Cllr.Edmondson advised that the hall is looking at ways it can reopen.

**Hall continues to remain closed due to Covid 19.**

- b) Lowick Green Management Committee. Report circulated prior to meeting.

**Possible removal of elderflower tree opposite Hopefield Cottages. Council have no objection but would like a replacement tree to be planted elsewhere on the Green.**

- c) CC Highways – **update from Cllr Brereton see item 20.**

- d) X112 Bus Service – **Nothing further to report.**

- e) Parish Plan – **Cllr. Ingham to re circulate information to all members to see if it is 'fit for purpose' and review at November 2020 meeting.**

**Action - Chairman confirmed he would contact Cllr. Mitchell to see if he is still interested in being involved.**

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- f) Lengthsman – Clerk had already made contact with Lengthsman. An outstanding invoice of £64 to be paid.

**Clerk to liaise with Lengthsman over work required and around flooding at Woodgate and other locations.**

- g) Moss Wood, Blawith – Cllr. Bailey reported that he has had direct contact by email with PC Harris (last report from PC Harris to both Lowick and Blawith Parish Councils was by email 5/7/2020). Local residents have reported three vehicles remain on site contrary to planning enforcement.

**Cllr. Bailey confirmed he would follow up on the planning issues. Update at November meeting.**

- h) Farmers Arms, Lowick – **see Item 20.**

**23. Correspondence**

- a) Email from local resident regarding flooding on A5092 at Woodgate.

**See item 20**

- b) BT Public Payphone removal, Lowick Bridge, Ulverston LA12 8EF.

**Resolved that the Parish Council has no objections to the removal of the phone box.**

- c) Government White Paper on changes to planning in England.

Document forwarded prior to meeting.

Consultation period ends 29 October 2020,

**Cllr. Ingham raised a comment on the lower limit of a new housing development being raised to 40 houses for the need to include affordable houses. Lowick Parish is far too small for a development of this size as are the surrounding Parishes. This situation could prevent any new affordable homes being built between Ulverston and Ambleside (at least)**

**24. Planning Applications**, as circulated prior to meeting

SLDC - SL/2020/0504

Riddings Farm, Lowick Green Ulverston, LA12 8EA.

Agricultural storage building (Muck midden)

**Parish Council have made comments to SDLC.**

**No decision on application at time of this meeting.**

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LDNP 7/2020/5404

School House, Lowick Green LA12 8EB

Provision of 2 story extension and replacement of existing porch to house, provision of ancillary buildings, engineering works, provision of access track and hardstanding for house and business use.

**Parish Council have made comments to LDNP.**

**No decision on the application at the time of this meeting.**

- 25. Adoption of Retention of Documents Policy** as per CALC guidelines,

**Agreed by Council**

**(Proposed by Cllr. Edmondson, Seconded by Cllr. Ingham).**

- 26. Petition** organised by a local resident on noise and frequency of heavy goods vehicles on A5092 at Lowick and the condition of the road surface.

**See Item 20.**

- 27. Off road trail bikes unlawfully using land around Gt. Burney, Blawith Knott and towards Beacon Tarn.**

**Report from Cllr. Bailey that he had been approached by several residents concerned about the misuse of Common Land and footpaths by groups of off-road motorbike riders and also riding illegally on the Public Highway. Advice from PC Harris is that the Police would appreciate reports to 101 to assist in the proper control of these matters. Noted by the Council.**

- 28. Virtual Training Courses CALC**

As forwarded to Councillors prior to meeting.

Cllr. Bailey to attend The Effective Councillor Part 1 (22/9/20) & Part 2 (29/9/20).

Parish Clerk to attend Clerk Induction Course. Part 1 (13/10/20) & Part 2 (20/10/20)

- 29. Neighbourhood Watch.**

Report from Cllr. Bailey – he will continue to be in contact with PC Harris and residents with a view to setting up a local group.

**Update at November meeting**

- 30. Finance and Clerk's report**

**a) Barclays**

No further forward with changes to Bank Mandate. Chairman in contact with Barclays in the hope that this matter can be resolved

