

Slingsby South Holme & Fryton Parish Council

Parish Meeting held on 14th April 2014

PRESENT:

Chair	Cllr C Wilson	Cllr P Snowball
	Cllr A Shepherd	Cllr F Farnell
	Cllr M Singleton	
NYCC	Cllr C Wood	
RDC	Cllr R Wainwright	
Rural	M Farey	13 members of public present
Action		
Clerks	C Adnitt & D Farley	

14/01 The meeting was opened at 19.00 hours.

14/02 **Apologies for Absence**
No apologies were received.

14/03 **Chairs Report**
Some ongoing issues were highlighted with Highways at top of The Balk where accidents have occurred. The signage and road markings require improvement and some bushes cutting back to improve visibility.

The various meetings attended by councillors were highlighted.

On-going problems with street lighting were highlighted with some in need of replacement, with the most urgent being dealt with first. Four were planned for replacement over the next year at a cost of around £2400 each.

A new contractor for the grass cutting has been engaged. Castle Howard Estate have agreed to prune back the trees on the village green. The Parish Fields has been re-let for three years, and some allotment plots were vacant.

The phone box was not used and other uses were suggested, i.e. locating a defibrillator inside it. Residents were asked for their comments, with little enthusiasm being expressed.

Affordable housing has stalled due to the lack of suitable land being available at present. Residents were asked to suggest areas of land for this purpose.

The outgoing clerk Dinah was thanked for her hard work, and the new clerk Chris Adnitt was welcomed.

14/04 Report from County Councillor

Cllr Claire Wood congratulated the parish councillors for their hard work. She comments on the "give way" signs at the junction and the lack of visibility. She also agreed to assist with the street lighting issues.

Spending at NYCC has been cut by £94 million with a further £74 million to be made, whilst emphasising that Highways, Children's Services and Health & Adult Services would continue. Grass cutting was at risk from 2015 onwards with the cost expected to be passed onto parish councils. No cuts in winter maintenance were planned.

Work to improve safety at Barton Crossroads by the Highways Agency was being planned with a view to completion by April 2015.

Broadband has now been connected in Slingsby, and drainage work on The Laurels was to be undertaken to help protect against flooding.

14/05 Report from District Councillor

Cllr Robert Wainwright confirmed that RDC had not made an increase in council tax for this year.

The Local Development Plan has been adopted, with the next step being to identify sites for development, with public consultation due for January.

Charges were to be made for the collection of garden waste from June 2014 at a cost of £37 per year.

Following a question on the garden waste bins, he stated that the bins would not be collected in at this stage.

14/06 Report from Rural Action Yorkshire

Maggie Farey advised that the parish plan was shortly due for updating given that it was almost five years old, however funding was now problematic. She suggested setting up a working committee to move matters forward.

14/07 Other Reports

Keith Buck confirmed that The Triangle had been published for 3 ½ years, with David Thornaby as co-editor, and has a current circulation of 260. The fourth update of the village yellow pages has been completed. Additional people were requested to assist with The Triangle and Website.

14/08 Public Questions

A seat was requested by the bus stop near the school. It was highlighted that one was proposed and was being funded by ANOB.

The condition of footpaths was raised. It was confirmed that NYCC highways were to be chased up, although a lack of funding may be a problem.

A resident complimented the grass cutting which had been undertaken for May Day on the village green.

The on-going problems with dog fouling were raised together with the lack of waste

bins. Concerns were also expressed that certain residents failed to clear up after their dogs.

The “village signs” on the entrance to Slingsby were becoming overgrown and the parish council was asked to consider planting around the signs at the next meeting.

Questions were asked about the signage at the crossroads and on why better signs have not been provided. The need to a Speed matrix Sign was also highlighted.

The chair highlighted that two vacancies existed for parish councillors and volunteers were being sought. He invited residents to put themselves forward if they were interested.

14/09 The meeting was closed at 1950 hours.