

Slingsby, South Holme & Fryton Parish Council

Meeting held on 17th November 2014

PRESENT: Chair Cllr C Wilson Cllr P Snowball
Cllr F Farnell Cllr M Singleton
Cllr A Shepherd
District Cllr R Wainwright
4 members of public
Clerk Chris Adnitt

- 14/60** The meeting was opened at 19.00 hours.
- 14/61** **Apologies for Absence**
Apology was received from County Cllr C Ward.
- 14/62** **Items Raised by Members of Public**
Residents felt that contact should be made with the County Councillor and District Councillor for South Holme.
- 14/63** **Declaration of Interest on Agenda Items**
No declarations were made.
- 14/64** **Minutes of Previous Meeting**
The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd September 2014 were approved by all and signed by the chair.
- 14/65** **Exchange of Information and Future Agenda Items**
Notification received from NYCC advising that they are seeking tenders for some bus services.
Consultation document from Ryedale Voluntary Action on "Village Agents Project" asking for comments. It was felt that people in the village were well cared for and the scheme was not necessary in the parish.
Howardian Hills ANOB Management Plan for 2014 – 2019 received.
Annual Accounts for Slingsby Allotments Association have been supplied.
- 14/66** **Precept for 2015/16**
Budget projection was presented by the clerk, and following discussion some amendments were made to reflect anticipated expenditure. The reduction in NYCC grass cutting for next year and the likely effect that the decision may have on future expenditure was discussed. Following further discussion it was proposed by Cllr M Singleton that the precept should be increased by 2% to £7106, to allow for inflation, seconded by Cllr F Farnell and was approved by all.
- 14/67** **Standing Orders**
The Standing Orders have been revised to take account of recent changes in legislation to ensure that the parish council is legally compliant. The revised Standing Orders were approved by all.

14/68 Planning Applications

Three planning applications were received: 14/00956/73A application has been withdrawn for removal of Condition 3 on approval date 17.03.1977 for Little Farm, Long Lane, Slingsby.

14/01145/CAT application to remove a Silver Birch tree to ground level and to reduce the crown of a Norway Maple at, Tenter Croft, 16 Sycamore Close, Slingsby. No objections were raised.

14/01150/House application to erect a rear conservatory and flat roofed dormer window to rear roof slope at, Castle Garth, High Street, Slingsby. No objections were received.

The procedures to examine planning applications was discussed and it was agreed to develop an improved procedure for discussion at the next meeting.

14/69 Village Items.

Street Lights – NYCC have advised that all four lights should be installed before Christmas.

Phone Box – The phone box requires the paint removing by sandblasting or paint stripper. A quote for £300 for sand blasting plus transport costs has been received, with quotes for stripping the paint & repainting being obtained. British Telecom have failed to implement the consultation process, which they have now advised has just been started. There will be delay in taking ownership as a result.

Defibrillator Fundraising – A further donation for £725 has been received and it was understood that £25 would be donated by the Allotments Association. Sufficient funds were now available to purchase a defibrillator when the transfer of ownership of the phone box is completed.

Highways issues – A number of issues were raised, including the state of the bridge at Fryton and pot holes in the road, lights out on the recess bollards on the main road and issues with signage and road. A site meeting has been arranged with NYCC Highways on 19th November 2014 to discuss the various issues, which the chair agreed to attend.

Seat on Green – A seat has been delivered for the Village Green and is waiting to be fixed into place. A contractor has been asked to repair & maintain the seats throughout the parish.

A resident has offered to donate a seat to be located in the village which will go on the sports field.

Footpath Outside School – The work has been completed. A discussion took place on the amount of the contribution that should be made following advice that the school's share amounted to £3471.24 including VAT. A discussion on funding was to be arranged with the school, following which a decision would be made at the next meeting.

Grass Cutting – A price for cutting the cemetery and green for next year was to be agreed with the contractor. It was noted that grass cuttings were not always being picked up. The effects of the reduction in NYCC grass cutting were to be assessed to determine what additional cutting may be necessary.

Churchyard – The headstones were to be checked for safety.

14/70 Reports

Reports were received from the Chair and the Clerk. The chair commented on the state of the footpath down Green Dyke Lane and that the hedge has been cut.

14/71 Finance

Payments received: Tesla Exploration (Donation) £725.

Payments due: Clerks Salary & Expenses £248.48 HMRC (Tax) £50.80, John Dawson (Grass Cutting) £140 and Slingsby Village hall (Room Hire) £134. These were approved by all.

14/72 The next meeting was arranged for 2nd February 2015, starting at 19.00 hours.

14/73 The meeting was closed at 20.25 hours.