

SLINGSBY, SOUTH HOLME & FRYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk to the Parish Council: David A Batley

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY 19 OCTOBER 2010

AT 7:00pm

IN SLINGSBY VILLAGE HALL, COMMITTEE ROOM

MINUTES

Margaret Shepherd (Chair)
Fiona Farnell (Deputy Chair)
Peter Snowball
Michael Singleton
Chris Wilson

1. Apologies

Michael Thompson

2. Members of the public will be invited by the Chairperson to raise any matter for discussion by the Council in respect of the agenda.

Three members of the public were present

3. Minutes of the August meeting 2010

Approved

4. Matters arising from minutes

- Cllr. Farnell and Cllr Singleton discussed the progress of the small scheme for replacement /new village signs at South Holme and Fryton
- Councillors were concerned about ongoing vandalism to the Telephone Box and whether the Parish Council could take over the responsibility for repairing the Box. Mr Batley was asked to write to YLCA for any guidance they could provide.
- Councillors discussed the poor state of the notice board in Slingsby. No decision made.
- Cllr Singleton reported that the seat at Fryton was now in his garage awaiting repair. Councillors agreed that he could have the seat repaired.

5. To fix the precept for 2011/2012

After a discussion Councillors agreed to limit the rate increase to 3.5%. This was agreed. Councillors discussed that this would only bring in a modest amount of additional income £197 for 2011/2012. The Clerk reported that this additional income would be more than absorbed by increases in expenditure especially on street lighting electricity bills. Councillors agreed that they must be cautious in approving any additional expenditure in 2011/2012.

6. Parish Council Allotments

It was agreed that the rent for the first two years would be £350 per year.

7. Tenders: Parish Field, Grass Cutting.

Tenders for the Parish Field grazing were opened and the tender from Mrs Fisher for £1503 for 36 months accepted.

It was agreed that Mr Carr could continue in his contract cutting the grass on the village green and cemetery providing he did not increase his charges per cut.

8. Slingsby Burial Board: Green Dyke Lane Cemetery

The Clerk circulated amended copies of the revised rules for the cemetery. Cllr Farnell reported that she had made some amendments. Mr Batley said he had sent out to all Councillors copies of the revised rules along with Cllr Farnell's amendments. The Chair asked Councillors to review the rules and Cllr Farnell's amendments and if they had any comments or amendments to let the Clerk know.

9. Parish Plan Update

Cllr Wilson reported on Parish Plan action points.

10. Post Office

Cllr Shepherd agreed to contact County Councillor Clare Wood to discuss how pressure could be brought on the Post Office for the return of a permanent Post Office to Slingsby.

11. Local Development Framework

The summer review of the LDF; received from Ryedale DC was discussed. Mr Batley was asked to respond giving the views of the Parish Council (copy letter attached stating the views)

12. Street Lights

Councillors discussed whether to repair or replace light located at The Lawns. Mr Batley was requested to write to NYCC for alternative quotes.

13. Slingsby Poor's Land Charity: Appointment of Trustees

No change.

Mr Batley said the Charity Commission required dates of birth of trustees.

These were provided to Mr Batley

14. Any other business

- It was agreed to spend up to £100 to repair the gate to the cemetery. Cllr Singleton to arrange
- It was agreed to instruct Ryedale Council Pest Control Officer to have a period of mole control in the cemetery. Up to £60 agreed.
- It was agreed to ask Mr Carr to remove Ivy from Cemetery Walls.
- Cllr Singleton asked the Clerk to write to NYCC Highways regarding poor lines of sight at The Balk/B road junction caused by overhanging thorn tree.

15. Questions will be invited from the members of the public present.

No questions were put.

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Dear Miss Craddock

Summer 2010 Consultation
Ryedale Local Development Framework. Views of Slingsby, South Holme and Fryton Parish Council

Following a meeting of the Parish Council on the 19th October these are the views of Slingsby, South Holme and Fryton Parish Council.

The Parish Council does not agree, in any circumstances, to Issue 1.12 Release of Development Land to address conservation deficit.

In respect of the Castle Howard Estate the Parish Council does not agree, in any respect, that the planning process should be used to support costs of privately owned estates such as Castle Howard. Castle Howard Estate is extensive with land, property and other assets. It is the view of the Parish Council that development land must not be released to fund conservation deficits for privately owned assets of any description. Such funding should be met by such estates internally by reviewing expenditure and the sale of their existing non conservation assets such as houses owned by Castle Howard, Land or other assets belonging to the Estate.

The Parish Council might take a more conciliatory view of such a proposal should it solely benefit a publicly owned asset such as free access public parkland, museums, historic building owned by the public or in some cases conservation assets owned by the National Trust., English Heritage or the National Parks.

The Parish Council wishes to stress in addition to the points below that it is against in principle any further development in the Parish with the exception of small infill schemes of developments especially constructed as affordable housing.

The Parish Council wishes to stress views below. These views have been recently supported by an extensive consultation exercise with residents of the village as part of a Parish Plan exercise. The Parish Council is very concerned that the views of residents and ratepayers in Slingsby South Holme and Fryton are not being properly considered and the consultation document does not reflect, in any way, the strength of objections of Slingsby Parish Council and parishioners to the LDF proposals.

- The Slingsby Development Sites 427, 444 and 428 are **not supported** by the Parish Council as areas suitable for development. The Council does acknowledge that limited additional affordable and/or rented housing is required in Slingsby and that the village should grow incrementally at a modest rate. For this purpose the Parish Council recommends development site 430 (land west of The Balk) and, to a lesser degree, 429 (land east of High Street). In respect of site 430 any development should be set back from The Balk to the west at the same distance as Balkside is set back from The Balk to the east. This would make the entrance to the village symmetrical, however would reduce the area of 430 available for housing.
- The Council is concerned that the Development Plan does not demonstrate any planned development of the village; rather it is a piecemeal enlargement without any overarching strategy or vision.
- The Council is concerned that any new development will carry the risk of the village being transformed from a rural village to a small town and the character and culture of the village community will be harmed or irrevocably changed.

- Any proposed new development MUST have car garaging and also parking facilities. The Parish Council considers that the present strategy of not providing adequate car parking spaces in developments is very seriously faulted. The lack of adequate public transport makes travel by car unavoidable to main centres of employment and shopping. Approving developments without car parking, or low numbers of car parking spaces, only serves to create more on-road parking and associated road safety issues. All houses in any new developments should have a garage and also parking for at least one additional car.
- Excessive brightening of the night sky by street lights and other man-made sources is a concern and the Parish Council does not support additional street lighting or other lighting outside any houses in any future developments.
- The infrastructure in Slingsby would require substantial investment to attract business. For example, mobile 'phone reception is not available in some parts of the village. There is no natural gas supply. All telephone wires and some electrical supply and distribution wires are pole to pole suspended. (Some of the poles original and dating back to the 1940's) This method of supply and communication can cause power interruption in icy or windy weather, especially in winter. Street lighting is 50 years old and is urgently in need of replacement as it is unsustainable and is not energy efficient. The Parish Council does not have the estimated £250,000 to carry out this work. Drainage, both clean and foul, will require major investment for any new developments. The village often floods in heavy rain and therefore appears not to be able to sustain additional water run-off from further developments, in particular 427 and 444. Many footpaths in the village have not been resurfaced or renewed by the Highways Authority for the past 35 years and are potholed and unsuitable for safe passage in many areas for disabled wheelchairs. The strategy MUST address these issues and the funding requirements that would be required to improve the infrastructure. The Parish Council considers that these issues are presently not given the attention required by Ryedale Council or the Government. Any new developments in Slingsby should have section 106 agreements that provide funding reserved for Slingsby for such improvements.
- The strategy needs to make specific recommendations on how best to address the issue of an aging population. Although Slingsby has some Housing Association bungalows suitable for elderly people there is no provision for accommodation for elderly people requiring care, especially those living alone. At the moment such people have to leave the area to find sheltered accommodation. The strategy should make reference to the issues of an aging population and provision of sheltered accommodation in service villages. Development sites should contain provision for sheltered accommodation.
- The strategy should make stronger reference to affordable accommodation for people and define the term 'affordable housing'. The Parish Council is of the opinion that affordable housing should be restricted to individuals and families that have strong local connections at village level only.
- The strategy needs to make reference to the increasing trend of 'home working' and 'new working' by employees of large organisations. It is felt that in the future more houses need to be constructed with rooms suitable for office accommodation.
- The strategy must link with the provision of education by NYCC, Universities and Colleges. To attract business and improve labour force skills, higher education provision is required. Young people who move to higher education invariably have to leave the Ryedale area. New science type developments and many new technology micro businesses gravitate to areas of higher education. Slings by's Primary Community School needs to be retained.
- Tourism is an important business for the villages of Ryedale. However, Malton does not present itself as a tourist or shopping destination. Considerable investment in Malton town centre is required by all stakeholders in order to make it attractive to tourists and local shoppers.
- The loss of the Post Office in Slingsby now leaves the village with only one small shop, and consequently the economic needs of the village are presently not met.
- The conservation nature of the village should be supported by the plan.

The Parish Council asks that you acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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