

## SLINGSBY, FRYTON & SOUTH HOLME PARISH COUNCIL

### Annual Parish Assembly at Slingsby Village Hall 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019 commencing at 6.00pm

**Present:** Cllr F Farnell (Chairman) Cllr A Wilson  
Cllr P Snowball (Vice Chairman) 10 Members of the public  
Gail Cook (Clerk) James Holliday (Castle Howard)

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Cllr A Shepherd, Cllr L Lange and John Hoy (Chief Executive Castle Howard)

**2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 21st May 2018**

Approved

**3. Matters Arising**

None

**4. Report from the Chairman on work undertaken throughout the year**

As a Parish Council there are several areas in the village that we are responsible for such as cutting of the village green, street lights within the older part of the village, notice boards in the three villages, benches, maypole, defibrillator, telephone box and dog bins.

We try to ensure that the village as a whole looks smart and thanks go to Alan Smith as he cuts the verges on the top road for free. During bad weather we clear and grits the footpaths.

Work undertaken the previous year included: -

- Continuing to report pot holes and street light failures
- Police visible in the village with the speed camera van
- Agreed to change a street light to LED
- A commemorative bench was purchased and is to be placed on the railway line in remembrance of former Councillor Chris Wilson
- Discussed the possibility of Community Led Housing and the results of the housing needs survey
- Dog fouling is still a problem, signage and an additional dog bin has helped
- Fryton residents requested assistance with septic tank and small sewerage treatment regulations.

On-going work:-

- Footpath maintenance around the village – mainly High Street
- Pursing a drainage survey for the village
- Renewal of the white lines

Looking forward to the forthcoming year

- Like to see more interaction between the Parish Council and the residents of the parishes and other village groups
- Higher attendance at Parish Council meetings by residents
- Obtaining ideas from residents as to what they would like to see happen or work to be carried out in the village
- Attendance at meetings by our District & County Councillors.

Remember the agenda is available on the village website and notice board. There is a public participation session at each meeting for residents to ask questions.

**5. Report from James Holliday, Castle Howard Estate Manager**

James gave a presentation regarding his role at Castle Howard and confirmed that he would welcome an invitation to attend a Parish Council meeting annually.

The estate is encouraging open dialogue with practitioners, residents, tenant farmers and driving forward with tourism.

Additional events planned such as a traction engine rally in addition to the usual Christmas events and weddings.

Looking at development at The Balk, which is a joint ownership site. There is a desire to make this a flagship development of 32 homes.

The new management team are looking forward to taking Castle Howard to the next level, with 300 years of heritage to preserve. They have recently undertaken a new vision statement for Castle Howard, this document will be ready for circulation within the next couple of months.

James explained that a couple of empty properties in Slingsby which require major refurbishment will be either renovated or sold.

James added that he had an open office door policy and would welcome residents to telephone or email him directly - Email: [jholliday@castlehoward.co.uk](mailto:jholliday@castlehoward.co.uk)

**6. Open Forum**

Residents raised concern regarding the grass verges on Railway Street which were disappearing due to parking, it was agreed that curbing would be the answer, although NYCC resources were limited.

The trees near lagoon in the village have received some maintenance. Some re-stocking will take place to ensure that the area encourages wildlife.