

Slingsby, South Holme & Fryton Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting held on 25th April 2016

PRESENT: Chair Cllr C Wilson Cllr A Shepherd
Cllr G Dickinson Cllr P Snowball
Cllr F Farnell
RDC Cllr R Wainwright
27 members of public
Clerk Chris Adnitt

16/30 The Annual Parish Meeting was opened at 19.00 hours.

16/31 Apologies for Absence
Apology was received from County Cllr C Wood.

16/32 Chairs Report
The chair advised that there were no major problems to report. The Parish Plan was well underway and was nearing completion. Those involved in producing the Village Design Statement were thanked for their efforts.

The Inside Balk has been patched up, and the parish council's notice board required re-varnishing. It was highlighted that Ryedale District Council were responsible for maintaining closed churchyards.

There was an on-going dialogue with NYCC Highways to ensure problems are rectified, including issues arising from heavy goods vehicles passing through the village.

Dog fouling remained an on-going problem. A suitable location for a dog waste bin required to be identified and residents were asked for their views with due regard to those living near to suggested locations. Residents were advised to contact the Dog Warden providing details of offenders.

16/33 Flooding in Fryton
Following the flooding that occurred during the winter, the beck has been cleaned out which appears to have helped. The mud however took some time to be cleaned away.

16/34 Parish Plan Survey Results
The chair provided an overview of the feedback received from the survey. It was confirmed that roughly 50% of residents felt that speeding issues were an on-going concern, with the need for flashing signs. It was highlighted that these would have a significant cost if installed and residents views were sought. Various issues were raised about footpaths and pot holes. Various comments were received highlighting problems on various public rights of way, with a survey by NYCC being required.

The Village Hall Committee was praised for the improvements made. It was felt that the Castle should be made accessible. A Community Spirit with volunteers to organise events etc. was required. Various parking issues were also highlighted.

- 16/35 Defibrillator & Phone Box
The defibrillator has been installed. Cllr F Farnell explained the procedure for its use, including the list of volunteers to use it. Additional volunteers were being sought. The maintenance procedures were also highlighted, with volunteers being sought to assist with this.
- 16/36 Queens 90th Birthday Celebrations
A street party was being organised for 12th June 2016 on Church Lane outside the Village Hall. There will also be a "Ceilidh" held in the Village Hall. Residents were asked to donate £2 each towards the cost of the buffet. The Parish Council has made a donation of £50. Cllr A Shepherd has offered to present Celebration Medals to village children aged 11 and under.
- 16/37 Neighbourhood Watch Scheme
Those involved confirmed that information was being provided by the Police with some residents reporting that information, although it was felt that some improvements were required. It was agreed to have this on the agenda for the next parish council meeting.
- 16/38 Ryedale District Council Sites for Potential Housing Development
It was understood that the sites for future development would be determined by late summer by RDC.
- 16/39 Vacancies for Parish Councillors
The chair highlighted that there were two vacancies for Parish Councillors and asked for volunteers to put themselves forward, or advise the Parish Council if they thought anyone may be interested.
- 16/40 Open Forum
The chair asked those present to raise any issues that they may have or make comment on any matter they wished to discuss with the Parish Council.

A question was asked about constructing a footpath between Slingsby and Hovingham alongside the road. It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting to determine how best to move forward with this matter.

A representative of the Playing Field Committee highlighted their fundraising efforts together with the cost of maintaining the area. He also highlighted the various donations they have made to community projects, Air Ambulance etc. Membership was ageing and has reduced over time, with new members welcome. Volunteers were needed to organise events. The Editor of the "Triangle" offered to publicise their events. A new lease has been agreed with Castle Howard. Dog fouling on the playing field remained an on-going problem. The chair confirmed that their efforts were appreciated by everyone.

A comment was made that the bench on The Balk by the top of Sheep Walk was missing. The chair explained that it had fallen apart and has been removed for safety reasons.

A resident highlighted that a street light by the phone box was not working since 2nd February and advised that he has reported it to NYCC. He felt that it presented a

safety issue. He also raised an issue with under 16's with School Bus passes having to stand on the bus provided, and felt that representation should be made to NYCC for a larger vehicle to be provided.

A resident commented that the builders working at Richardson's Yard have blocked off the footpath making it difficult for people to get past. It was agreed to take up this matter with RDC.

A resident commented on what NYCC's position on Fracking was given the payments they have received or have been promised by the applicants concerned.

A resident highlighted that roughly 18 inches has been lost off the verge alongside The Balk, with Heavy Goods Vehicles mounting the pavement to allow other vehicles to pass. The width of the road was a problem.

16/41 The chair thanked the Councillors and the Clerk for their work over the past year, and the meeting was closed at 19.55 hours.