

SLINGSBY, FRYTON & SOUTH HOLME PARISH COUNCIL

**Annual Parish Assembly at Slingsby Village Hall
12th July 2021 commencing at 7.30pm**

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

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr A Shepherd

2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 13th May 2019

Approved

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Report from James Holliday, Castle Howard Estate Manager

Castle Howard has been through a storm but is still standing. We have had to restructure the entire business, some elements were unaffected but core business has had to adapt. We have tried to assist tenants where ever possible.

The commercial entity of the business is now very different due to the government pandemic rules and regulations, lots of changes have had to be made.

The visitor attraction part of the business will move forward and be maintained as a masked environment, as 75% of visitors have confirmed that they would prefer to visit with masks.

The plan is to open up the grounds further, we are looking at estate wide plans and for example we are looking into more sustainable ventures with assistance from the government, whether that be agricultural, commercial and visitor economy.

The east wing roof has now been replaced, this was part funded from the Cultural Recovery Fund, this was last done in 1901.

We are pushing the filming side of the business as hard as we can which is excellent for opening up Yorkshire to the wider world.

Full appraisal of the entire estate for the next ten years, where do we want to be in the next 10 years, striving to achieve and working on this. More to share with the Parish Council and wider community hopefully be the end of the year.

James gave an update on the maintenance of Castle Howard properties in Slingsby and explained that any residents wanting to express an interest in renting one of the available properties should contact Rosie Wall, Castle Howard Property Assistant on email: rwall@castlehoward.co.uk

Development opposite The Balk - the family are keen to leave the correct legacy and are still looking for the right design and credentials before an application is submitted to the local planning authority.

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

The last sixteen months have not been easy on anyone. As a community I think we have all rallied and helped as and when necessary. Thanks must go to Geoff Bishop and Kate Giles for helping to co-ordinate volunteers with additional thanks going to the volunteers.

The Parish Council continued to function throughout this time. I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for their continued support and contribution to meetings and help with tasks for the good of parish.

Three new benches have been installed in Fryton and two in Slingsby. Work has been carried out in the cemetery and three lamp columns in Railway Street have been replaced with LED. Two further street light LED replacements have been ordered for The Balk. The parish field has had 140m of fencing replaced and was let to a new tenant. The Police have acknowledged our request for ad hoc speed camera deployments. Two new dog bins have been installed at either end of the footpath from Castle Farm to Fryton. Thank you to the landowners for letting us place them.

Ongoing work and effort include:-

- Flooding with Fryton and Slingsby
- Headstone work in the cemetery
- Monitoring the condition of the street lights
- Working with Castle Howard to ensure the village remains a priority
- Working with residents and agencies to try to find suitable resolutions to the ongoing problem, including grant applications

6. **Open Forum**

John Hayhurst updated the Parish Council on the flooding issues in Fryton.

The drains in the village have now cleared which has vastly improved the drainage issues.

1. Clerk to request that NYCC Highways carry out an inspection of the drainage system in Fryton.
2. It is essential that the gutters and grips in the village are jetted regularly, particularly outside Brock House, Squirrel Cottage and Duncton Wood Cottage are cleared twice per year.
3. Removal of the silt in the culvert is essential. Cllr Wilson has carried out an inspection with a plant operator who suggested that it would cost approximately £500 to clear the culvert when the water levels have dropped. Cllr Wilson to obtain a firm quote for the work.
4. Cllr Goodrick to confirm when the Rural Village Flood Grant Scheme would be launched.
5. Kate Giles offered to liaise with residents who suffer from flooding to create an emergency call out list of volunteers who could give assistance. The village website could be utilised for this.