

SLINGSBY, FRYTON & SOUTH HOLME PARISH COUNCIL

**Annual Parish Assembly at Slingsby Village Hall
13th May 2024 commencing at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr F Farnell (Chair) Cllr D Wells (Vice Chair)
Cllr A Farnell Cllr A Wilson
Cllr D Bairstow Cllr G Dickinson
Cllr R Hogarth Clerk Gail Cook
Paul Hogarth, Slingsby Sports Club Cynthia Fell, Slingsby Village Hall
Ten members of the public present

1. Apologies for Absence

None

2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 22nd May 2023

Approved

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Chairs Update

Firstly, I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for all their help and support throughout the last year. I feel we make a great team and compliment each other nicely. Whether it be maintenance jobs, writing letters, attending meetings, there is a lot that goes on away from the bi-monthly meetings.

I would also like to thank Gail for her support, work and vast knowledge which is a huge asset to the Council. Gail has thankfully agreed to stay for one more year.

Thanks also go to Alan Smith for keeping the top road entrances to the village looking so well. Sue Carr for putting out and back the bin at the cemetery and Stephen Prest for allow the relocation of the multi purpose bin at the bottom of the long Balk onto his land. Also John Apps for giving the notice board another few years of use.

This year has seen the Parish Council erect the flashing speed sign to the village with two locations at a cost of £6045. However, at present the sign is not working perfectly in dull/dark conditions but we are expecting this to be rectified in June.

Additional works to the village have included:-

- Three new multi purpose bins at the end of Green Dyke Lane, bottom of Long Balk and top of Baxton Howe Lane
- Community Speed Watch equipment
- Village Christmas Tree
- Two benches have been placed on the Railway Line and one outside the chapel

There has been liaising with North Yorkshire Council to get the street lights renewed and trying to get some movement on the Balk junction and possible remedies to stop the accidents. Recently Cllr Mason did inform me that work had been budgeted for this financial year.

A lot of Councillor time has been taken up with the two planning applications adjacent to The Balk and Aspen Way. I am ever hopeful that the access arrangements will work out in residents favour as the applications go forward, however for this to happen, there has to be a willingness from Castle Howard to work with the other developer.

5. Presentation from Slingsby Village Hall Committee

The chair thanked Cynthia Fell for her verbal presentation on the work of the Village Hall Committee.

6. Presentation from Slingsby Sports and Social Club

The Chair thanked Paul Hogarth for his informative verbal presentation on the work positive hard work of Slingsby Sports Club.

7. Presentation from the Village Triangle and Website

The Chair thanked Cllr Wilson for reading out the report.

8. Presentation from Slingsby Parish Environmental Group

The Chair thanked Cllr Wells for reading out the report.

9. Sowers & Growers

"We have existed as a group for about eight years. The idea was originally suggested by two ladies in the village but we must have put them off, because they never came after the inaugural meeting. Janet Clarke and myself (Fiona) decided to take on the challenge, with the help of Angie Hindby as Treasurer. There are regularly about ten of us meet who come to various outings or special events. We were recently joined by Paul Lange having been only women so far. I will add that we are not exclusive! We meet on the first Tuesday of the month (except January). We have local speakers, we try to visit other gardens and we have our annual Christmas decoration evening which is open to non-members (by ticketing). We welcome new members. We are not professional gardeners but just enjoy our gardens and the friendship we get from the group. Meet - First Tuesday in the month, 7-8.30pm in the Village Hall £2.

10. Produce Show

Mrs Prest confirmed that the next Slingsby Produce Show is on Saturday 14th September opening to the public at 1.30pm. The show has been very successful over recent years with very good and in some cases record entries in many classes.

There are classes for vegetables of every kind, plants and flowers and in the agricultural sector classes for samples of barley and wheat and also corn in the ear.

The classes for baking including, cakes, scones, pastries etc are excellent as well as those for jams, chutneys, preserves etc. One of the highlights of the show is the competition of the biggest marrow and pumpkin. One of our regular exhibitors has had pumpkins weighing in at over 2 cwt or well over 100 kgs.

There is a very good photography section with classes for an event in Slingsby Parish, a water scene, a single flower, a picture of any animal and new for this year a holiday photograph.

We are very well supported by Slingsby School who always put large numbers of entries into handwriting, paintings and craft work. They are really well worth seeing. We do encourage you to put some entries in especially this year when we have had such a difficult spring and getting plants growing has been very difficult.

Show schedules will be delivered to every home in the parish about 2 to 3 weeks before the show but if you want to see one before that if you let me have your e-mail address, I will send one to you.

As well as the excellent show exhibits, there is also a raffle with excellent prizes and we do serve teas on the day.

11. Slingsby Maypolers

This is the recently new name for the long-standing Maypole Committee. Our sole purpose is to organise and facilitate the putting on of the May Day event on The Green in Slingsby.

Our tag line is “WEAVING THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER” and we believe that this annual traditional event is one of the cornerstones of the community within the Parish. We have just had another very successful day this year which as usual was very well attended not only by locals but from visitors further afield. Over the past few years we have been strengthening our links with FOSS and now feel that we have a much more integrated event.

Moving forward we would like this partnership to grow and also to see many more local clubs and societies have a presence on the day. This is the only day of the year where groups can come together to promote their clubs and also at the same time perhaps raise funds for themselves. This year we added the Sports and Social Club to our list of stalls and last year we welcomed SPEG. I would like to urge all clubs to come and be part of this even, making it an even more memorable days for the community. If you would like more information please email slingsbymaypolers@gmail.com

We do not make a profit, indeed everything we make from putting on the even via the raffle and ice cream sales percentage goes partway towards funding the next year. Our group is currently only four members. We desperately would like more residents to join us so that the tradition can continue to thrive year on year and not die out.

12. History Society

Thank you to Kate for her informative verbal update of the society.

13. Open Forum

A Parishioner asked a question with regard to the Parish Survey, are there any other projects that came out of it? Cllr Wells explained that it was more about informative gathering.

Inconsiderate parking outside the pub was raised and discussed at length, the Chair offered to visit the pub again to discuss if anything further can be done, the possibility of signage asking motorists to park at one side of the road was a possible option.