**East Cottingwith Parish Council**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12th March 2015 in the Village Hall at 8pm**

**Present**: Peter Rhodes (Chair), Julie Harrison, Duncan Morter, Jim Smith

And three members of the public: John Barlow, Joan Burnett, Gaynor Thompson

1. **Apologies**: David Griffith, Neil Hobbs, Lorna Jessop

2. **Declarations of interest**: none

3. The **minutes** of the meeting held on **15th January** 2015 were signed as a correct record. There were four matters arising (Items 4 to 7 below)

4. **Grass Cutting**: the successful contractor, George Fillingham, had not made contact with Julie Harrison to agree detailed arrangements (He now has, and cutting will start first week in April)

5. **Waste Land**: a map of the two areas had been sent to the ERYC enforcement officer, who would now look into the matter

6**. Proposed River Bridge**: discussions would take place at the meeting taking place on 14th March at 10.30am

7. **Christmas Tree Lighting**: Julie Harrison reported that the electricity board had agreed to provide a separate power supply, in time for Christmas 2015

8. The **minutes** of the special meeting held on **5th February** 2015 were signed as a correct record

9. The **minutes** of the special meeting held on **26th February** 2015 were signed as a correct record. There was one matter arising (Item 10 below)

10. **Location of Defibrillator**: If the Council’s bid was approved, the first choice of location had been the telephone box (with or without the existing telephone and subject to negotiations with BT). The second choice had been the Village Hall (which has the approval of the Village Hall Committee). A possible third choice was the bus shelter (now that there was to be a nearby electricity supply)

11. **Planning Application: Parnall House**: the application to erect a porch was supported

12. **Drainage Problems**:

 a) **Back Lane**: consideration was given to the state of Back Lane near the Church, and the effects on adjacent properties on St Marys Close. A report from Mr Williams was received. ERYC’s proposed but unfunded solution was noted. It was agreed that David Griffith, Julie Harrison and Duncan Morter should visit the site and consider possible options

 b) **Ditch near Ball Hall Lane**: a report from Mr Hodkinson was received. The field involved belonged to the Townsland Trust and was rented by Mr Maltby. It was agreed to ask the Trust to approach Mr Maltby to take the necessary action.

13. The **Income and Expenditure Account** for 23rd November 2014 to 6th March 2015 was received

14. **Correspondence** received since the last meeting was noted

15. Items for **future consideration** were noted

16. **Elections**: arrangements and timetables were noted

17. The next meeting (Annual General Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting) would be held on **Thursday 14th May 2015**

18. **Any other business**:

 a) It was noted that there was an appeal against the dismissal of a planning application at Boundary Farm

 b) The **Village Taskforce** walkabout would take place on **2nd July at 9.45am**: David Griffith and Noel Joy to attend.

 c) Three cheques were signed

19. **Public Participation**:

 a) It was hoped that a reasoned debate would take place at the meeting to discuss the proposed bridge on 14th May

 b) It was hoped that some progress could be made on improvements to the areas referred to in Item 5 above, particularly with regard to the removal of the temporary fencing