**East Cottingwith Parish Council**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 10th September 2015 in the village hall at 8pm**

**Present**: Peter Rhodes (Chair), Steve Ashton, Clare Cornmell, Dave Griffith, Neil Hobbs, Duncan Morter; Noel Joy, Clerk; and 2 members of the general public (for Item 6).

**1.** **Apologies for absence** were received from Julie Harrison

**2.** Declarations of interest: none.

**3**. **Public participation**. It was agreed to keep this item at the beginning of each meeting.

**4**. The **minutes** of the meeting held on **12th July 2015** were signed as a correct record.

**5**. Matters arising not itemised on this meeting’s agenda: none.

**6**. **Planning matters**:

a) **Derwent House** – work on trees (15/02043/TCA) had been approved by ERYC

b) **Old Ship Cottage** – roof lights (15/ 02175/PLB) was awaiting ERYC approval

c) **Rose Cottage** – dormer window (15/02628/PLF): the Council supported the views of the conservation officer.

**7**. **Financial matters:**

a) The external auditors had approved the **final accounts** for 2014/15.

b) The communication difficulties with **npower** had been resolved, and the bills paid.

**8.** **Jubilee Wood.** It was agreed that arrangements for the tenure of the land be confirmed in writing; and that a site meeting be held to consider the next steps. **(Councillors please refer to confidential additional minute**).

**9. Defibrillator**. Julie Harrison had submitted a report detailing the timetable for the installation, in mid- September; training would then be arranged. Additional expenditure of £121.88 was approved.

**10.** **Website**: the Council website was now live, and information was being added over the next few weeks. Inputting will be limited to Steve Ashton, Neil Hobbs and Noel Joy: any contributions should be submitted to them. The address is:

[www.eastcottingwith.org.uk](http://www.eastcottingwith.org.uk)

The notice board would always be retained and kept up to date.

**11 and 12. State of Highways and Back Lane North**: Councillor Burton had been approached for assistance on these matters – a reply was awaited.

**13. Back Lane South – knotweed**. ERYC had sprayed, successfully, twice. It was agreed that Dave Griffith and Noel Joy should liaise and write to all potentially affected residents explaining the position to them.

**14. Areas of unsightly land.** Neil Hobbs reported that, despite several meetings with ERYC officers and a councillor, no further action seemed possible – although the gates at Middleton Farm had been replaced by something slightly more in keeping.

**15. Ings access** (gate and stile). Dave Griffith was pursuing this with the environment agency.

**16. Grass cutting, and tree in cemetery**: Julie Harrison had reported that the overgrown tree in the cemetery still had to be properly dealt with.

**17. River management**: Steve Ashton would continue to attend meetings of the Waterways Partnership, and put information on the website.

**18. Grant for pond.** Claire Cornmell reported that £250 had been granted to the Play Association for a **bench,** to be provided at the pond or in Jubilee Wood (with authority of the grant funder). This may be in memory of Harry Last, due to the condition of his present bench.

**19**. A list of **other correspondence** received since the last meeting was noted.

**20 Any other business**:

a) Locked towpath **gates** had been opened and **cars** seen by the canal. The police were aware. Any sightings or car registration numbers should be reported to the police, using:

**Pocklington Police 01759-302174, nights 01759-304740**

b) Neil Hobbs would get the Christmas tree lights checked.

c) An overhanging willow tree had been removed.

**21. Date of Next Meeting: 12th November 2015.**