**East Cottingwith Parish Council**

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

**Present**: Peter Rhodes (Chair (Item 4 onwards)), Dave Griffith (In the chair, Items 1 to 3); Steve Ashton, Clare Cornmell, Julie Harrison; Noel Joy (Clerk); and one member of the public, John Barlow.

**1. Apologies** for absence were received from Neil Hobbs and Duncan Morter.

**2**. There were no declarations of interest.

**3.** The **minutes** of the meeting held on **8th September 2016** were signed as a correct record.

**4. Public participation**.

John Barlow expressed concerns about a private matter which had already been concluded. A full discussion resolved his issues.

**5.** **Matters arising** from the minutes**:**

**a) State of riverbank:** cutting had taken place as requested. It was probable that the area would be treated with herbicide as a long term solution.

**b) Gate to the Ings**: the gate had been repaired. A stile needed attention – Dave Griffith would pursue this.

**c) Back Lane gates**: the precise status of Back Lane as a pathway already permitted for public use was now being actively pursued by ERYC, and a site visit had occurred when the continued existence of the gates had been observed.

The Council agreed to give renewed consideration to previous correspondence with ERYC. *(In particular, letters had been sent to the Highways and Legal Departments on 23rd January and 6th March 2013).*

**d) Bus service:** no new information had yet been received about whether Service 196 could be retained.

**e) Mill Lane:** ERYC had concluded that this road be named Whitegate Lane, despite the recommendation of this Council.

**f) Bus shelter**: most repairs had been completed. Julie Harrison would make arrangements for the installation of a soakaway.

**6. Financial matters:**

**a) Village Hall:** it was agreed to provide a grant to the village hall in the sum of £800, and at the same time to pay the Council’s rent to the village hall in the sum of £200: a total of **£1,000.**

**b) Insurance**: it was agreed to extend arrangements with Zurich Municipal for a further 5 years from 1st January 2017; and authorise payment of sum now due, in the sum of **£834.62**.

**c) 31st March 2017 estimate:** in the region of **£9,500**.

**7. Planning matters:**

**a) Briar Dene 16/03186/TCA:** This notification had been confirmed.

**b)** **Cherry Tree Farm 16/00030/REFUSE** and **Boundary Farm 16/03076/PLF:** No recent updates had been received, and there was no new information on the public access website. It was agreed to check the position with the Planning Department.

**c) Willow Glade Farm 16/02994/PLF**: No information had been received for this application until notification of its approval. It was agreed to ask the planning department for a copy of their email sent on 21st September but not received.

**8. Jubilee Wood:**

Peter Rhodes confirmed that the precise boundary line had been settled.

Dave Griffith presented an update on progress, in particular, the purchase of 200 whips, on offer from the East Riding Conservation Volunteers at £1 each, was supported.

It was agreed that quotes be obtained for suitable boundary fencing, for payment by the Parish Council if accepted. Dave Griffith would action this.

The possibility of registering the site as common land was held in abeyance,

**9. Telephone kiosk:** it was agreed, after consultation with residents, that the kiosk be retained as a piece of local heritage, and that the phone, unused for at least a year, could be removed.

**10 ER Landscape Character Assessment:** this document was noted.

**11**. A list of **other correspondence received** in September and October was noted. Booklets on help in surviving winter would be distributed appropriately, with Steve Ashton’s help.

**12. Any other business:**

**a)** A presentation by Natural England, on 8th November, about the Lower Derwent Ings, organised by the Verges Group at the instigation of the Parish Council, had been well received.

**b)** It was agreed that the Highways Department be contacted again about the state of Langrickgate Lane, throughout its length but particularly at the T-junction in the village.

**c)** It was agreed that the Highways Department be contacted about the overhanging hedges at the north end of Ball Hall Lane.

**d)** It was noted that the new lights provided in the two streetlights owned by ERYC were not acting as effectively as before.

**e)** It was agreed to ask John Beevers to cut the hedge on Langrickgate Lane between Canal Lane and Postern Lane, so that the footpath was useable.

**f)** **Christmas:** Peter Rhodes agreed to arrange for the purchase of a tree; and Clare Cornmell agreed to provide posters suggesting arrangements for its lighting ceremony.

**13.** Date of next meeting: **Thursday, 12th January 2017.**