**EAST COTTINGWITH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall,**

**East Cottingwith, at 8.00pm on Tuesday 28th March 2023**

**Present:** Councillors N. Hobbs (Vice-Chairman), D. Griffith, P.Shervington, C. Stevens,

**In Attendance:** D. Cornmell (Parish Clerk)

**Members of the Public:**  One (1)

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P. Rhodes (Chairman) and

C. Cornmell.

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

1. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman assumed the Chair and welcomed the parishioner to the meeting. The parishioner indicated that he wished to update the meeting on item **5. BLOCKED DRAINS.** It was agreed that this item be brought forward. The Clerk referred to an email from Councillor Hammond, on the action taken since the matter was brought to his notice. The first available date for the promised camera survey was May. The parishioner confirmed that he had met with Councillor Hammond the previous week at the site of the flooding. He expressed his frustration at the County Council passing the buck and not getting on with solving the problem. He acknowledged that Councillor Hammond was trying his best to help and that he had shared with him his knowledge of the drainage system. He had pointed out that the drains could not be properly surveyed until they had been jetted to remove tree roots and other obstructions. After a lengthy debate, it was agreed that Councillor Hammond be contacted again, a formal request made for the drains to be jetted and clarification sought on progress made since the site meeting.

**Action: Clerk**

1. **PLANNING**

Consideration was given to the following application:

22/00905/PLF- Erection of a two-storey extension to side and single storey extension to side and rear (revised scheme to 22/00905/PLF): Hagg House, Hagg Lane, Storwood YO42 4TF

**Resolved-**that there be no objection to the proposed works.

**Action: Clerk**

1. **BLOCKED DRAINS**

**Dealt with under public participation.**

1. **FINANCE**

Proposed by Councillor Stevens, seconded by Councillor Sherwood and agreed that the following payments be made:

Hotline Ltd (D.J.Cornmell) – Coronation mugs (paid 16/03/23) £666.86

D.J.Cornmell – Clerks expenses: travelling and stamps £ 26.32

ERNLLCA – Membership fees (to be paid 01/04/23) £ 314.05

**TOTAL £1,007.23**

1. **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR 2022/23**

The Clerk confirmed that the parishioner who had kindly carried out an audit of the Council’s accounts for many years had indicated a willingness to do so again.

**Action: Clerk/RFO**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8. 30pm