**EAST COTTINGWITH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting held in the Village Hall, East Cottingwith**

**at 8.00 pm on Thursday 5th October 2023**

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

D. Parapen, S. Jones.

**In Attendance:** D. Cornmell (Clerk to the Council).

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

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Cornmell.

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Parapen declared an interest in item 4(iii).

1. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Chairman welcomed the member of the public to the meeting and asked if there was any item on the agenda that he wished to address the Council on. The parishioner indicated that he would like to express an opinion on **item 5: Request for a Financial** **Donation**. The Chairman agreed for this item to be brought forward. It was the parishioners understanding that the request related to what was termed as ‘the village newsletter’. This was a misnomer as the publication principally related to matters appertaining to the churches in Elvington, Sutton as well as East Cottingwith. As a person holding secular views, he was of the opinion that parish funds should not be used for such a purpose.

The Chairman invited Councillors to comment on the request. After a general discussion, it was the view of the majority that a donation should not be made.

**Action: Clerk**

The parishioner left the meeting.

1. **PLANNING**

Consideration was given to the following applications:-

(i)23/02291/PLF-Installation of domestic flue in connection with installing a wood burning stove: The Old Post Office, Langrickgate Lane, East Cottingwith YO42 4TH

**Resolved-** that no objection be made to the proposed work.

**Action: Clerk**

(ii)23/02856/TCA-East Cottingwith Conservation Area- Fell 1 No. Birch tree (T1) as tree is in poor crown condition and branches are damaging the property; Fell 1 No. Cherry tree (T2) as tree is showing disease as over pruning has caused the tree to start declining and a poor specimen; Fell 1 No. Birch tree (T3) as the tree is too close to neighbour’s property:

The Old Chapel, Main Street, East Cottingwith YO42 4TN

**Resolved-** that no objection be made to the proposed tree works – the applicant to be asked to consider providing suitable replacements.

**Action: Clerk**

**Councillor Parapen declared an interest in the following item as he was the joint owner of the property concerned. He took no further part, withdrew from the meeting and did not return.**

(iii)23/02868/TCA – East Cottingwith Conservation Area- Fell 1 No. Purple Leaf Plum tree as tree is showing disease; Fell 1 No. Lawson Cypress tree as the tree is blocking light into the property: The Old Ship Cottage, Church Lane, East Cottingwith YO42 4TL

**Resolved** – that no objection be made to the proposed tree works. It was noted that the applicant had already indicated that replacement trees, of a more suitable type, would be provided.

**Action: Clerk**

1. **REQUEST FOR A FINANCIAL DONATION**

Dealt with under public participation.

1. **FINANCE**

Payments

Proposed by the Vice-Chairman, seconded by Councillor Shervington and agreed that the following payments be made:-

Wel Medical Ltd – Defibrillator battery £279.54

G.H.Fillingham Contractors Ltd – Grass-cutting £422.40

**TOTAL £701.94**

**Action Clerk/RFO**

1. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

8.00pm Thursday 9th November 2023

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20 pm.