**East Cottingwith Parish Council**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 9th November, 2017 in the village hall at 8pm**

**Present**: Peter Rhodes (Chair), Steve Ashton, Dave Griffith, Neil Hobbs; Noel Joy (Clerk); and 1 member of the public – Joan Burnett

**1. Apologies** for absence were received from Clare Cornmell, Julie Harrison and Duncan Morter.

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

**3**. **Public participation:**

Joan Burnett asked to speak on the **major sewage problems** in the parish. She outlined the difficulties over the last few weeks, with a field sodden with sewage, raw sewage flowing from a dyke into the Derwent, more bursts on Langrickgate Lane, and Yorkshire Water having to use a tanker to shift sewage.

Dave Griffith endorsed this, emphasising the number of burst pipes – over 30 – that had occurred in recent years. The system was old and inadequate and required replacement .

In addition to Yorkshire Water, Natural England and the Environment Agency were aware of the problem, and the local East Riding County Councillor had been informed.

It was agreed that a letter be sent to Ofwat requesting their intervention and support.

**4.** The **minutes** of the meeting held on **14th September 2017** were signed as a correct record.

**5. Matters arising:**

**a) Hedging on Ball Hall Lane**. Some work had been done, but the results were less than satisfactory. It was agreed to take this matter up with appropriate ERYC officers.

**b) Paving on Langrickgate Lane**: ERYC officers had indicated that remedial work would be carried out as soon as possible. John Beevers had cut back the hedging as requested.

**c) Telephone kiosk**: Donations now totalled £678.40. Agreement had been reached with BT that the kiosk would be decommissioned and handed over to the Council within a month. It was agreed to obtain quotations from firms specialising in the refurbishment of old red telephone kiosks.

**d) Christmas Tree**: Arrangements had been made to supply a tree, which would be erected by 15th December.

**6.Financial position:**

A report dated 6th November was received. In view of the good financial situation, the reasons for which were detailed in the report, it was agreed:

a) to authorise the normal payments to the village hall and the clerk;

b) to consider the possibility of additional spending on the telephone kiosk and fencing for Jubilee Wood, plus some minor matters like the installation of the Storwood notice board.

c) to finalise these at the next meeting and in time for monies to be spent before 31st March;

d) to finally confirm at the next meeting that no increase in the precept (now £5,000) was planned for 2018/19.

**7. Planning matters:**

a) Approval to **17/03152/TCA**, Sycamore Bungalow, was confirmed.

b) The conditions attached to **17/00942/PLF**, Ball Hall Farm, were noted;

c) Applications **17/02477/PLF** and **17/02478/PLB**, The Old Ship Cottage, were approved;

d) Application **17/03502/TCA,** Penny Post, was approved;

e) Application **17/03552/TCA**, 2 St Marys Close, was approved.

**8. Review of Internal Drainage Boards:**

In view of the recommendation of ERYC, it was agreed to consult with the IDB to consider ways in which both authorities could benefit by working more closely with each other.

**9. Progress on Back Lane North:**

The long-awaited report, stating that ERYC was proposing a Definitive Map and Statement Modification for the whole of the footpath running from Church Lane to Canal Lane was welcomed. The proposal had the full and unanimous support of the Parish Council.

**10. Annual Inspection of the Play Area:**

This had been completed and appeared to be satisfactory. In Clare Cornmell’s absence it was agreed to consider the matter further at the next meeting.

**11. Benches**

It was agreed, subject to confirming the financial position with Clare Cornmell, that arrangements be made to restore Harry Last’s bench in its current position.

**12**. A list of **other correspondence received** during September and October 2017 was noted.

**13. Any other business:**

Arrangements to run a **pop-up pub** in the Shoot Room at Storwood on 17th November and 22nd December were noted and supported.

**14 Date of next meeting: 11th January 2018.**