**EAST COTTINGWITH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, East Cottingwith**

**at 8.00 pm on Thursday 9th September 2021**

**Note: Due to the Coronavirus pandemic emergency, Government advice on holding public meetings and following a Risk Assessment; members of the public and the press had been advised of the safety procedure to be adopted when attending the meeting.**

**Present:** Councillors D. Griffith, S. Ashton, C. Cornmell,

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

**Members of the Public**: 2

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P.Rhodes (Chairman); N.Hobbs (Vice-Chairman); P Shervington and C.Stevens

1. **CHAIRMAN**

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, it was agreed that Councillor Cornmell assume the Chair.

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

1. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A member of the public, who was a respected authority on matters relating to the River Derwent and the East Cottingwith Ings, addressed the meeting about her serious concerns about work currently being undertaken on the river bank by the Environment Agency, on behalf of Natural England. Staff from the agency and plant equipment arrived on site on 17th August and work was still ongoing. Earth was being moved on the embankment in an attempt to stop-up an area which had been eroded away. The area in question was a point on the river bank where water flooded the Ings during times of highwater levels. This was a natural process, evolved over many years, depositing silt onto the Ings, which benefitted both flora and fauna. It would appear that a considerable amount of earth was being moved, which she believed would have a detrimental effect on the natural process as described. She felt that this was the wrong time of the year to be carrying out the work, with the likelihood of the soil being washed away by heavy rain.

The parish council was asked to convene a meeting with the parties concerned about this issue. Another member of the public, whose property backed on to the Ings, was similarly concerned about the matter. Both Councillors Griffith and Ashton expressed their concerns and felt that there had been a total lack of communication, with neither the parish council or parishioners being made aware of what was going on. It was agreed that this should be an agenda item for the next meeting and representatives from both the Environment Agency and Natural England asked to attend.

**Action: Clerk**

1. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Proposed by Councillor Ashton seconded by Councillor Griffith and agreed that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting, held on 8th July, 2021, be accepted as a true record.

1. **ONGOING ITEMS**
2. Jubilee Wood

Councillor Griffith reported that the picnic bench had been delivered and sited in the wood. He expressed thanks for the efforts of three local parishioners who had helped with the groundworks and asked that letters of appreciation be forwarded to them. It would be necessary to purchase some further trees in the near future.

Councillor Ashton noted that the wood was still suffering from excessive water retention and the question of the defective drainage system in the area had not been addressed. Councillor Shervington had previously agreed to take this matter up with the county council and arrange a site meeting. Councillor Shervington was asked to provide an update at the next meeting.

**Action: Clerk/Councillor Shervington**

1. Notice Board

The meeting heard that work to refurbish the existing notice board had yet to commence. In the absence of Councillor Shervington, it was not known what steps had been taken to sell the surplus notice board.

**Action: Councillor Shervington**

1. Potholes

Councillor Ashton advised that the cracks in Postern Lane had still not been repaired. The Clerk confirmed that Ward Councillor Leo Hammond had taken the matter up with Highways, following the last meeting, A further enquiry would be made.

**Action: Clerk**

1. Land Registry

In the absence of the Vice-Chairman, it was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

**Action: Vice-Chairman**

1. Broadband

The Clerk provided a report, on behalf of the Vice-Chairman, on the progress made since the last meeting. KCOM had decided not to attend the Village Fete. The good news was that the 30% take-up figure had been reached. The Vice-Chairman was awaiting further information from KCOM and would provide an update at the next meeting.

**Action: Vice-Chairman**

1. Gates: Seed Hay Barn

Members heard that Ward Councillor Leo Hammond had asked East Riding Council’s Planning Department to look into the matter. It had been confirmed that planning permission was not needed nor other permission in relation to the Conservation Area.

1. H.M. The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Celebrations 2022

In the absence of the Vice-Chairman and Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, it was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

**Action: Vice-Chairman**

1. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Serious disquiet was expressed by Councillors about the apparent disregard of objections raised by the parish council and its parishioners concerning planning matters. The county council had seen fit to grant permission to two recent applications, one of which had been submitted with inaccurate plans and information, although strong objections had been raised. Similarly, applications for tree works had been approved without site visits being made, when asked for by the parish council. In the absence of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and two other councillors, it was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting. Councillor Ashton requested that Ward Councillor Leo Hammond be asked to attend.

**Action: Clerk**

1. **QUARTERLY RISK ASSESSMENT**

Consideration was given to the risks faced by the parish council and the action taken to mitigate those risks. It was **resolved** that no other action was needed.

1. **FINANCE**
2. Bank Reconciliation

Balance as at 1/4/2021 £2,758.11

+ Receipts to date £9,794.27

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£12,552.38

-Payments to date £ 3,149.69

Current Account Balance at 9/9/2021 £9,402.69

1. Payments

Proposed by Councillor Griffith, seconded by Councillor Ashton and **resolved** that the following payments be made:

Eon- Electricity £16.71

Eon Next- Electricity £10.43

Eon Next- Electricity £13.73

Information Commissioner £40.00

-Data Protection

D.J.Cornmell -Clerk’s Expenses £32. 54

TOTAL £113.41

1. Receipts

Letting of the Lanes £10.00

ERYC -Precept (2nd Payment) £4,400.00

TOTAL £4,410.00

1. Financial Report

The Clerk/RFO, presented a financial update for the latest period.

**Action: Clerk/RFO**

1. **PLANNING**
2. Permissions

The following permissions were noted:

(i) 21/03249/TCA- EAST COTTINGWITH CONSERVATION AREA - Remove 1 no. Conifer

hedge (T1) due to the hedge being overgrown and is blocking the driveway;

Remove 2 no. Apple trees (T2 & T3) due to the trees being overgrown with ivy

and obstructing powerlines; Remove 1 no. Conifer tree (T4) and 1 no. Sycamore

tree (T5) due to the trees growing into BT line and pushing against shed;

Remove 1 no. Sycamore tree (T6) due to the tree growing into BT line and

blocking neighbour's light; Remove 1 no. Holly tree (T7) and 1 no. Damson tree

(T10) due to the trees blocking neighbour's light and is pushing against their

property; Remove 1 no. Apple tree (T8) due to the tree being old and not

producing good fruit; Crown reduce 1 no. Holly tree (T9) by 1 metre due to the

tree being overgrown; Remove 1 no. Elder tree/bush (T11) due to the tree

growing into shed and blocking light for neighbours; Crown reduce 1 no. Cherry

tree (T12) by 1 metre due to the tree pushing against neighbour's garage roof and

blocking light: 1 Hagg Lane, East Cottingwith YO42 4TP

(ii) 21/01465/PLF-Erection of a detached garage following removal of existing: West Farm, Ballhall Lane, Storwood YO42 4TD

(iii) 21/01547/OUT-OUTLINE- Erection of a detached dwelling and detached garage (access to be considered): Land West of Red Oaks, Langrickgate Lane, East Cottingwith YO42 4 TH

(iv) 21/01394/PLF-Erection of a single storey extension to rear: Harvest Grange, Langrickgate Lane, East Cottingwith YO42 4 TH

(v) 21/00677/PLF-Erection of a dwelling with associated works and infrastructure(Amended Plans): Land North of Middleton Farm, Main Street, East Cottingwith YO42 4TN

(vi)231/02070/PLF- Erection of a single storey extension to rear following demolition

of existing conservatory: Parnall House, Middleton Farm, Main Street,

East Cottingwith YO42 4TN

1. **CORRESPONDENCE**

A list of correspondence, received since the last Ordinary Meeting, was noted.

1. **MEMBER’S REPORTS**

Councillor Griffith drew attention to a static caravan, which had been sited on land adjoining Langrickgate Lane. The land in question had recently changed hands; the site cleared and a new entrance gate fitted. It was agreed to make enquires of East Riding’s Planning Department to establish whether planning permission was needed.

**Action: Clerk**

Councillor Ashton confirmed that St Mary’s Church had now been designated a ‘festival church’. This was to be welcomed and would allow greater use of the building.

1. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

8pm, Thursday 11th November 2021

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.55pm