**East Cottingwith Parish Council**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 14th July 2016 in the village hall at 8pm**

**Present**: Peter Rhodes (Chair), Steve Ashton, Dave Griffith, Julie Harrison, Neil Hobbs; Noel Joy (Clerk); and nine members of the public

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

**2. Declarations of interest**: Dave Griffith declared an interest in Minute 5c.

**3. Public participation**: Residents expressed a number of concerns about developments at **Boundary Farm**, all of which were explained and noted in detail. After discussion it was agreed that residents should write individually to ERYC if they wished; and that the Parish Council would write to the Head of Planning at ERYC, with a copy to the landlord of Boundary Farm.

**4.** The **minutes** of the meeting held on **12th May 2016** were signed as a correct record.

**5. Matters arising**:

**a) Condition of cemetery**: this had been improved, but some flower containers had been damaged during grass cutting. Julie Harrison would take this up with the contractor.

**b) Condition of canal area**: Dave Griffith would again raise the issue of the gate to the ings, which was now damaged and unsafe.

**c) Bus shelter**: a second letter dated 18th May had been received from Mrs Harper. The Council is unaware of the history of the guttering and drainage of her stables. There is no record of when the guttering was connected or by whom. However, it was agreed that, had Mrs Harper asked for permission to connect the stable guttering to the bus shelter, the Council would have given its consent. On that basis, members agreed that the new guttering would connect to Mrs Harper’s property. She will be so advised of this permission, and Neil Hobbs and Duncan Morter will meet to discuss the terms of a letter to her. It was agreed that work would not commence until the letter was sent.

**d) Jubilee Wood:** it was agreed that Peter Rhodes should contact Clubleys as soon as possible to arrange for their agent to identify the correct boundary between the wood and the neighbouring land.

**e)** Steve Ashton raised the question of the continued use of **the gates on Back Lane** (North), and it was agreed that a letter be seen to ERYC asking for the owner of Back Lane Farm to be reminded of his obligations.

**6. Finance**: the first half of the precept and the income from VAT reclamation had been received.

**7. Planning matters**:

**a) Cherry Tree Farm**: a letter expressing this Council’s views had been sent to the Planning Inspector on 20th June.

**b) The Well House** (application 16/02015/PLB). There were no objections to this application.

**8.** Consultation exercises on **library and bus services** had been publicised.

**9. Unmetered electricity supplies**: Northern Powergrid still required information on wattage and burning hours of the streetlights: this information should be available from ERYC.

**10**. A list of **other correspondence** received during May and June had been circulated.

**11**. Date of next meeting: **8th September 2016.**