**PARISH OF EAST COTTINGWITH**

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall,**

**East Cottingwith, at 7.30pm on Thursday 9th May 2019**

**Present:** Nine parishioners, including the Chairman of the parish council, who joined the meeting later.

**In Attendance:** David Cornmell, Clerk to the parish council.

1. **PROCEDURE**

In the absence of the Chairman of the parish council, Neil Hobbs, Vice—Chairman of the parish council, assumed the Chair.

1. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 10th MAY 2018**

The Minutes of the last Parish Meeting, held on Thursday 10th May 2018, were read and noted.

1. **MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising

1. **REPORT OF THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER TO THE PARISH COUNCIL**

David Cornmell presented his Annual Report, in relation to the financial position of the parish council, for the period 2018/2019, together with a detailed balance sheet. A copy of the report is an Appendix to these Minutes.

1. **REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

The Chairman of the parish council, Peter Rhodes, arrived and assumed the Chair.

The Chairman presented his Annual Report, in relation to the work of the parish council, for the period 2018/2019. A copy of the report is an Appendix to these Minutes.

1. **TELEPHONE BOOK EXCHANGE**

Clare Cornmell referred to the conversion of the village telephone box into a book exchange and its usage over the past 6 months. The facility was well used, with an amount of cash, £55.12, being donated by borrowers in lieu of an exchange. It was proposed to seek the views of borrowers, by way of a simple survey, what use should be made of the monies collected.

1. **VERGES GROUP**

Peter Shervington touched upon the work of the Group and the successful hay making in Mill Lane. It was hoped, as a result, that there would be a resurgence of wild flowers. Fiona Bruce mentioned the proposed wild flower walk later in the month and also the intention to hold various talks. The meeting heard that Yorkshire Water was to provide funding for wild flower seeds to be sown on bare patches in the verges, resulting from the recent work to renew the sewer pipe.

1. **LETTING OF THE LANES**

It was agreed to let the lanes as follows:

Mill Lane: Fiona Bruce

Walloways Lane: Joan Burnett

Langrickgate Lane: Peter Shervington

Ings Lane: David Griffith

Postern Lane: John Barlow

1. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
2. Access to the Ings

John Barlow addressed the meeting and drew attention to the actions of Natural England in placing signage which indicated that there was no public right of way on land leading to the Ings. It was his intention to lodge a formal complaint with Natural England and he urged the parish council to pursue this matter. A discussion took place on the historical ownership of the land and the question of rights of open access. It was agreed that the parish council would address this at the Ordinary Meeting, which was to follow the parish meeting. As it was not an agenda item, any decision would have to be taken at a later date.

Clare Cornmell left the meeting at this point

1. Sewer replacement and roadworks

Joan Burnett commented upon the marvellous job that Yorkshire Water’s contractor had done and the ongoing road works to improve the surface of the roads affected. She suggested that it was an opportune time to request the roads contractor attend to pot holes on other roads in the village. David Griffith had heard that another contractor was to be engaged to attend to Church Lane and those parts where only patching had taken place. He was due to meet a representative of East Riding Council later in the month and would seek to raise awareness of various issues relating to the village.

1. Play Area

Joan Burnett drew attention to the Play Area and was glad to see that power washing had taken place of play equipment. She complained that there were brambles in the hedging and a degree of untidiness. Also, that the two gates were in need of attention, suggesting that, as the parish council had now taken on responsibility for the lease and insurance, the Council may wish to address these issues. Fiona Bruce indicated that she would not wish to see the brambles removed as they provided a degree of screening. The Clerk read a report prepared by East Cottingwith Outdoor Play Association (ECOPA) and agreed to pass on the points raised.

1. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 14th May 2020

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