**EAST COTTINGWITH PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**at 9.15 pm on Thursday 12th May 2022**

**Present:** Councillors P. Rhodes(Chairman), D. Griffith, S. Ashton, C. Cornmell, P. Shervington,

C. Stevens

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

**Members of the Public**: Two

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from N. Hobbs (Vice-Chairman).

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

1. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Two members of the public were present, neither wished to address the meeting.

1. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS**

Proposed by Councillor Ashton, seconded by Councillor Stevens and agreed that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting, held on 10th March 2022, and the Extraordinary Meetings held on 24th March 2022 and 21st April 2022, be accepted as a true record.

1. **ONGOING ITEMS**
2. Groundworks: River Derwent

The meeting heard that the Environment Agency had confirmed that the barbed wire would be removed once the newly laid area of grass had been established. Councillor Shervington observed that the grass around that area was at such a height that it needed to be cut. It was agreed that the Environment Agency be contacted and advised accordingly.

**Action: Clerk**

1. Jubilee Wood

Councillor Griffith provided an update on matters relating to the wood.

1. Notice Board

Councillor Shervington advised that, the parishioner who had agreed to refurbish the existing notice board, had yet to complete the task. The spare notice board would be advertised for sale.

**Action: Councillor Shervington**

1. Road conditions – Postern Lane/Hag Lane

It was reported that repairs had now been completed.

1. Broadband

In the absence of the Vice-Chairman there was nothing to report.

**Action: Vice-Chairman**

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

Dealt with at the earlier Annual Parish Meeting.

1. Planning Applications/East Riding of Yorkshire Council’s relationship with town and parish councils

The Clerk made mention of an email received from Newbald parish council indicating that a joint letter of complaint to East Riding of Yorkshire Council(ERYC) would not now be sent.

Councillors expressed their disappointment and hoped for an improvement on the part of the county council in addressing areas of concern raised by East Cottingwith parish council.

1. Siting of caravan: Land off Langrickgate Lane

Confirmation had been received that the caravan had been moved.

1. Repairs to Play Area

Councillor Cornmell, reported that quotations were still being sought to repair/replace equipment in the Play Area.

**Action: Councillor Cornmell**

1. Land North of Middleton Farm

Members agreed that the response received from ERYC, in answer to the complaint lodged concerning unauthorised tree work, was unsatisfactory. The Clerk advised that further action was available in escalating the complaint to a higher level, when a Director from ERYC would look into the matter. **Resolved –** that a Stage 2 complaint be lodged.

**Action: Clerk**

1. **FINANCE**
2. Bank Reconciliation

Balance as at 1/4/2022 £5,197.60

+ Receipts to date £4,400.00

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£9,597.60

-Payments to date £ 495.68

Current Account Balance at 12/5/2022 £ 9,101.92

1. Payments

The following payment made by Direct Debit was noted:

21/4/22 Eon Next – Electricity £43.46

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Stevens, and **resolved** that the following payment be made:

D. Cornmell- Clerk’s Expenses £53.32

**TOTAL £ 96.78**

1. Receipts

East Riding of Yorkshire Council – **£4,400.00**

Precept (1st payment)

1. Financial Report

The Clerk/RFO presented an update of the financial position for the current and previous financial periods.

1. Annual Audit Report

The accounts for the financial period 2021/2022 had been audited by a local parishioner. Matters arising from the audit had now been satisfactorily addressed.

The Council extended its thanks to the auditor, who had again carried out the task at no cost to the parish council.

**Action: Clerk/RFO**

1. Governance Statement

Consideration was given to the Annual Governance Statement.

**Resolved –** all areas had been properly addressed.

1. Annual Accounting Statements

Consideration was given to the Annual Accounting Statements.

**Resolved –** that the statements were an accurate record of the Council’s accounts.

1. Certificate of Exemption

Consideration was given to the Certificate of Exemption.

**Resolved-** that the Certificate of Exemption be approved.

**Action:** **Clerk/RFO**

1. **PLANNING**
2. Application

The following application was considered:

22/01375/PLF-Change of use of part of redundant farm building to farm office and installation of rooflights and UPVC windows: Buildings East of Rossmoor Farm, Hagg Lane, Storwood YO42 4SY

**Resolved-** that there be no objection to the proposed change of use.

**Action:** **Clerk**

1. Permission

The following permission was noted:

DC/22/00946/TCA -East Cottingwith Conservation Area-to reduce 1 no. Spruce tree(T2) by approximately 1 to 1 and half metres and shape the top as best as possible and reduce 1 no. Himalayan silver birch (T1) by approximately 50% (4m) and shape: Langrickgate House, 5 St Marys Close, East Cottingwith YO42 4TZ

1. Refusal

The following refusal was noted:

21/04270/PLF-Change of use of land for the siting of a converted HGV trailer for use as holiday accommodation (retrospective application) Land North East of Paradise Lodges, Ballhall Lane, East Cottingwith YO42 4TD

1. **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

1. **MEMBER’S REPORTS**

Councillor Shervington raised the issue of attendance at meetings of ERYC’s Planning Committee when matters of objection had been raised by the parish council. It was agreed that the Clerk would alert Members if such a situation was to arise when consideration would be given to a Councillor attending the meeting.

**Action: Clerk**

1. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

8.00pm, Thursday 14th July 2022

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.55 pm.