**East Cottingwith Parish Council**

**Minutes of the special meeting held on Thursday, 15th February. 2018 in the village hall at 8pm**

**Present**: Peter Rhodes (Chair), Steve Ashton, Julie Harrison, Neil Hobbs, Duncan Morter; Noel Joy (Clerk)

**Apologies** for absence were received from Clare Cornmell and Dave Griffith

**1, Cherry Tree Farm**

Discussion had taken place with the relevant planning officer concerning application 18/00322/AGNOT, and the current position was noted.

If a more detailed examination of this application became necessary in the future, it was noted that there were two questionable statements in the text; that there was always the possibility of developmental creep; and that this Council’s objections were not limited to this particular field but applied to the whole of this Postern Lane area.

In the meantime, however, it was agreed to confirm to ERYC officers that this Council would oppose this development, however it was formulated, for the same reasons as had been stated continually since 2005.

**2. Village Hall Committee**

The letter from the Village Hall Committee dated 4th February, received in response to the minutes of the11th January meeting of the Parish Council and their subsequent letter of 12th January, suggest a misunderstanding of the discussion which took place at that meeting. Neil Hobbs has since spoken to both the Chairman and the Treasurer of the Village Hall Committee and explained that he had suggested that the Parish Council consider setting its precept having asked the Village Hall Committee if it needed any financial assistance. It was to explore this further that an invitation was extended to the Village Hall Committee to attend a meeting of the Parish Council. No criticism was intended of the way in which the Village Hall Committee manages its finances, and no criticism was aired by any Parish Councillor.

**3. Possible ban on HGVs in Elvington and Sutton on Derwent**

Peter Rhodes declared an interest and Neil Hobbs took the chair for this item.

The issue was discussed at length and in detail. The Council would consider any further developments.