**East Cottingwith Parish Council**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 8th March 2018 in the village hall at 8pm**

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

**1.** There were no declarations of interest.

**2**. The **minutes** of the meeting held on **11th January 2018** were signed as a correct record.

**3. Matters arising:**

**a) Hedging on Ball Hall Lane**. The work had not yet been carried out, although some improvements had been made locally.

**b) Internal Drainage Boards**. Both had been written to, but no replies had been received.

**c) Definitive pathway, Church Lane to Canal Lane**. Informal consultations had been successfully completed, with no objections raised. The formal consultation would now take place, and could take 6-8 weeks.

**d) Sewage and Road Improvements.** The work would definitely be carried out, beginning in spring 2018. How much of Langrickgate Lane would be affected by the new pipework remained to be determined. This Council’s aim was to ensure that the Highways Department took this opportunity to properly upgrade the whole of Langrickgate Lane.

**e) Phone Box**. Clare Cornmell proposed that the existing perspex windows be replaced by toughened glass. She and Dave Griffith had researched this, and the price, excluding VAT, was £136.80. This was agreed - sufficient funds were available. The other equipment required had arrived, and Clare was obtaining quotes for the work to be carried out.

**f) Signage**. The Highways Department would carry out a review of all signs in the parish, and were informed of the damage to the main village sign on Langrickgate Lane.

**4.** The **minutes** of the special meeting held on **15th February 2018** were signed as a correct record.

**5. Matter arising:**

**a) Cherry Tree Farm**. ERYC Planning Department had rejected application 18/00322/AGNOT.

**6. Financial position.** The Council’s account stood at **£10,084.13.**

**7. Planning matters:**

**a)** The Council confirmed its approval to application 18/00082/PLF, Manor Farm.

**b)** The Council noted receipt of the Lower Derwent Valley Supplementary Planning Document.

**8.** A list of other correspondence received during January and February 2018 was noted.

**9. Any other business:**

**a)** The annual East Cottingwith Feast was scheduled for 8th September. The Council agreed to be prepared to provide some background financial assistance if this proved to be necessary.

**b)** Peter Rhodes agreed to arrange for the removal of the Christmas tree.

**c)** The Storwood notice board was almost ready for use: some extra costs would be involved.

**d)** Sufficient salt had been made available during the icy weather.

**10.** The next meetings – **the Annual Meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting** – would be held on **10th May 2018.**