**EAST COTTINGWITH PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**at 8.00 pm on Thursday 8th July 2021**

**Note: Due to the Coronavirus pandemic emergency, Government advice on holding public meetings and following a Risk Assessment, members of the public and the press were requested to make written representation rather than attending in person. Those attending the meeting in person had been advised of the safety procedure to be adopted.**

**Present:** Councillors P. Rhodes (Chairman), N. Hobbs (Vice-Chairman),D. Griffith, S. Ashton,

C. Cornmell, P.Shervington, C. Stevens

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

**Members of the Public**: Three

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

1. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming Jackie Doyle-Brett, parish priest, and two other members of the public.

Jackie Doyle-Brett introduced herself as the new parish priest and provided a detailed account of her work in the five parishes which she had a responsibly for. She recognised that church attendance, both nationally as well as locally, was at an all-time low and hoped that proposals to make better use of the church building in East Cottingwith would see an increase. Church needed to be done differently. Subject to the Bishop’s approval, it was intended that St Mary’s be designated as a Festival Church, allowing for greater use of the building for purposes, other than church services. It could be used to hold concerts or theatre productions and she welcomed suggestions from parishioners for other uses. There were plans to hold a Harvest Festival; Remembrance Day Service ; Carol Service; Christingle, as well as a celebratory event, at the end of August, to mark St Mary’s being designated a Festival Church. It was hoped to provide better access to the building and an approach had been made to East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC) with that in mind.

The Chairman thanked her for attending and looked forward to seeing her proposals come to fruition. She then left the meeting.

The Chairman asked the members of the public if they wished to address the Council on any matter, either on the Agenda or other issue. One of them intimated his intention to take a greater interest in the village, having been a resident for a number of years. He wished to place on record his grateful thanks to the parish council for the work carried out on behalf of the local community.

1. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS AND EXTRAORDINARY MEETINGS**

Proposed by Councillor Stevens, seconded by Councillor Ashton and agreed that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting; Annual Meeting; an Ordinary Meeting – all held remotely on 6th May, and Extraordinary Meetings held on 24th May and 17th June 2021, be accepted as a true record.

1. **ONGOING ITEMS**
2. Jubilee Wood

Councillor Griffith updated the meeting with regard to the purchase and installation of a picnic-bench in the wood. The supplier had encountered difficulties but it was hoped that the bench would be delivered in the near future. Work was in hand to provide a suitable base.

**Action: Councillor Griffith**

1. Storwood Notice Board

Councillor Shervington referred to discussions with a local parishioner who had been consulted about the installation of the notice board. The conclusion was that the existing one should be retained: a small amount of work being necessary to tidy it up. Following discussion, it was agreed to go ahead with the work and put the other notice board up for sale. No provision had been made for the refurbishment work but it was **resolved** to use monies from the training budget.

**Action: Councillor Shervington**

1. Potholes

Councillor Cornmell reported that some of the potholes had been filled-in that day, whilst some others, previously marked out by ERYC, had not. The Chairman commented that the cracks in Postern Lane had not been attended to.

**Resolved –** that Ward Councillor Hammond be requested to take the matter up with Highways Department.

**Action: Clerk**

1. Land Registry

The Vice-Chairman updated the meeting with his efforts to register land owned by the Towns Land Trust with HM Land Registry. If successful, this would provide an indication of the desirability or otherwise of the parish council registering the land that it owned. Whilst the appropriate fee had been paid, registration had not yet taken place. Despite numerous exchanges, it was apparent that the Registry’s administrative systems were not the best. Consideration was being given to lodging a formal complaint.

**Action: Vice-Chairman**

1. Broadband

The Vice-Chairman referred to his earlier reports and the fact that the 30% take-up figure had still not been achieved. KCOM had been invited to attend the Village Fete in September to promote the scheme. It was again emphasised that there was no commitment whatsoever on any household registering an interest in having to sign-up with KCOM. Social media had again been used to encourage any householder who had not signed-up to consider doing so. It was pointed out that having a fast fibre broadband facility could well increase the price of future house sales.

**Action: Vice-Chairman**

1. Graffiti

The Clerk indicated that the police and ERYC had been notified and action taken. The offending graffiti had been removed. Enquiries had failed to trace the person responsible.

Councillor Cornmell referred to an offensive remark that had been painted on a road sign outside of the village. Mention was also made of the fact that the two village signs continued to be targeted by someone who wished to alter the place name. It was agreed to report the matter to ERYC.

**Action: Clerk**

1. **GATES: SEED HAY BARN**

Councillor Cornmell reported that she had received a number of complaints from parishioners who had expressed concern about recently erected gates and supporting masonry at the entrance to Seed Hay Barn. Given the fact that permission was needed to carry out tree work in the Conservation Area, the question had been raised as to whether or not planning permission was needed in order to carry out work of this nature. It was agreed that an enquiry be made with ERYC and the Conservation Officer’s

views sought on this matter.

**Action: Clerk**

1. **H.M.THE QUEEN’S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS 2022**

The Clerk referred to the previously circulated material from Buckingham Palace concerning next year’s Jubilee celebrations. There was to be an extended Bank Holiday period from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June 2022. Parishes were invited to light the beacon on the Thursday evening and consider holding a celebratory ‘big lunch’ or street party on the Sunday. Following discussion, it was agreed to hold a meeting with the Village Hall Committee in order to take the matter forward. The Vice-Chairman agreed to make an informal approach to the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee. Further consideration to be made at the next Ordinary Meeting of the parish council.

**Action: Vice-Chairman/Clerk**

1. **FINANCE**
2. Bank Reconciliation

Balance as at 1/4/2021 £2,758.11

+ Receipts to date £5,384.27

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£8,142.38

-Payments to date £1,714.59

Current Account Balance at 8/7/2021 £6,427.79

1. Payments

Proposed by the Vice-Chairman, seconded by Councillor Ashton and **resolved** that the following payments be made:

H.Beevers & Sons – Christmas Tree £ 240.00

G. Fillingham – Grass-cutting £ 768.00

D. J. Cornmell -Clerk’s Salary £ 295.04

HMRC-PAYE £ 73.60

D.J.Cornmell -Clerk’s Expenses £ 31. 32

TOTAL £1,407.96

1. Receipts

NIL

1. Financial Report

The Clerk/RFO, presented a financial update for the latest period.

**Action: Clerk/RFO**

1. **PLANNING**
2. Applications

Consideration was given to the following applications:

(i) 21/03249/TCA- EAST COTTINGWITH CONSERVATION AREA - Remove 1 no. Conifer

hedge (T1) due to the hedge being overgrown and is blocking the driveway;

Remove 2 no. Apple trees (T2 & T3) due to the trees being overgrown with ivy

and obstructing powerlines; Remove 1 no. Conifer tree (T4) and 1 no. Sycamore

tree (T5) due to the trees growing into BT line and pushing against shed;

Remove 1 no. Sycamore tree (T6) due to the tree growing into BT line and

blocking neighbour's light; Remove 1 no. Holly tree (T7) and 1 no. Damson tree

(T10) due to the trees blocking neighbour's light and is pushing against their

property; Remove 1 no. Apple tree (T8) due to the tree being old and not

producing good fruit; Crown reduce 1 no. Holly tree (T9) by 1 metre due to the

tree being overgrown; Remove 1 no. Elder tree/bush (T11) due to the tree

growing into shed and blocking light for neighbours; Crown reduce 1 no. Cherry

tree (T12) by 1 metre due to the tree pushing against neighbour's garage roof and

blocking light: 1 Hagg Lane, East Cottingwith YO42 4TP

**Resolved –** the parish council feels it increasingly difficult to make sound judgment about tree works of this nature without the benefit of the expert knowledge of ERYC’s Trees Officer. Therefore, it is a matter for that officer to determine whether this work is considered to be appropriate.

**Action: Clerk**

(ii)231/02070/PLF- Erection of a single storey extension to rear following demolition

of existing conservatory: Parnall House, Middleton Farm, Main Street,

East Cottingwith YO42 4TN

**Resolved –** that there be no objection to the proposed work.

**Action: Clerk**

1. Permissions

The following permissions were noted:

(i)21/00756/PLF-Erection of single storey extension to side and rear to create garage and annexe following demolition of existing garage: Hollyhock House, Langrickgate Lane, East Cottingwith YO42 4TH

(ii)21/0800/PLF-Installation of replacement ramp/stepped access to main entrance, with external alterations to front and rear: East Cottingwith Village Hall Committee

(iii) 21/01376/TCA- EAST COTTINGWITH CONSERVATION AREA – Pollard 2 no. Leylandii trees (T2 & T3) to 1.8 metre pole due to recent exposure from removal of neighbouring trees (hedge) and wounds in the stem which could be a potential point of failure in the future: Rose Garth, Main Street, East Cottingwith YO42 4TN

(iv) 21/01906/TCA- EAST COTTINGWITH CONSERVATION AREA – Remove 5 No. fruit trees due to the trees being diseased and bear little or no fruit, some of which are leaning and in a state of collapse; Crown reduce 1 No. mixed species hedge to 2 metres in height due to the hedge leaning into the garden and becoming uprooted: Harvest Grange, Langrickgate Lane, East Cottingwith YO42 4 TH

1. **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

1. **MEMBER’S REPORTS**

Councillor Shervington indicated that he would contact ERYC again about cutting-back the grass near to those road junctions, where visibility was being compromised. Depending on the weather, he hoped to commence cutting the verges for hay-making during the following week.

**Action: Councillor Shervington**

The Vice-Chairman informed the meeting that, following the successful grant application and planning permission, it was hoped to commence building work on the village hall during September and the latter part of the year. As a consequence, the hall would not be available for meetings of the parish council during that period.

Councillor Ashton suggested that, given greater use of the church building was proposed, the Council should consider meeting there instead. This was agreed.

**Action: Councillor Ashton/Clerk**

1. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

8pm, Thursday 9th September 2021

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30pm.