**EAST COTTINGWITH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of an Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held in St Mary’s Church,**

**East Cottingwith at 8.00 pm on Thursday 17th February 2022**

**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 had been advised of the safety procedure to be adopted when attending the meeting.**

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

C. Stevens

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

**Members of the Public**: None

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cornmell and Shervington.

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Griffith declared an interest in items 4(iii) &4(v).

1. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public were present.

1. **PLANNING**
2. Applications

The following applications were considered:

1. To consider the following applications:

(i)22/00271/TCA-East Cottingwith Conservation Area- Crown reduce 3 no. Maple trees- crown reduce in height by 2m and lateral spread by 1m all round to remove all over hanging branches from adjacent properties, Brewers Barn and 1 St Marys Close, create more-light and remove lower branches from over the public footpath on Back Lane: 2 St Marys Close, East Cottingwith YO42 4TZ

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

**Action: Clerk**

(ii)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 of Paradise Lakeside Lodges, Ballhall Lane, Storwood YO42 4TD

After lengthy debate, when Members considered information provided by the applicant and documentation supporting the application, it was **resolved** to **object** to the application on the following grounds:

1. Under no circumstances whatsoever should any development be allowed on this land, a greenfield site, for either storage, residential or holiday accommodation.
2. That the planning authority take immediate enforcement action to require the applicant to remove the trailer from the land in question.
3. There are a number of anomalies or lack of information provided by the applicant in support of the application namely:-
4. Access – there is no direct access from Ballhall Lane. It is misleading to infer that there is a proper vehicular access, when in fact it is necessary to cross two fields to get to the site.
5. Waste storage and collection – no provision has been made for the storage and collection of waste, including recyclable waste.
6. Foul sewage – there are serious concerns about the disposal of foul sewage. The applicant indicates that other arrangements will be made but there are no details provided what they are.
7. Biodiversity plan- apart from seeking planning permission to site a residential facility on the land, the applicant is intending to transform an agricultural field into what appears from the plan submitted to be a garden, growing herbs, fruit etc. Although Natural England has not put forward any objections to what is proposed, in the past, that organisation indicated an interest in this and surrounding land being considered as a site of special interest.
8. From information received, it is believed that the trailer in question is to be offered as a prize in either a draw or competition. If so, would the trailer be moved off site or remain in situ?

**Action: Clerk**

**Councillor Griffith declared an interest in the following application in that the applicant is a neighbour. He took no part in the debate.**

(iii)22/00274/TCA-East Cottingwith Conservation Area-Crown reduce 1 no. Holly Tree (T1) to 4.5 metres due to the tree blocking light in kitchen window: Wayside, Ings Lane, East Cottingwith YO42 4TW

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

**Action:** **Clerk**

(iv)22/00091/PLF-Change of use of conservatory and kitchen from tea room to domestic use only: Storwood Nurseries, Hagg Lane, Storwood YO42 4TF

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

**Action: Clerk**

**Councillor Griffith declared an interest in the following application in that the applicant is a neighbour. He took no part in the debate.**

(v)22/00307/TCA-East Cottingwith Conservation Area-Crown reduce 1 no. Pear tree (T1) by 3-4.5 metres in height; Crown reduce 1 no. Silver Birch tree (T2) by 25%; Crown reduce 1 no. Cherry tree (T3) by 25%;Crown reduce 1 no. Quince tree (T4); Tree works are due to the height and spread of the trees inhibiting light in garden and encroaching on neighbouring property: Sleights Cottage, Ings Lane, East Cottingwith YO42 4TW

**Resolved-** that there be no objection to the tree work.

**Action: Clerk**

1. Permission

The following permission was noted:

DC/21/04698/TCA-East Cottingwith Conservation Area-Remove 1no. Silver Birch tree as it stops the majority of sunlight reaching the garden and neighbour’s garden, creates a great deal of seed in the summer months which contributes to blocking of the gutters, windows and car vents, and its removal will also aid with the survival and progress of other shrubs and trees in the garden: Bluebell Cottage, 6 St Marys Close, East Cottingwith YO42 4TZ

1. **HAG LANE**

The Vice-Chairman raised concerns about the state of Hag Lane, following representations from a parishioner. The lane, which is a designated highway, is in urgent need of repair with a number of potholes present. An earlier request to East Riding Council, to utilise road plainings, taken from Green Lane, for this purpose had apparently been ignored. The Clerk confirmed that he had made such a request but had not received a response from Highways.

It was agreed that a further request be made to ERYC to alert the council of the situation and for repair work to be carried out.

**Action: Clerk**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15pm.