**East Cottingwith Parish Council**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14th September in the village hall at 8pm**

**Present:** Peter Rhodes (chair). Steve Ashton, Clare Cornmell, Julie Harrison; Noel Joy (Clerk); and John Barlow (for item 5a)

**1. Apologies for absence** were received from Dave Griffith, Neil Hobbs and Duncan Morter

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

**3**. **Public participation**: John Barlow asked to speak on Item 5a

4. The **minutes** of the meeting held on **13th July 2017** were signed as a correct record

**5. Matters arising:**
 **a) Access to the riverbank:**

 John Barlow spoke. There was discussion. It was agreed:

* That this Council maintains its position of neutrality, as public opinion was divided
* That two documents produced by Natural England be circulated as widely as possible

**b) Hedging on Ball Hall Lane**

The overhanging hedging was dangerous. It was agreed to suggest to ERYC that they carry out the work and send the bill to the landowner.

**6. Finance**

The **final accounts for 2016/17** had been approved by the external auditor. They were attached to the minutes in the minute book.

**7. Planning**

Approval to **17/02409/PLF,** 2 Anscott Cottages, was confirmed

Approval to **17/02640/CLE**, Powder and Paint Manor Farm, was confirmed

There were no objections to **17/027400/PLF**, land at Hall Garth Farm

**8.** Receipt of the ERYC **Rural Strategy Annual Review** 2016/17 was noted.

**9. Pathway along Langrickgate Lane**

It was agreed to ask John Beevers to cut back the hedge to make the footpath passable: and that the Highways Department be asked to improve the state of the footpath.

**10. Unmetered electricity**

A licence agreement had been signed. Costs will reduce, at least in the short term.

**11. Donation for telephone kiosk**

Mrs Tonge had presented a donation of £375 in memory of her husband, to be used to renovate the telephone kiosk. A letter of thanks would be sent. Peter Rhodes would be adding his own donation.

**12. Village fete, 2nd September**

The fete had been a great success, and it was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to its organisers.

**13.** A list of **other correspondence received during July and August** was noted

**14. Any other business**

 a) Oil delivery sharing: the Council welcomed any developments in this area

 b) Peter Rhodes would make similar arrangements as last year for the provision of a Christmas tree.

**15.** Date of next meeting – **9th November 2017**