**EAST COTTINGWITH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the parish council, held in the Village Hall,**

**East Cottingwith, at 8.50 pm, Thursday 11th May 2023**

Present: Councillors P.Rhodes (Chairman), N.Hobbs (Vice-Chairman), D.Griffith, C. Cornmell ,

P. Shervington, C. Stevens, D. Parapen, S. Jones

In Attendance: D. Cornmell ,Clerk

Members of the public: Three (3)

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

1. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

The outgoing Chairman, Peter Rhodes, stood down from office and called for nominations for Chairman of the parish council for the next 12 months.

Neil Hobbs: proposed by Councillor Griffith, seconded by Councillor Shervington and unanimously agreed. Councillor Hobbs accepted the nomination.

1. **PRESENTATION TO PETER RHODES**

Neil Hobbs addressed the meeting and paid tribute to the hard work and wise counsel shown by Peter Rhodes over his many years of service on the parish council. A small presentation was made to him from his colleagues on the Council.

1. **DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

Declaration of the office of Chairman was made and duly signed by Councillor Hobbs.

It being Election year, declarations of the office of parish councillor were made and duly signed by David Griffith; Clare Cornmell; Peter Shervington; Carol Stevens; Dayalan Parapen and Simon Jones, in the presence of David Cornmell, the authorised officer.

1. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

 The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting, held on Thursday 12th May 2022 and approved on Thursday 14th July 2022, were noted.

1. **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

Nominations were called for in respect of the office of Vice-Chairman of the parish council. Carol Stevens: proposed by Councillor Shervington, seconded by Councillor Griffith and unanimously agreed. Councillor Stevens accepted the nomination.

1. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

8pm, Thursday 9th May 2024.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.05pm.