**EAST COTTINGWITH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the parish council, held in the village hall, East Cottingwith at 8.20pm Thursday 9th May 2019**

Present: P.Rhodes, N.Hobbs, D.Griffith, S.Ashton, P. Shervington

In Attendance: D. Cornmell Clerk

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Clare Cornmell.

1. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Nominations were called for in respect of the office of Chairman of the parish council for the next 12 months.

N.Hobbs: proposed by P.Rhodes, seconded by D.Griffith.

Neil Hobbs indicated that he did not wish to take up the nomination at this time.

Further nominations were called for. In the absence of any other nominations, Peter Rhodes was asked if he would continue to act as Chairman for the next 12 months. He indicated that he would have preferred not to do so but in the best interests of the Council, he would take on the role again. Proposed by N. Hobbs, seconded by S. Ashton and unanimously agreed that Peter Rhodes be elected Chairman for the next 12 months. Peter Rhodes signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and assumed the Chair.

1. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

 The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting, held on Thursday 10th May 2018 and approved on Thursday 12th July 2018, were noted.

1. **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

Nominations were called for in respect of the office of Vice-Chairman of the parish council: Neil Hobbs; proposed by the Chairman, seconded by David Griffith and unanimously agreed. Neil Hobbs accepted the nomination.

1. **DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE OF PARISH COUNCILLOR**

Declarations of acceptance of office of persons elected as parish councillors were received from N.Hobbs; D.Griffith; S.Ashton and P.Shervington, in the presence of the Proper Officer (D.Cornmell).

1. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

8pm, Thursday 14th May 2020

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm