**PARISH OF EAST COTTINGWITH**

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

 **at 8.00pm on Thursday 12th May 2022**

**Present:** Nine parishioners, including the Chairman of the parish council.

**In Attendance:** David Cornmell, Clerk to the Council

1. **OPENING ADDRESS**

The Chairman of the parish council, Peter Rhodes, assumed the Chair and welcomed parishioners to the meeting.

1. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 6th MAY 2021**

The Minutes of the last Parish Meeting, held on Thursday 6th  May 2021 and approved on 8th July 2021, were read and noted.

1. **MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

1. **REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

The Chairman of the parish council presented his Annual Report, in relation to the work of the Council, for the period 2021/2022. A copy of the report is attached as an Appendix to these Minutes.

1. **REPORT OF THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER TO THE PARISH COUNCIL**

The Clerk/RFO presented his Annual Report, in relation to the financial position of the parish council, for the period 2021/2022, together with a detailed balance sheet. A copy of the report is attached as an Appendix to these Minutes.

1. **DEVOLUTION**

Reference was made to a presentation made by Ward Councillors Hammond and Stathers at the March meeting of the parish council, when proposals for devolution in the East Riding and Hull were put forward. The Clerk gave an account of Government proposals for ‘levelling up’ and the three options for devolution, two of which were relevant to the East Riding and Hull: Level 2 -the County deal; Level 3- the Mayoral Combined Authority deal. According to Ward Councillors, the preference of County Councillors was evenly split between the two options. Parishioners were asked to indicate their preferred option, which would be reported back to the Ward Councillors.

A lengthy debate took place, culminating in the view that neither option was preferred.

A lack of detailed information was apparent, upon which to come to a qualified decision, with an inclination against the Mayoral deal.

**Action: Clerk**

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

The meeting heard from a parishioner who had taken on the task of trying to encourage others to join with him in arranging some form of celebrations within the parish. Unfortunately, he had met with a poor response. Consequently, nothing formally had been arranged but it was understood that the choir was hoping to mark the occasion in some way. The Chairman expressed his personal disappointment at the lack of interest shown in paying tribute to H.M. The Queen, after the many years of dedicated service she had given to the nation. It was accepted that there were many reasons for the lack of support. It was half-term school holidays and some families were away for the week. Others were making their own arrangements with friends and family. St Marys Church was to hold a ‘Service of Thanksgiving’ at 4pm, Saturday 4th June. It was agreed that some form of informal celebration at lunchtime on that date, prior to the Service, was a possibility, with parishioners bringing their own refreshments to the village hall, or the garden outside.

Details would be circulated via social media, with the hope that a favourable response would be forthcoming. Members of the parish council would assume responsibility for lighting the beacon on the evening of Thursday 2nd June- meet in Canal Lane at 9.30pm, when the Chairman would arrange for refreshments to be served, prior to the beacon being lit at 9.45pm.

1. **LETTING OF THE LANES**

It was agreed to let the lanes as follows:

Mill Lane: Peter Shervington

Walloways Lane: John Barlow

Langrickgate Lane: Peter Shervington

Ings Lane: David Griffith

Postern Lane: Steve Ashton

1. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no other items of business.

1. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

8.00pm, Thursday 11th May 2023

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.