**East Chinnock Parish Council**

**Protocol for Death of a Significant Person**

**Death of a National VIP**

1) A National VIP is defined as:-

 i) A senior member of The Royal Family

 ii) A senior politician

2) In the event of the death of a person listed in 1) the council will:-

 i) Observe a minutes silence at the start of the meeting following the death

ii) If considered appropriate liaise with the Village Hall/St Mary’s Church regarding opening a Book of Condolences for the villagers to sign

iii) Liaise with St Mary’s regarding flying their flag at half mast

**Death of a Local Significant Person**

3) A local significant person is defined as:-

 i) A member of the council

 ii) The local MP

 iii) Anyone the council considers has made an important contribution to the village

4) In the event of the death of a person listed in 3) the council will:-

 i) Observe a minutes silence at the start of the meeting following the death.

 ii) Consider sending flowers or making a charitable donation in lieu.

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