



## **Eriswell Parish Councillors will remember Councillor David Gathercole by observing a minutes silence at the parish council meeting on September 29<sup>st</sup>**

Mr Gathercole died at Addenbrooke's Hospital on August 22 following a long battle with illness.

The community-spirited councillor, born in Lakenheath and raised in Sedge Fen, was well recognisable for his beloved Stetson hats which earned him the nickname "cowboy" among family and friends – and on the ballot paper.

The Chairman of Eriswell Parish Council, Cllr Libby Hall, said:

*"On behalf of myself and fellow councillors I send my sincere thanks and appreciation to a remarkable man for all he did for Eriswell parish. We are enormously grateful."*

John Griffiths, leader of West Suffolk Council, added: "I was very sorry to learn the sad news of the death of councillor David Gathercole.

"Although we worked together for a comparatively short time since his election to West Suffolk Council in 2019, he was a hard working and very visible ward councillor, serving his communities with a strong sense of duty.

"I send my, and everyone at West Suffolk Council's, sincere condolences and best wishes to his family, and to the people of Lakenheath, Eriswell and Sedge Fen whom he represented."