

Kirk Ella and West Ella Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 8th December 2008
at 7.15pm**

Those Present:- Captain F.E. Holmes (Chairman), Mrs. M. Raymond (Vice-Chairman),
Mr. S. Blanshard, Mr. D. Jordan, Mrs. D. Kaye, Mr. S. Raymond,
Mrs. E. Robinson and Mrs. J. Wood.
Mrs. M. Pickering – Clerk.

1182 Public Speaking - None.

1183 Apologies for Absence - Cllr. Mr. D. Hemming-Taylor.

1184 Chairman's Opening Remarks - The Chairman opened the meeting with a prayer then apologised for his recent absence from the Parish Council due to ill health and thanked all Councillors for their extra hard work during this time.

1185 Declaration of Interests - None.

1186 Law & Order

Police Spokesman's Report - P.C.S.O.'s Natalie Bingham and Nicholas Overton attended the meeting and presented the crime statistics in a new format which are now available on the East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Safer Communities website. It was felt by all members present that the new format does not provide us with enough information about reported crimes in Kirk Ella and West Ella as it now also covers Willerby. The Clerk was asked to write to Sgt. Phil Young asking him to provide the crime statistics in the old format to enable us to identify specific crimes in specific areas.

1187 Minutes of Previous Meeting - The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10th November 2008 were accepted as a true and faithful record of what took place, and were duly signed by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

1188 Matters Arising

Minute 1174 (1164) - The Clerk reported that the two proposed litter bin sites have been approved by the E.R.Y.C. The Clerk was asked to place an order for two bins at a cost of £315.09 plus VAT each and £105.00 plus VAT per bin for installation.

Minute 1176 - An alternative date for the April meeting of the Parish Council was discussed due to the closure of the Wolfreton School for the Easter break. It was agreed that there will no Parish Council or Planning Committee meeting in April 2009.

Minute 1178 - The Clerk advised that E.R.Y.C. have asked for confirmation of who owns the land where the remaining seat is proposed to be installed. The Clerk was asked to advise that the land is privately owned and Cllr. Mrs. J. Wood has spoken to the owner and permission has been given for the seat to be fixed.

Minute 1176 - It was agreed that the feedback from the Hull Local Development Framework meeting prepared by Cllr. Mrs. E. Robinson be circulated in the parish post to enable all Councillors to read it before being submitted to E.R.Y.C.

Minute 1174 (1164) - The Clerk was asked to contact E.R.Y.C. asking for a response to our letter about the possibility of planting a permanent tree in the Churchyard which would be suitable for lighting at Christmas.

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Minute 1177 - It was reported that the electrical box which had been knocked over along Riplingham Road has been repaired.

1189 Financial Report

<u>OPENING BALANCE</u>	£85.84CR
East Riding Supplies (Stationery)	£53.22D
VAT Reclaim	£150.90CR
VAT Reclaim	£1332.92CR
Transfer to Business Account	£1250.00D
Transfer from Business Account	£275.00CR
Expenditure up to 14 th December	£493.05D
Internet Charges	£12.09D
Postage	£4.40D
<u>CLOSING BALANCE</u>	£31.90CR
<u>Balance of Business Account</u>	£10,173.43CR

The Treasurer was thanked for his hard work with the Parish Council accounts.

Parish and Town Council Precept 2009/10 - The Treasurer presented his recommendations for the precept and advised that £14,500 would be sufficient for 2009/10 although to allow for additional items such as the re-print of the Heritage Trail booklet, litter bins, election costs etc, a more realistic amount would be somewhere in the region of £17,000.

After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that all Councillors give their suggested precept, the average of this working out at £18,750. It was then proposed by Cllr. Mrs. D. Kaye that the precept for 2009/10 be set at £18,750, this proposal was seconded by Cllr. Mrs. J. Wood. All members were in agreement, with the exception of the Treasurer, who asked that it be recorded he was against the proposal as he felt the amount to be excessive.

Parish Council Insurance Renewal - It was reported that the renewal had been received, the Treasurer was asked to check the details and raise a cheque accordingly.

1190 Correspondence

The Freedom of Information Act - The Clerk read out a letter from the ICO (Information Commissioner's Office) about the new model publication scheme that all public sector organisations must adopt from 1 January 2009. It was agreed unanimously that the new model scheme be adopted by the Parish Council and the template be completed as soon as practicable. It was agreed that a charge of 50 pence per sheet would be made for copies of paper correspondence, this covers the cost of paper, postage and labour. When finalised, the information will be available on the Parish Council website and notice boards.

1191 Technical – No issues.

1192 Environmental

Flood Working Group Update - Cllr. Mrs. E. Robinson gave an update on the work being carried out by the Flood Working Group. Residents are assured that the Parish Council are making every effort to deal with the problems in Kirk Ella and West Ella, in particular Valley Drive and Great Gutter Lane West.

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Christmas Lighting - It was reported that the Christmas lights on the tree in the Churchyard are currently not working, Clerk to speak to Lighting and Signs Limited and arrange for them to be fixed.

K.E.I.S. Update - Cllr. Mrs. D. Kaye gave an update on K.E.I.S. and reported that the next sign will be ready to go to the artist within the next few days, it is hoped that the sign will be complete and ready for fixing early in the new year.

St. Andrew's Churchyard - Cllr. Mrs. D. Kaye reported that with regard to the St. Andrew's Churchyard ten year plan, the E.R.Y.C. have not carried out any work recently due to lack of funds.

Concern was expressed at the poor state of the railings around the Churchyard. The Chairman asked Cllr. Mrs. D. Kaye to speak to a member of the Church Council to ask if they would like a letter to be sent from the Parish Council to E.R.Y.C. asking for an Officer to inspect the work that is required to the railings with a view to planning it into their work schedule.

1193 Planning

Recommendations of Planning Committee - Cllr. Mr. S. Raymond proposed that the Planning Committees recommendations be approved by the Council. All members were in favour.

1194 Highways - No issues.

1195 Date and Time of Next Meeting - The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday 12th January 2009** at 7.15pm in Room U17, Wolfreton School.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Chairman's Signature - 12th January 2009