

Kirk Ella and West Ella Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 9th February 2009
at 7.15pm**

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

1210 Public Speaking - Reverend Jonathan Jukes attended the meeting to present the Parish Council with the planned work to St. Andrew's Church, Kirk Ella and the reason for it. It was felt by Reverend Jukes that extending the Church will renew the heart of Kirk Ella as it will give more people the opportunity of attending groups and meeting new people etc. Funding has not been obtained yet as permission for the work to be carried out is required before this can be done. It was reported that the formal application should be with the Parish Council Planning Committee sometime during March 2009.

1211 Apologies for Absence - Cllrs. Mr. S. Blanshard and Mr. D. Hemming-Taylor.

1212 Chairman's Opening Remarks - The Chairman opened the meeting and invited Reverend Jonathan Jukes to give a prayer.

1213 Declaration of Interests - None.

1214 Law & Order

Police Spokesman's Report - P.C. Dave Phillips (Tranby Ward) and P.C.S.O. Chris Wray attended the meeting to discuss the current crime statistics. There had been seven crimes reported for the month of December in Kirk Ella and West Ella. The main problem at the moment is vehicle crime, theft and damage. It was reported that on 17/18th January there had been thirty one damages reported stretching to Willerby and unfortunately no-one has been arrested for these crimes. P.C.S.O. Wray advised that when P.C.S.O. Steve Clayton attends the NAT meeting in March, he will be suggesting a clean up of Kirk Ella, any areas requiring a clean up to be reported to P.C.S.O. Clayton. One area to be looked at is the amenity area between Allanhall Way and Pine Meadows. Volunteers to assist with the clean up will be required.

The Clerk was asked to contact Richard Stork, E.R.Y.C. and report that a broken bicycle had been dumped in the ditch along South Ella Way, and ask for it to be removed.

Cllr. Mrs. E. Robinson advised that residents are complaining about youths congregating along West Ella Way (South Ella Way end) at lunchtimes and after school, using bad language. Police to look into the matter.

The Police were thanked for their continued hard work in the area.

1215 Minutes of Previous Meeting - The Clerk was asked to make the following amendments to the minutes;
Minute 1202 to read; Appointment of Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) - It was agreed that the Parish Clerk take on responsibility of the Parish Council accounts to bring us in line with neighbouring Parish Councils. Cllr. Mr. S. Raymond agreed to assist the Clerk if required. It was agreed unanimously that the Clerk ...

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12th January 2009, were then accepted as a true and faithful record of what took place, and were duly signed by the Chairman.

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1216 Matters Arising

Chairman's Decision - The Clerk reported that in the absence of a meeting, a Chairman's Decision had been made on 13th January 2009 to reduce the charge for photocopying documents available through the Model Publication Scheme, as agreed at the December 2008 Parish Council Meeting. The cost was reduced from fifty pence per sheet to ten pence per sheet plus the cost of second class postage per request. All members were in agreement with this decision.

Minute 1200 - The Clerk read out an email from E.R.Y.C. confirming that the Willerby Square car park has been identified for relining and has been added to the list of priorities of work to be carried out in the next financial year commencing 1.4.2009. Additionally, it was reported that the disabled badge holder spaces do not currently have a traffic order (by law) to control their use and therefore enforcement action cannot be taken if the spaces are misused by non blue badge holders.

Minute 1205 - The Clerk read out an email from E.R.Y.C. explaining why the Service Level Agreement for street lighting in Kirk Ella and West Ella is so high compared to neighbouring areas. It was reported that the Parish Council currently pay for 117 street lights compared to adjacent parishes who only pay for between 10 and 49 lights. Other Councils have taken up E.R.Y.C.'s match funding 60/40 scheme as a way of upgrading their lights and having the finished schemes adopted by E.R.Y.C., therefore providing long term benefits. It was felt that this would not be appropriate for Kirk Ella and West Ella as most of the lights are currently cast iron columns and many residents would not be happy for them to be replaced with modern columns.

1217 Financial Report

Financial Report - The Clerk circulated the current financial report and list of cheques for payment.

Cllr. Mr. D. Jordan asked why such a high balance of £3837.06 is necessary in the Parish Council current account. Cllr. Mr. S. Raymond advised that it was agreed to keep a balance of £4,000 in the deposit account as a build up for future election costs but this amount is flexible and can be reviewed. After discussion, it was agreed that the R.F.O. look at the accounts and transfer the majority of the balance from the current account back into the deposit account. All members were unanimously in favour.

The following cheques were approved for payment and subsequently signed by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman:-

<input type="checkbox"/>	100717	Mrs. A. J. Pickering (Clerk's Pay)	£473.33
<input type="checkbox"/>	100718	Internet Charges/Postage	£20.73
<input type="checkbox"/>	100719	Mrs. A. J. Pickering (2 X DOSHH Cash Book for Accounts)	£57.50
<input type="checkbox"/>	100720	East Riding of Yorkshire Council (Removal of Xmas Tree)	£57.50
<input type="checkbox"/>	100721	Mr. G. Latter (Website Annual Maintenance Fee)	£75.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	100722	Mr. G. Latter (Website Server Renewal)	£19.54
<input type="checkbox"/>	100723	Johnsons Sheetmetal Works Limited (Kirk Ella Sign KEIS)	£218.50
<input type="checkbox"/>	100724	Johnsons Sheetmetal Works Limited (Kirk Ella Sign KEIS)	£376.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	100725	Audit Commission (Audit Fee 2008)	£350.75

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1218 Correspondence

Annual Parish Report - Cllr. Mrs. M. Raymond presented a list of items to be included in the annual report and asked that any additional items to be considered for inclusion be passed to Cllr. Mrs. D. Kaye or Cllr. Mrs. M. Raymond as soon as possible.

Letter re. Girl Guide Funding - The Clerk read out a letter from the 2nd Kirk Ella Guides requesting some financial support from the Parish Council towards an international Guiding camp in Belgium this year. It was agreed by all members present that it would not be possible to support this activity financially as it is not within our remit and we do not have money put aside for such activities. It was agreed that we will assist with publicity on our notice boards and website and wish the Guides well with their fundraising and camp.

Charity Family Fun Fair King George the Playing Fields, Anlaby - The Clerk read out a letter from E.R.Y.C. advising that an application had been received from Roger Tuby and Stewart Robinson Co Directors of International Funfairs for the use of the King George the V Playing Fields in Anlaby for the purpose of holding a Charity Family Funfair on Thursday 4th June to Sunday 7th June 2009. The funfair will be enclosed with fencing and a fee of one pound per person will be charged for entrance, part of which will be donated to the Skatepark and Bowls Club at Haltemprice Leisure Centre.

Society of Local Council Clerks, The Power of Wellbeing Seminar - The Clerk read out a letter from the S.L.C.C. about The Power of Wellbeing Seminar at The Courtyard, Goole on 24th March 2009 at which 80% of Councillors are expected to attend. The purpose of the seminar is to provide the Parish Council with information about the power which came into force for Town and Parish Councils on the 31st December 2008 which enables them to undertake any action to promote or improve the social, economic and environmental well being of their area. The power has been designed to encourage innovative practice by removing uncertainty over the extent of existing powers and should, potentially increase our influence over community affairs. After discussion, it was agreed that the seminar will not be attended as the date was not convenient.

1219 Technical - No issues.

1220 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. The Chairman of the Flood Working Group was given permission to advise the E.R.Y.C. as to how the rest of our town/parish flood fund money should be spent.

Yorkshire in Bloom - To be deferred to the March Parish Council Meeting.

1221 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.

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1222 Highways

Proposed Car Parking Charges - The question of proposed car parking charges was discussed and concern was expressed regarding small local businesses losing trade as a result of local residents using free parking supermarkets or parking in neighbouring streets, causing problems for residents. As a result of the loss of both the Post Office and local grocery shop, residents of Kirk Ella and West Ella are forced to travel to either Anlaby or Willerby. It was felt that it is not the tourists, as in the case of Bridlington, Hornsea and Beverley, but the locals who will be penalised. The Clerk was asked to write to the E.R.Y.C. advising the Parish Council's views on this matter and ask that they listen to the concerns of the local residents. Cllr. Mrs. M. Raymond and Cllr. Mrs. E. Robinson to prepare some words for the Parish Council website.

1223 Date and Time of Next Meeting - The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday 9th March 2009** at 7.15pm in Room U17, Wolfreton School.

Meeting closed at 9.03pm.

Chairman's Signature - 9th March 2009