

Kirk Ella and West Ella Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 14th January 2008
at 7.15pm**

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

1041 Public Speaking - None.

1042 Apologies for Absence - Cllr. Mrs. J. Wood.

1043 Chairman's Opening Remarks - The Chairman opened the meeting with a prayer.

1044 Declaration of Interests - None.

1045 Law & Order

Police Spokesman's Report - P.C.S.O. Rachel Clark attended the meeting and discussed the current crime statistics, there had been a total of six offences during December in Kirk Ella and West Ella. It was reported that P.C. Brandon Ward had moved to a new position within the Police force and had been replaced by P.C. Chris Prendergast. Two new P.C.S.O.'s are expected within the next two months giving a total of five for the area.

It was advised that the next Police and Partners Community Forum is to be held on Tuesday 5th February 2008 at 7.00pm at the Willerby Methodist Church. As a follow on to that meeting, a Neighbourhood Action Team Meeting is to take place, date to be confirmed.

Cllr. Mrs. E. Robinson advised that she had received complaints about the road markings on Gorton Road leading to Beverley Road, Kirk Ella, it appears that some drivers find it difficult to enter into the correct lane when approaching the roundabout to turn right. P.C.S.O. Rachel Clark agreed to look into this problem but advised that it is probably a matter for E.R.Y.C. Highways department. P.C.S.O. Clark advised that she is currently helping the West Ella Village Preservation Society with their request for a speed re-active sign in West Ella.

1046 Minutes of Previous Meeting - The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10th December 2007, which had previously been circulated, were accepted as a true and faithful record of what took place, and were duly signed by the Chairman.

Minute 1039 should read; Cllr. Mr. D. Hemming-Tayler felt that it is not necessary to have **such a large** surplus of money in the account.

1047 Matters Arising

Minute 1038 - It was reported that although the loose chippings on the newly resurfaced roads had been swept, there still seems to be a large amount of chippings on the roads and pavements. The Clerk was asked to contact E.R.Y.C. reporting this problem advising that there is concern about the danger for residents walking along the pavements and also concern was expressed about the chippings blocking the gullies.

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Minute 1034 - The Clerk advised that it was highlighted at the Code of Conduct Training at County Hall, Beverley that the Parish Council's Standing Orders require reviewing to coincide with the new Code of Conduct. It was suggested by the Clerk that a small Working Group be set up to look at this matter. The general feeling was that a Working Group was not necessary and the Clerk was therefore asked to obtain a standard set of Standing Orders.

1048 Correspondence

Letter from Hull Golf Club - The Clerk read out a reply from the Hull Golf Club about the Parish Council's concerns relating to the condition of the boundary fence. It was advised that recommendations from the Parish Council would be gratefully received. This matter was discussed and the Clerk was asked to reply to the Hull Golf Club with the following recommendations; Suggest wood posts (not concrete) and a mixed hedge, i.e. hawthorn, black thorn, holly, rose, all of these would give extra security. It was suggested that the Golf Club contact organisations for advice about planting hedges, i.e. Defra. Cllr. Mr. D. Jordan kindly offered the use of his hedge cutter, free of charge, to tidy up the area around the boundary fence.

1049 Technical - No issues.

1050 Environmental

Flooding Working Group Update - Cllr. Mrs. E. Robinson gave an update on the work being carried out by the Flooding Working Group. It was reported that all correspondence is being passed to the Clerk for inclusion in the Parish Council post. It was advised that a Solicitor has now been appointed to work on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllr. Robinson advised that a meeting is planned with the Site Manager of St. Andrew's School to discuss their flooding problems.

Cllr. Mr. D. Hemming-Tayler advised that a resident had expressed concern about a vehicle that is continually parking over a gully on Mill Lane, which has resulted in this particular gully not being cleaned. The Chairman asked Cllr. Mrs. E. Robinson to follow up this problem.

Cllr. Mrs. E. Robinson advised that all invoices relating to the flooding were being sent direct to E.R.Y.C. for payment out of the Town and Parish Fund money.

Twinning - The Clerk passed some information relating to Twinning to Cllr. Mr. D. Jordan which she had obtained from the Internet. To be discussed again at the next meeting.

Dog Fouling - The problem of dog fouling was discussed. The Parish Council believes that most dog owners are responsible but a letter of complaint had been sent to The West Ella Village Preservation Society from a concerned resident. It was reported that three dog litter bins had been purchased to use around the parish. Cllr. Mrs. E. Robinson was asked to look at suitable locations for the bins and advise the Clerk who would then gain agreement from E.R.Y.C. It was reported by Cllr. Mr. S. Raymond that the yellow dog stencils cannot be used at this time of year, they are only suitable for use during dry weather conditions. Stickers advising of penalty for dog fouling can be obtained from Cllr. Mr. S. Raymond.

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Kirk Rise Gardens - Cllr. Mrs. D. Kaye advised that the maintenance of this area is the responsibility of the E.R.Y.C. The Clerk advised that there is still £1907.51 of the commuted sums money left to spend before the end of March 2009. All members were asked to think about possible locations in Kirk Ella and West Ella for a further two seats, to be agreed at the next meeting.

Christmas Lights - The Clerk advised that the Christmas tree had been removed from the Churchyard on the 7th January at a cost of £40 excluding VAT. The lights above the shops had also been switched off, the Clerk was asked to contact E.R.Y.C. and request they unplug the lights and secure them on top of the building. The Chairman reported that many positive comments had been received from residents about the festive lighting display. Cllr. Mr. D. Jordan expressed his concern about the growing expense of the lights. It was proposed that a letter of thanks be sent to Reverend Johnathan Jukes for allowing the Parish Council to display a Christmas tree in the churchyard and hope they will consider it again this year. It was suggested a request be made to the Tree Officer, Mr. Alan Hemingway at E.R.Y.C. about the possibility of planting a tree in the Churchyard, suitable for taking Christmas lights, such as a conifer or similar, which could be used on a yearly basis.

1051 Planning

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

It was felt by the Parish Council that the proposed alterations to St. Andrew's Church were a good idea but in their current form, were not in keeping with the Church.

1052 Highways - No issues.

1053 Financial Report

Treasurer's Report

<u>OPENING BALANCE</u>	<u>£187.72CR</u>
E.R.Y.C. (Parish Council Insurance Renewal)	£128.10D
VAT Reclaim	£1259.26CR
Transfer to Business Account	£1100.00D
Transfer from Business Account	£900.00CR
Three Dog Waste Bins	£275.86D
East Riding Supplies (Stationery)	£53.25D
Cllr. Mrs. E. Robinson (Printer Cartridge)	£16.65D
Expenditure January	£481.00D
Telephone Allowance	£20.00D
Internet Charges	£10.98D
Diesel Allowance	£43.17D
<u>CLOSING BALANCE</u>	<u>£217.97CR</u>
<u>Balance of Business Account</u>	<u>£9,723.65CR</u>

Budget for 2008/09 - The Treasurer presented the budget for 2008/09.

Parish Council Insurance Renewal - It was advised that the Parish Council insurance had been renewed for 2008 at a cost of £128.10.

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- 1054 Date and Time of Next Meeting - The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday 4th February 2008** at 7.15pm in Room U17, Wolfreton School.

The Clerk was asked to look into the possibility of a Parish Council website and report back at the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm.