

**Kirk Ella and West Ella Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2008  
at 7.15pm**

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Those Present:- Councillors; 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.

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1111 Public Speaking - None.

1112 Apologies for Absence - Cllrs. Mr. S. Blanshard and Mr. D. Hemming-Taylor.

1113 Chairman's Opening Remarks - The Chairman opened the meeting with a prayer and thanked Cllr. Mr. S. Horton for his attendance at the meeting.

1114 Declaration of Interests - None.

1115 Law & Order

Police Spokesman's Report - P.C.S.O. Chris Wray and Police Special Laura Danby attended the meeting to discuss the current crime statistics which showed a total of three crimes reported for the month of May. Theft of lead is consistent throughout the division. National statistics have shown that there is a great increase on this type of theft, due to the rise in value for this product.

Theft from motor vehicles have also increased in neighbouring areas (Anlaby and Willerby) however Kirk Ella and West Ella appear to be escaping this at present.

PC Chaney is currently making enquiries regarding funding for a hand held speed gun. This would be purely for use in Willerby, Kirk Ella, West Ella and Anlaby or for those that only contribute. Funding is in discussion at present with other Parish Councils and Safer Communities at E.R.Y.C. The total cost of the speed gun being £3500 and £150 yearly for calibration. It was advised that the West Ella Preservation Society had kindly offered to donate £1000 towards the cost. The general feeling of the Councillors was that it should not be the responsibility of the Parish Council to fund this type of equipment, but would discuss the request again when P.C. Chaney had received a reply from E.R.Y.C. Safer Communities.

It was reported by Cllr. Mrs. E. Robinson that there had been several shed thefts on Great Gutter Lane in May, P.C.S.O. Chris Wray advised that these would show on the list of crime figures for Willerby. The Police agreed to carry out regular checks on the area.

Item 12d of the agenda was discussed while the Police were present at the meeting. It was reported that parents are parking over driveways on West Ella Way at school start/finish times. P.C.S.O. Chris Wray advised that he would visit the area at peak times and speak to parents about parking with courtesy for other residents of the community.

1116 Minutes of Previous Meeting - The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2008, which had previously been circulated, were accepted as a true and faithful record of what took place, and were duly signed by the Chairman.

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1117 Matters Arising

*Minute 1103 (1089/1036)* - Cllr. Mr. S. Raymond thanked the Clerk for delivering to him the A1 size laminated map for the Willerby square car park notice board. Cllr. Mr. S. Raymond advised that he will deliver the map to Mr. Ian Jones and arrange a date for the refurbishing of the notice board to be carried out.

*Minute 1103 (1092)* - Cllr. Mrs. M. Raymond reported that she had spoken to Cllr. Mrs. E. Robinson about the possibility of her looking at suitable locations for a play area for the under 5's. As a starting point, two possible areas being; Elveley Drive, just inside The Meadows in the wood and the other between the Beech Tree and the Residential Home for the Elderly on South Ella Way. Cllr. Mrs. E. Robinson advised that she would consider carrying out this task and would report back her decision at a later date.

*Minute 1108* - The Clerk reported that Mr. Ray Tennant, E.R.Y.C. had advised he would look at the blue/white lamp post near the flyover when approaching Swanland which badly requires painting and report back what work needs to be carried out.

*Minute 1103 (1078)* - Cllr. Mrs. D. Kaye reported that the majority of street signs have now been replaced.

1118 Correspondence

*Church service to mark the first anniversary of the floods* - The Chairman advised that a Church service is to take place on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2008, 5.00pm at St. Andrew's Church, Kirk Ella to mark the first anniversary of the floods in June 2007.

*Funding for hand held speed gun* - See minute 1115.

*King George V Playing Field, Kirk Ella* - The Clerk read out an email from E.R.Y.C. asking for comments on a proposal to use the area of the playing field to the immediate right of the pavilion, which is never used as a pitch, that would create an adequate space for dogs to be exercised off lead, whilst still allowing the pitches to be dog ban areas and the perimeter to be dogs on leads, which would still then give access to the path and tunnel at the back left hand side of the field. After discussion, the Parish Council agreed that this is a matter for E.R.Y.C. to deal with and therefore did not wish to comment.

1119 Technical - No issues.

1120 Environmental

*Heritage Trail, West Ella Conservation* - Cllr. Mrs. M. Raymond advised that the first rough draft of the re-vamping of the Heritage Trail booklet is now complete. It was reported that down Chapel Lane, Kirk Ella, the building next to the Methodist Church has got one of the original pig sty conservation buildings in the garden, a circular building with a conical roof which dates back to the 1800's. Unfortunately the building is very badly covered with ivy and other similar plants, causing damage to it. It was suggested that the Clerk contact Mr. Edward Atkinson, Conservation Officer, E.R.Y.C. asking him to go and have a look at the building and speak to the owner of the property about this matter. All members were unanimously in favour.

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Cllr. Mrs. M. Raymond advised that she had been contacted by a resident about two stones which had been found in the back garden of 248a West Ella Road, one with the words Florence Grove and the other Primitive Methodist Chapel 1892. Cllr. Mrs. M. Raymond asked if any member had information about a Primitive Methodist Chapel. Unfortunately, there was nothing to report.

Flood Working Group Update - Cllr. Mrs. E. Robinson gave an update on the flooding matters in the area. The Flood Report from E.R.Y.C. had now been issued giving their recommendations. Cllr. Mrs. E. Robinson asked the Parish Council to reconsider storing sand bags for use by residents.

There was concern expressed about the continuation of work being carried out by the Flooding Working Group and whether sufficient funds are available to cover this. The Treasurer confirmed that approximately £1,120 had been spent out of the Town and Parish flood fund money and it was agreed that the remainder of the money should be spent in the best way possible. One suggestion from Cllr. Mrs. E. Robinson was that some of the money could be used on the problems at The Vale and Westland Road. Update to be given at the next meeting.

Cllr. Mrs. E. Robinson agreed to make contact with Mr. Barry Adams, E.R.Y.C to find out when the remainder of the money has to be spent and if necessary request an extension.

It was reported Minute 1078 clearly states that it was agreed unanimously by all members present at the March Parish Council meeting that the flooding work be handed over to the E.R.Y.C./Peter Kite Associates for them to deal with.

Cllr. Mrs. E. Robinson asked for permission from the Chairman to pass on her comments about the E.R.Y.C. Flood Report to Ward Cllr. Angela Ibson. The Chairman agreed to this.

Kirk Rise Gardens - The Clerk reported that E.R.Y.C. had advised that a tidy up of the area is to be carried out shortly and more regular maintenance is planned for the future.

Street Signs - The Clerk was asked to contact E.R.Y.C. advising them that there are two signs on Green Acres, one on White Walk, one on the corner of Mill Lane, South Ella Way and one on Highdales that still need replacing.

Dog Waste Bin - It was agreed to discuss this matter at a later date when the two new seats are in place.

Parish Council Website - The possibility of including Neighbourhood Watch on the website was discussed. It was reported that a charge of approximately £30 would be incurred as an additional page would be required. All members were in favour, Cllr. Mrs. E. Robinson was asked to liaise with Mrs. Jean Harne about the content.

Cllr. Mrs. E. Robinson suggested that local shops and businesses be given the opportunity to be listed/advertise on the website free of charge this year then in the future for a small fee. Mr. Graham Latter, Website Designer advised the Clerk he would not recommend the Parish Council go down this route. The Chairman advised that he is very happy with the content of the website as it is and does not wish to make any changes other than including Neighbourhood Watch.

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Kirk Ella Church Floodlight - The Clerk reported that a quote had been received from E.R.Y.C. to install a floodlight at St. Andrew's Church, Kirk Ella. The Clerk was asked to send a copy of the quote to Mr. Ray Dennison asking if he has any suggestions as to how the light could be funded. Clerk to keep members informed.

1121 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.

1122 Highways

Road Markings, Haltemprice Roundabout - Cllr. Mrs. D. Kaye expressed her concern about the road approaching the roundabout as it does not have Kirk Ella marked on it. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that although the directions are very confusing, no further action is required at this time.

Painting/Cleaning of Street Lamp Posts - The Clerk was asked to contact E.R.Y.C. to see if it would be possible for the street lighting columns in Kirk Ella and West Ella to be cleaned. Areas that require immediate attention are; The Fairway, Elveley Drive, Beverley Road and the top side of Riplingham Road.

Tree branches overhanging Lamp Posts - The Clerk was asked to contact Mr. Michael Brown, E.R.Y.C. about the amount of tree branches overhanging lamp posts in Kirk Ella and West Ella. Cllr. Mrs. E. Robinson advised that she had spoken to the occupants of number 55 West Ella Road about the tree branches overhanging the street light outside the property but no action had been taken. It was also reported that a branch from an ash tree outside number 55 is overhanging the highway, high sided vehicles such as buses are scraping the bark off it when passing. Clerk to ask Mr. Brown to deal with this matter.

Parking – West Ella Road - See Minute 1115.

1123 Financial Report

Treasurer's Report

OPENING BALANCE	£96.86CR
Reimbursement for Flood Work	£140.00CR
Transfer from Business Account (May)	£150.00CR
Transfer from Business Account (June)	£400.00CR
Transfer from Business Account (June)	£200.00CR
St. Andrew's Church Memorial Hall (Hire of notice board)	£50.00D
Mrs. Hill (Payment Flood works carried out to pipe sewer, The Vale)	£140.00D
Mr. G. Lawson (Audit Fee)	£72.50D
Cllr. Mrs. E. Robinson (Flood work)	£15.22D
Expenditure June	£384.80D
Internet Charges	£10.98D
Diesel Allowance	£43.82D
Redcliff Print & Design (A1 size laminated map)	£63.45D
CLOSING BALANCE	£206.09CR
<u>Balance of Business Account</u>	<u>£13,542.24CR</u>

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- 1124 (a) Acceptance of Accounts - The accounts for the year ended March 2008 were presented to the Council by the Treasurer, and subsequently approved.
- 1124 (b) Annual Return for Year Ended March 2008 - The Treasurer advised that the Annual Return Statement of Accounts had been prepared for Audit. All members were unanimously in favour, the document was subsequently signed by the Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer.
- 1124 (c) Audit Return Year Ended March 2008 - The Clerk read out the Annual Governance Statement which was subsequently approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

The Clerk reported that the Annual Return for Year Ended March 2007 had been signed off by the External Auditor.

Cllr. Mr. D. Jordan was thanked for his hard work with the Parish Council accounts.

- 1125 Date and Time of Next Meeting - The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2008** at 7.15pm in Room U17, Wolfreton School.

At 9.05pm the Clerk was asked to leave the meeting to enable the Parish Councillors to discuss her salary review.

Meeting closed at 9.08pm.