

Kirk Ella and West Ella Parish Council

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

Those Present:- Councillors; 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.

1126 Public Speaking - Mr. Daniel Tunnicliffe attended the meeting to brief the Parish Council on the storage problems at St. Andrew's Memorial Hall, Kirk Ella and the proposed plans for improvement to bring this facility up to date with the 21st century. It was reported that the total amount of funding required to carry out the proposed work would be in excess of £100,000. At present, several funding possibilities are being considered. Cllr. Mrs. M. Raymond suggested Mr. Tunnicliffe speak to the Trustees of Anlaby about how they upgraded their community hall.

The proposed plans were circulated for viewing, Cllr. Mr. S. Raymond advised that the plans were excellent and felt they would almost certainly be approved by the Parish Council Planning Committee when submitted.

The possibility of the East Riding of Yorkshire Council making a financial contribution to the work should be looked into by Mr. Tunnicliffe.

1127 Apologies for Absence - Cllr. Mr. D. Hemming-Taylor.

1128 Chairman's Opening Remarks - The Chairman opened the meeting with a prayer.

1129 Declaration of Interests - None.

1130 Law & Order

Police Spokesman's Report - The Chairman advised that apologies had been received from the local Police for this evenings meeting.

The current crime statistics had been circulated prior to the meeting, it was reported that a total of two crimes had taken place in Kirk Ella/West Ella during the month of June 2008.

The Clerk reported that P.C. Tracey Chaney had spoken to Safer Communities at E.R.Y.C. about funding for the hand held speed gun and that the request is being considered.

It was reported that a serious incident had taken place over the weekend of 12th/13th July, whereby a large group of youths were causing a disturbance and damage to vehicles by running over car bonnets and throwing traffic cones at the vehicles. These reports came from areas of West Ella Road, Church Lane, School Lane and Old Annandale Road. There was also a report of criminal damage on Allanhall Way which was thought to be done by the same group. Cllr. Mrs. D. Kaye reported that a large window within a listed building down Church Lane had been smashed, and what was thought to be an explosive device was put into a metal letter box at another property which resulted in it being blown to smithereens.

1131 Minutes of Previous Meeting - The Clerk was asked to make the following amendments to the minutes;

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Minute 1122 to read; Cllr. Mrs. E. Robinson advised that she had spoken to the **occupants** and after no action had been taken, insert; **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.** Minute 1117; replace blue/white lamp post with **black** lamp post.

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9th June 2008, were then accepted as a true and faithful record of what took place, and were duly signed by the Chairman.

1132 Matters Arising

Minute 1118 - It was reported that the Church service to mark the first anniversary of the floods had been attended by the Chairman and Cllr. Mrs. J. Wood.

Minute 1117 - The Clerk reported that the lamp post is on the E.R.Y.C. list to be painted as soon as the weather improves.

Minute 1103 (1089, 1036) - Cllr. Mrs. M. Raymond reported that the notice board outside St. Andrew's Church, Kirk Ella had been refurbished by Mr. Ian Jones. The notice board in the Willerby Square car park is still to be done.

1133 Correspondence

Email from resident re. location of new seats - The Clerk read out an email from a resident expressing his concern at the location of the new seat on The Meadows in West Ella. It was also reported by the Clerk that the E.R.Y.C. had received a complaint about the positioning of the seat opposite Elveley Drive saying it is obstructing the footpath. Cllr. Mrs. E. Robinson reported that many residents do find the positioning of seats near their properties very distressing. It was agreed that both seats remain in situ for a trial period.

Invitation to a service to celebrate Yorkshire Day - The Clerk read out a letter inviting two members of the Parish Council to attend the service to celebrate Yorkshire Day on Friday 1st August 2008 at St. Augustine's Church, Church Lane, Hedon. It was agreed that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman attend on behalf of the Parish Council. Clerk to reply accordingly.

1134 Technical - No issues.

1135 Environmental

Parish Council Website, Neighbourhood Watch - Cllr. Mrs. E. Robinson reported that she had been in contact with Mrs. Jean Harne and the matter is in hand. Clerk to inform Mr. Graham Latter, Website Designer.

Town and Parish Fund/Flood Working Group - Cllr. Mrs. E. Robinson advised that Mr. Barry Adams, E.R.Y.C. had agreed to extend the date by which the flood fund money had to be spent. It was reported that the final invoice had been received from the Solicitor for payment. Cllr. Mrs. E. Robinson advised she is now waiting for a date to meet with E.R.Y.C.

It was reported that the gully cleaner had recently been up and down West Ella Road. Cllr. Mrs. E. Robinson advised that the Flood Working Group members are satisfied with progress to date.

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Play Area for the Under 5's - It was reported that Mr. Trevor Green, West Ella Preservation Society had advised they have money available for the provision of a play area for the under 5's. Various locations have been looked at, including Pine Meadows, the small piece of land near the Beech Tree on South Ella Way and the area around West Ella Methodist Hall, but to date nothing suitable had been found.

Yorkshire Wildlife Trust Bird Boxes - The Clerk reported that the bird box which had been ordered last year had finally arrived. It was agreed that the Chairman speak to Reverend Jukes advising that the Parish Council would like to donate it to the Church for use in the Churchyard.

Pine Meadows, Kirk Ella - Cllr. Mrs. D. Kaye reported that residents are complaining about the poor state of the grassed area at Pine Meadows. It was reported that the grass is not being cut to a suitable standard, weeds and litter is building up making the area look very untidy. The Clerk was asked to contact E.R.Y.C. asking for this area to be tidied up as a matter of urgency.

1136 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.

1137 Highways - No issues.

1138 Financial Report

The Chairman reported that with effect from the September meeting, the Financial Report will be moved to agenda item 8 to give the Treasurer more time to discuss it.

Treasurer's Report

OPENING BALANCE	£206.09CR
E.R.Y.C. Reimbursement for Flood Work	£87.61CR
Transfer from Business Account (July)	£450.00CR
Payment from K.E.I.S. for fixing of two village signs	£250.00CR
Expenditure July	£481.00D
Internet Charges	£10.98D
Diesel Allowance	£55.00D
Telephone Allowance	£20.00D
Hamlyn Fencing & Paving Contractors Ltd - erection of signs	£293.75D
<u>CLOSING BALANCE</u>	<u>£132.97CR</u>

Balance of Business Account £13,169.28CR

1139 Date and Time of Next Meeting - The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday 8th September 2008 at 7.15pm in Room U17, Wolfreton School.**

The Treasurer presented his recommendations for the Clerk's increase in salary and benefits which had previously been circulated to all Councillors for comment/agreement. Cllr. Mrs. M. Raymond proposed the recommendations be accepted, this was seconded by Cllr. Mrs. D. Kaye. All members were unanimously in favour.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm.