

Kirk Ella and West Ella Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 14th September 2009
at 7.15pm**

Those Present:- Cllrs. Mrs. M. Raymond , Mr. S. Blanshard, Mr. D. Jordan, Mrs. D. Kaye,
Mr. S. Raymond, Mrs. E. Robinson and Mrs. J. Wood.
Mrs. M. Pickering – Clerk.

1280 Public Speaking - The Clerk advised that due to illness, Mr. G. Latter was unable to attend the meeting. Information provided by Mr. Latter was discussed and it was agreed that the costs associated with/sponsorship for a local events page on the Parish Council website would be considered by the Finance Working Group and reported back to the Parish Council at a later date.

1281 Apologies for Absence - Captain F.E. Holmes and Cllr. Mr. D. Hemming-Tayler.

1282 Chairman's Opening Remarks - In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman Cllr. Mrs. M. Raymond welcomed all those present and opened the meeting with a prayer. The Clerk was asked to send a letter to Phil Williamson and Jean Harne for the excellent work they are undertaking with the West Ella Grapevine. The emails they send are amongst some of the most important correspondence received by the Parish Council. The Parish Council are indebted to them for this extremely useful information.

1283 Declaration of Interests - None.

1284 Law & Order

Police Spokesman's Report - P.C.S.O. Nicholas Overton attended the meeting to discuss the crime statistics for the month of August. There had been a total of six reported offences, consisting of; two criminal damage, one theft, one burglary dwelling and two assaults. A cycle coding day had been held at the Kirk Ella Police Station and in the region of forty cycles were coded.

It was reported that the Twilight football at the Haltemprice Leisure Centre which took place through the summer holidays was a great success and very well attended. Funding has now been obtained to continue the football through until the end of December 2009.

It was advised that P.C. Gary Foster has now moved to a new location and with effect from 14th September 2009, P.C. Andy White will be joining the team at Kirk Ella Police Station.

Cllr. Mr. S. Blanshard reported that two trees had been damaged recently on South Ella Way, P.C.S.O. Overton to investigate.

It was reported that a cyclist had been seen on various occasions cycling around West Ella and on residents driveways, looking very suspicious, P.C.S.O. Overton was not aware but advised he would make some enquiries.

P.C.S.O. Overton was thanked for his attendance at the meeting.

1285 Minutes of Previous Meeting - The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13th July 2009 were accepted as a true and faithful record of what took place, and were duly signed by the Vice-Chairman.

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1286 Matters Arising

Minute 1261 - The Clerk read out an email from Mr. D. Williamson, E.R.Y.C. advising that Wolfreton Garth, School Lane and West Ella Way are owned by E.R.Y.C. and as such fall into their own street lighting maintenance regimes. Regrettably due to budget pressures the cleaning and painting of street lighting columns has been stopped as a maintenance function and only a very small fund is available for cosmetic painting. It was advised that if the Parish Council feel these columns need cleaning or painting then a request can be made to E.R.Y.C. asking for an Officer to look at them and report back. It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk request these columns be looked at and the necessary work carried out.

Minute 1276 - The Clerk reported that the state of the land at the old electrical sub-station on West Ella Road is to be inspected by the E.R.Y.C. Enforcement Officer on 1st October 2009. The Clerk was asked to advise him that a fence has been erected around the land by the school but the Parish Council have concerns about its height.

Minute 1272 (1258, 1250) - The Clerk copied all Councillors the response from E.R.Y.C. to our letter dated 13th May 2009 regarding our concerns about potential problems with parking in the village centre and immediate area during the proposed construction work at St. Andrew's Church.

1287 Financial Report

The following cheques were presented for payment and subsequently approved:-

<input type="checkbox"/>	100755	Captain F.E. Holmes (Stationery)	£1.95
<input type="checkbox"/>	100756	Staff Pay	£606.60
<input type="checkbox"/>	100757	Internet Charges/Fuel Allowance	£67.09

The following cheques were approved for payment during the month of August:-

<input type="checkbox"/>	100752	Staff Pay	£485.28
<input type="checkbox"/>	100753	Internet Charges	£12.09
<input type="checkbox"/>	100754	Supplies (Stationery)	£66.72

The Clerk circulated the financial reports for August and September which were subsequently approved by the Parish Council.

The Clerk advised that a meeting of the Finance Working Group is required during October to discuss the precept for 2010-11. This was arranged for Wednesday 21st October 2009 at 1.30pm.

1288 Correspondence

Special Expenses - Cllr. Mrs. E. Robinson reported that Ward Cllr. Angela Ibson had now been informed of the Parish Council's concerns about special expenses. The Parish Council are very unhappy with the state of weeds in Pine Meadows and the dreadful condition of Kirk Rise. It was suggested that a meeting is also required at the King George V Playing Field with Cllr. Robinson, Ward Cllr. Ibson and an E.R.Y.C. Tree Officer to inspect the poplar trees in that area. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Ward Cllr. Ibson asking her to progress this matter on behalf of the Parish Council.

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Review of Parish Council Insurance - The Clerk was asked to contact E.R.Y.C. to discuss the Parish Council insurance, to clarify what is covered in respect to village signs, seats etc. Report to be given when more information is available.

1289 Technical - No issues.

1290 Environmental

Flood Working Group Update - Cllr. Robinson gave an update on the work being carried out by the Flood Working Group. Residents are once again 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.

K.E.I.S. Update - Cllr. Mrs. D. Kaye reported that the plaques stating how the village signs came about are all in place. A K.E.I.S. Committee meeting is required to decide who now takes ownership of the signs. It was reported that there had been a small amount of damage caused by a vehicle to one of the signs, but this was kindly rectified by Cllr. Mr. D. Jordan and Mr. David Robinson. An invoice for £10.90 which was the cost of material used for repair, was handed to the Responsible Finance Officer for payment at the next Parish Council meeting. Cllr. Mrs. D. Kaye advised that she feels K.E.I.S. has achieved what it set out to do and would now like to see it finish. Cllr. Mr. D. Jordan reported that he would still like to see one more sign installed near Alma Close on South Ella Way which was originally agreed by K.E.I.S. It was agreed that the purchase and installation of one more sign should be discussed by K.E.I.S. and not the Parish Council.

Bulb Planting - It was reported that bulb planting continues to take place in the parish. Cllrs. Mrs. E. Robinson and Mrs. J. Wood were thanked for their hard work with this.

Milestone - The Clerk reported that E.R.Y.C. had still not responded to our email about the proposed work to the milestone on Riplingham Road. Cllr. Mr. D. Jordan had prepared a plan showing what work is required, this was circulated for discussion. It was agreed unanimously that Cllr. Mr. D. Jordan carry out the work on behalf of the Parish Council, this consisting of a paved area around the milestone to protect it from the grass cutter. It was also agreed that the milestone requires painting to highlight the wording, Cllr. Mr. D. Jordan kindly offered to do this. Clerk to notify E.R.Y.C.

Sponsorship for Festive Lighting - Cllr. Mrs. D. Kaye kindly offered to speak to Reverend Jukes about the Parish Council providing a Christmas tree for the Churchyard as in previous years. The Clerk was asked to write to Lighting & Signs Ltd to see if they would be available to check the lights are in good working order and it was proposed that the Clerk also ask Lighting & Signs Ltd if they would be interested in sponsoring the lights, in the form of a small donation, in exchange for their company having a small advertisement near the Christmas tree. All members were unanimously in favour of this proposal.

1291 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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1292 Highways

Hogg Lane, Kirk Ella - A large number of complaints have been received from residents about the amount of vehicles using Hogg Lane as a cut through which is very dangerous as some of the properties have their front doors leading straight on to the lane as there are no footpaths. It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. D. Kaye that the Clerk set up an urgent meeting between the Parish Council and an Officer from E.R.Y.C. Highways department to look at ways to make Hogg Lane safer. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Mr. S. Raymond, all members were unanimously in favour.

Poor Condition of Footways, Elms Drive - Cllr. Mrs. E. Robinson expressed her concern at the poor state of the footways on both sides of Elms Drive and requested that an E.R.Y.C. Officer carry out an inspection of the area. It was agreed unanimously that this was an excellent idea, the Clerk was asked to arrange for this to take place.

1293 Date and Time of Next Meeting - The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday 12th October 2009** at 7.15pm in Room U17, Wolfreton School.

The Vice-Chairman reported that formalisation of the Clerk's salary agreement is required. It was proposed by Cllr. Mr. D. Jordan that a pay increase of 2.5% be made to the Clerk's salary with effect from July 2009. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Mrs. D. Kaye. All members were unanimously in favour.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Chairman's Signature - 12th October 2009