



## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN

I thought you would like an update to know that in spite of restrictions your Parish Council members are still working hard. Covid has made it very difficult to deal with new suggestions and ideas but I will update you on what has happened so far.

- 1) Your footway lighting bill has been paid so you will not be walking in the dark during the winter!
- 2) The planning has gone through, with a few adjustments, for South Ella Way location so 224 new properties will be built on the old school site.
- 3) The new notice boards that we ordered have been delivered and erected. They are of an excellent quality as requested for Kirk Ella. L & K Warcup Construction erected them for us. The old ones, which we begged from Wolfreton School when it was demolished, were no longer fit for purpose.
- 4) We have made good use of the grant, to commemorate the 75 years since the end of WWII, that we were successful in obtaining from the E.R.Y.C. We used it to purchase a new seat which is now at the corner of Church Lane near the historical information board. It supplements the Church memorial to those who gave their lives for us on active service during the war so it was right that the position was agreed with the British Legion.
- 5) Councillors are determined that you should not miss out on the village Christmas lights this year. They were erected and checked by Lighting & Signs Limited at the end of November and should be on until the New Year. We regret that because of the corona virus we are unable to have the usual very popular switch on with the school children's choir but I am sure you will understand.
- 6) Councillor Doreen Kaye has been in communication with The Wheatsheaf Public House and in spite of it being closed because of restrictions the management has agreed to the village Christmas tree being placed in its usual position. It was ordered some time ago and you will see it complete with lights from November 30<sup>th</sup>.
- 7) Councillors and our Clerk have received much paperwork during the lockdown and time of restrictions and are available to talk to you over the telephone if you need advice during this difficult period. You can access information about a range of support at [www.eastriding.gov.uk/3stepstosafety](http://www.eastriding.gov.uk/3stepstosafety).
- 8) Planning applications continue to be reviewed by Councillors throughout lockdown and comments reported back to the E.R.Y.C. planning department at County Hall.
- 9) No doubt many of you will have received the Christmas edition of The Journal, if not you can do as I did and purchase one from Waitrose supermarket. You will be interested to know that it has a double page article on the Kirk Ella and West Ella Heritage Trail, with a photograph of our latest plaque being put up at the beginning of the year. Because of the publication in The Journal, the Heritage Trail booklet has been in great demand again all proceeds of which go to the Parish Council funds.

Stay safe - Councillor Margaret Raymond, Chairman Kirk Ella & West Ella Parish Council