



## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN

I am delighted to be able to tell you that the complete Parish Council has been re-elected unopposed. This means a huge saving on the Parish Council Tax (the precept) as we would have had a large bill for election expenses which would have included our share of the County Hall paper work and staffing, postal votes, rent of the Polling Stations and staffing them, together with all the publicity etc. It certainly would have been very costly!

So our Parish Councillors are the eight photographed on the back of your recently circulated Annual Parish Report, Councillors John Bailey, Shaun Horton, Doreen Kaye, Nicola McMaster, Margaret Raymond, Stan Raymond, David Robinson and Elizabeth Robinson. As I mentioned previously, Councillor Marion Jackson unfortunately has had to resign through ill health. She was a great asset, worked extremely hard and struggled valiantly but eventually has had to retire. So we now welcome a new member, who has a real interest in the local community whom I am sure many of you will already know; Neil Oakes, the owner of the Kirk Ella News at the very heart of our village which he runs together with his wife Christine. He was born and raised in Hull. After school at Hymers College, Neil went up to Peterhouse, Cambridge and took a BA (Hons) in Law, followed by a stint at Guildford Law School before returning to Hull to practice as a solicitor. In 2014 a change of career saw Neil and his wife Christine take over as proprietors of the busy Kirk Ella News, a retired solicitor and now a thriving businessman who has lived locally for 17 years. He has stocked our Heritage Trail books for a long time and advertised our trail on the most attractive posters in his shop window over the last year or two. He also supported the villages Acts of Remembrance activities with a wonderful "Poppy Waterfall" in his shop window, which we photographed for our annual report. With his enthusiasm and many attributes we are sure he will be a real asset to the Parish Council.

Cllr. John Bailey is continuing to keep a watchful eye on the major road works at the junction of Riplingham Road and the A164. He has reported any concerns directly to the E.R.Y.C. Cllr. Elizabeth Robinson also continues to work very hard as the Chairman of the Flood Alleviation Scheme Committee and Cllr. David Robinson is busy preparing another village information board.

Lastly, may I remind you of the continuing advice from the police, a burglar will choose the property with the easiest access. It is now holiday time, so when you go away ask a neighbour to check that no post or leaflets are left sticking out of your letterbox. Remember, a completely dark house always looks empty so when you are away, leave some lights on timers in the house. Make sure that all doors and particularly windows are secure.

Best wishes,

Councillor Margaret Raymond, Chairman Kirk Ella & West Ella Parish Council