# Kirk Ella and West Ella Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 10th December 2007 at 7.15pm

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Those Present:- Councillors; Captain F.E. Holmes (Chairman), Mrs. M. Raymond (Vice-Chairman), Mr. S. Blanshard, Mr. D. Hemming-Tayler, Mr. D. Jordan, Mrs. D. Kaye, Mr. S. Raymond and Mrs. E. Robinson.
Mrs. M. Pickering – Clerk.

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1027 Public Speaking - None.

1028 Apologies for Absence - Cllr. Mrs. J. Wood.

1029 Chairman's Opening Remarks - The Chairman opened the meeting with a prayer. Some very pleasing comments had been received about the festive lighting and Christmas tree in the Churchyard and how beautiful they look. Thanks had been received from the Vicar for the hard work the Flooding Working Group are carrying out on behalf of the residents of Kirk Ella and West Ella.

1030 Declaration of Interests - None.

1031 Law & Order

*Police Spokesman's Report* - The Community Police did not attend the meeting. The current crime statistics were circulated by the Clerk for discussion.

1032 Minutes of Previous Meeting - The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12th November 2007, which had previously been circulated, were accepted as a true and faithful record of what took place, and were duly signed by the Chairman.

1033 Matters Arising

*Minute 1015 (Paragraph 2)* - Should read; The Chairman reported that the two new seats, **one in Kirk Ella and one in West Ella** have now been fitted…

*Minute 1024* - Should read; Cllr. Mrs. E. Robinson reported a vast improvement in the condition of the **former** electrical sub-station…

*Minute 1008* - The Clerk was asked to obtain quotes and arrange for the festive lighting to be switched off and the Christmas tree and wooden pot to be disposed of, as near to the 6th January 2008 as possible.

1034 Correspondence

*Letter from The Standards Board – Adopting the Code of Conduct for Members* - The Clerk read out a letter from The Standards Board asking if the Parish Council agree to adopt paragraph 12(2) of the new Code of Conduct for Members. All members were unanimously in favour, Clerk to send letter confirming this.

*Code of Conduct Training for Town and Parish Councils* - It was advised that an invitation had been received from E.R.Y.C. for two Councillors to attend a workshop on Friday 11th January 2008 at County Hall, Beverley. Cllrs. Mr. D. Hemming-Tayler and Mrs. E. Robinson to attend. Clerk to confirm attendance.

*Letters re. Royal Diamond Wedding Celebration* - The Clerk read out three letters thanking members of the Parish Council for arranging this event which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

*Letter to Hull Golf Club re. Boundary Fence* - The Clerk advised that a reply had still not been received about the poor state of the boundary fence at the Hull Golf Club. This matter was discussed in depth and it was felt that if a reply is not received very soon, a letter should be sent to E.R.Y.C. asking them to take up the matter with the Hull Golf Club.

*Kirk Rise Garden Seats* - Cllr. Mrs. E. Robinson asked when an order is to be placed for the third seat in the Kirk Rise garden area. Cllr. Mrs. M. Raymond advised that only two seats should have been on the original plan, but if there is any commuted sums money available when all the invoices have been paid, this request would be considered.

1035 Technical - No issues.

1036 Environmental

*Flooding Working Group Update* - Cllr. Mrs. E. Robinson gave an update on the work being carried out by the Flooding Working Group. It was reported that all correspondence is being passed to the Clerk for inclusion in the Parish Council post. It was advised that quotes/invoices are required before the £5,000 Town/Parish fund money can be released from E.R.Y.C., it cannot be paid direct into a bank account. It was suggested that a Solicitor be employed to assist with some matters relating to the flooding, the cost of this to be paid out of the fund money. It was reported by Cllr. Mrs. E. Robinson that any extra work carried out by the Clerk relating to the flooding, would be paid for out of the fund money.

The surface water drainage in West Ella is a real problem, it was reported that someone had kindly offered to make a video of this area next time there is heavy rain. All members were unanimously in favour of the excellent work being carried out by the Flooding Working Group and fully support everything that is being done. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Mrs. E. Robinson for her sterling work.

*Twinning* - Cllr. Mr. D. Jordan asked the Parish Council to think about the possibility of twinning with a small town/village abroad which would give the opportunity of sharing other cultures and history. It was suggested that more information be obtained from the Twinning Association to enable further discussion at the next meeting.

*Parish Council Notice Board* - Cllr. Mrs. D. Kaye advised that the notice board outside the Church in Kirk Ella badly needs maintaining. Mr. Ian Jones had advised Cllr. Mrs. D. Kaye that he would be happy to carry out the work. It was also advised that the notice board in the car park in Willerby Square is in need of repair as the laminated map if very badly faded and requires replacing. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr. Jones for a price to carry out repairs to both notice boards.

1037 Planning

*Recommendations of Planning Group* - Cllr. Mr. S. Raymond proposed that the Planning Groups recommendations be approved by the Council. All members were in favour.

1038 Highways

Cllr. Mrs. D. Kaye advised that when the roads in Kirk Ella and West Ella were recently resurfaced, loose chippings were left on the roads. These chippings are now on the pavements, leaving them dangerous for pedestrians. The Clerk was asked to contact E.R.Y.C. asking them to clear up the excess chippings as a matter of urgency.

1039 Financial Report

*Treasurer's Report*

The Treasurer reported that a total of £199.30 was spent on the Royal Diamond Wedding Celebration.

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| OPENING BALANCE | £657.58CR |
| Royal Diamond Wedding Celebration D. Robinson | £35.74D |
| Royal Diamond Wedding Celebration F. Holmes | £50.00D |
| Royal Diamond Wedding Celebration D. Kaye | £50.00D |
| Royal British Legion (Two Wreaths) | £50.00D |
| Royal Diamond Wedding Celebration M. Raymond | £25.00D |
| Refund of Catering Expenses | £57.50CR |
| Transfer from Business Account | £8250.00CR |
| Transfer from Business Account | £700.00CR |
| E.R.Y.C. Footway Lighting Service Level Agreement | £8256.82D |
| Expenditure December | £384.80D |
| Postage | £14.30D |
| Christmas gift for Caretaker | £9.97D |
| Internet Charges | £10.98D |
| Use of Christ Church United Reformed Church | £53.50D |
| Lighting and Signs (Festive Lighting) | £411.25D |
| Swanland Nurseries (Christmas Tree) | £125.00D |
| CLOSING BALANCE | £187.72CR |
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| Balance of Business Account end April 2007 | £9,385.55CR |

*Budget for 2008/09* - The Treasurer presented his recommendation for setting the precept for 2008/09. A detailed list of all expected expenditure was circulated to all Councillors with the Treasurer suggesting a precept of £13,040.

It was initially suggested by Cllr. Mrs. M. Raymond that the precept remain at £16,800.

***Cllr. Mr. D. Jordan left the meeting at this point, 8.50pm.***

Cllr. Mr. D. Hemming-Tayler felt that it is not necessary to have such a large surplus of money in the account. A proposal of £14,000 was made by Cllr. Mr. S. Raymond, a further proposal of £14,900 was made by Cllr. Mrs. M. Raymond. Both these proposals were withdrawn when a third proposal of £14,500 was made by Cllr. Mrs. E. Robinson. A vote was taken and all members were unanimously in favour of this proposal. It was therefore agreed that the precept for 2008/09 would be set at £14,500. It was agreed by all members that approximately £1,500 would be put aside to be used for reprinting the Heritage Trail booklet. Clerk to send paperwork to E.R.Y.C.

1040 Date and Time of Next Meeting - The next meeting is scheduled for ***Monday 14th January 2007*** *at 7.15pm in Room U17, Wolfreton School.*

It should be noted that due to the closure of the Wolfreton Upper School for half-term, the February meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 4th February 2007 instead of 11th February.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm.