



## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN

You will be pleased to know that your Parish Council has resumed its' monthly meetings after the suspension caused by COVID. The councillors are once again meeting in the dining hall at St. Andrew's Kirk Ella School at 7pm on the second Monday of the month and residents of Kirk Ella and West Ella may attend if they so wish.

We have many projects and suggestions in the pipeline and things that have been delayed because of the pandemic are now moving. There has been a meeting with a representative of the ERYC regarding the position of our replacement village sign near Papas fish restaurant. The old one was knocked down some time ago by a lorry, we think, and now we have a new one ready to replace it. Councillors have also met with the ERYC Highways official regarding the new notice board for West Hill development and the new information board that Cllr. David Robinson has been working on. The position of the new seat, an extra, for the King George playing field that Cllr. Elizabeth Robinson suggested some time ago has been agreed, so that has been ordered and will soon be in place. Responsibility for lighting in our area is split between County and Parish depending on whether it is footway or highway. Cllr. Shaun Horton has been in contact with the expert at County Hall and a decision has been made for adjustments to the Elms Drive street lighting. Also of concern, with the approach of dark nights, is the lighting in the snicket, used by the Primary School children, between West Ella Road & South Ella Way. Cllr. Neil Oakes had a site meeting with the electrician over a month ago re. the possible position of an extra light. Cllr. Elizabeth Robinson has again ordered some daffodil bulbs to enhance the area in the spring. We are hoping to have some of these planted in the area of West Hill and the new housing development.

Our timetable for the future is also very busy. We have ordered the poppy wreaths for Remembrance Sunday. The plans for the switch on of the village lights at Christmas, organised by Cllr. Doreen Kaye and Mandy, our Parish Clerk are almost complete with the tree being ordered and the Junior School Choir being booked. It is usual for the Head Boy and Head Girl of Wolfreton Senior School to do the honours for us on the last Saturday in November, and supportive parents, parents, friends and villagers to support are almost complete

Lastly, one project where we need your suggestions and help is the celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee next June. We understand festivities will be extended over the whole weekend in honour of Her Majesty's 70 years on the throne and we don't want you to miss out. Please email or post your ideas to our Parish Clerk a.s.a.p. so that we can start to plan

Many thanks,

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