

## COUNCILLORS RACHEL and BEN WEEKS

We are pleased to pay tribute to mother and son Councillors Rachel and Ben Weeks who stood down from the Parish Council in January 2025.

Rachel had been on the Council since May 2023 and was much involved in enhancing and improving the annual Christmas event in the area. Ben had been on the Council since February 2022 and during his time has been Council Chairman and made significant efforts towards trying to improve the local environment.

We wish them both well, in particular Ben as he starts his career in the legal profession.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY Two Flood Wardens required

Following the extremely wet winter season last year, East Riding of Yorkshire Council has identified several locations that could benefit from the presence of local flood wardens.

These wardens would serve as 'eyes on the ground' and act as a reliable source of information for the Council. Your parish has been identified as one of these key areas.

### *The responsibilities of the Flood Wardens will include:*

Championing flood resilience within the community

Monitoring watercourse levels and reporting when they exceed predetermined trigger points

Activating flip-down signs to alert motorists of water on the highway when necessary



*If you are interested in becoming a Flood Warden for Kirk Ella and West Ella, please contact the Parish Clerk*



The Annual Parish Meeting is to be held at St Andrew's Church Memorial Hall, Beverley Road, Kirk Ella on Monday, 19th May 2025 at 7.30 p.m.

Residents of Kirk Ella and West Ella are welcome to attend.



The Chairman continues to forgo the Chairman's allowance and none of the Parish Councillors claim expenses as they all serve as volunteers.

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## KIRK ELLA & WEST ELLA PARISH COUNCIL LAUNCHES NEW AND IMPROVED WEBSITE

The Parish Council is pleased to announce the launch of its brand-new website which is now live at [kirkella-westella-pc.gov.uk](http://kirkella-westella-pc.gov.uk). The new site has been designed to be more user-friendly and accessible, and works on all your devices—whether you're browsing on a computer, tablet, or smartphone.

The new website provides a one-stop hub for local residents, making it easier than ever to stay up to date with the work the Parish Council does for the community. You can find out all about:

### **Latest News & Events**

Keep up to date with what's happening in Kirk Ella & West Ella, from council meetings to community activities.

### **Community Information**

Learn more about the area, its history, and key services available to residents.

### **Meet Your Councillors**

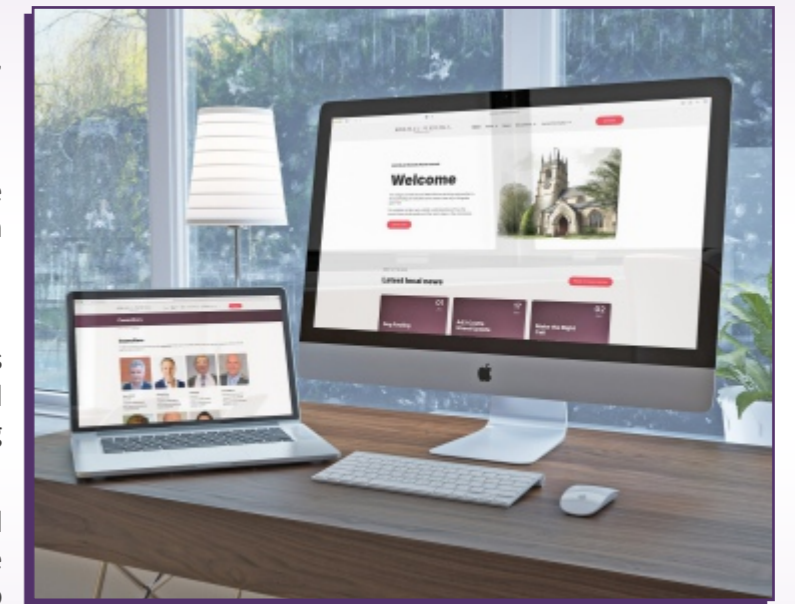
Find out who represents you on the Parish Council and how to get in touch with them.

### **Planning & Local Issues**

Access details on the planning process and easily find planning applications and other important developments affecting the community.

The Parish Council hopes everyone will explore the new website and take advantage of its improved features. To stay informed, you can also sign up for the Parish Council newsletter, which will be sent out a few times a year with key updates and important news.

Visit the new website today at [kirkella-westella-pc.gov.uk](http://kirkella-westella-pc.gov.uk) and don't forget to subscribe to the newsletter!



## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY CHRISTMAS IN KIRK ELLA

Saturday, 29th November 2025 (time tbc)





# YOUR CURRENT COUNCILLORS



Cllr. John Bailey • Cllr. Shaun Horton • Cllr. Gary McMaster  
 Cllr. Nicola McMaster • Cllr. Charles Milner • Cllr. Steve Richardson  
 Cllr. Zahra Saribal



Parish Clerk: Mandy Pickering

*We currently have two vacancies on the Parish Council which we are hoping to fill very soon*

## KIRK ELLA CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON 2024



*— A Festive Success —*



The 2024 Kirk Ella Christmas Lights Switch-on was a resounding success, bringing festive cheer to the local community on Saturday, 30th November. The event, which has grown in popularity in recent years, saw an expanded programme filled with music, entertainment, and seasonal delights.

A special thank you goes to Graham Construction for their outstanding support. Their collaboration with Centurion Traffic Management ensured smooth road closures, allowing the event to flourish. They also embraced the festive spirit wholeheartedly, with James Stevenson donning the red suit as Santa Claus, joined by Helen Rushworth as Mrs. Claus, and Elves Dean Harvey and Byron Webster. Dan Cawthra provided invaluable background support. Adding to the magic, Santa was piped in by 11-year-old bagpiper Aiden Standley.



The event featured several Christmas market stalls, a small funfair, a hog roast, and horse and carriage around the village. The highlight of the afternoon was the official switch-on of the lights at St. Andrew's Church, performed by the winner of St. Andrew's School's festive art competition, Jessica Plumtree. The crowd then joined in singing traditional carols, led by the school choir.

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## COMMEMORATION OF D-DAY 80



The Parish Council displayed flags in the parish noticeboards to mark D-Day 80th Anniversary on 6th June, 2024 in respect of the sacrifices made by those involved in D-Day.



## REMEMBRANCE DAY 2024



Your Parish Councillors are always keen to commemorate Remembrance Day. The Chairman, accompanied by other members of the Parish Council, attended the service at St Andrew's Church on Sunday 10th November and Councillors John Bailey and Zahra Saribal attended the service at the West Ella Memorial on Monday 11th November.

We have three memorials which are to honour those who gave their lives in the two world wars and subsequent conflicts.

Poppy wreaths and poppy crosses are laid on the memorials. In 2025 we will be honouring VE and VJ days.



Councillor Shaun Horton (Chairman) and Councillor John Bailey



Residents with Councillor John Bailey and Councillor Zahra Saribal



## OAK TREE at 'THE SYCAMORES'



The Parish Council has reaffirmed its commitment to enhancing local green spaces by supporting the planting of a new oak tree and installing a bench at 'The Sycamores' development by Lovell Homes. This initiative was made possible through a grant provided by East Riding Council and championed by Councillor Gary McMaster.

The new tree replaces the original oak tree in the same location that became infected and had to be removed during the construction of the development. Councillor McMaster said, 'I am pleased to see this project come to life.'

The tree and the bench are wonderful additions to the development, offering residents a place to relax and connect with nature.'



## COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Councillor Steve Richardson recently attended a Community Speedwatch event run by Humberside Police at Melton 2 Police Station on the evening of Monday 17th February. The Police Coordinator, Dan Goodman, detailed how the Parish Council can become involved in this, how training is delivered and how sites are selected and authorised. Several Parish Councils locally already undertake Community Speedwatch with positive results.

The Council is keen to get involved with this initiative as we have regular reports of excess speed on many of our roads in Kirk Ella and West Ella.



## A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR RESIDENTS!

We'd like to express our sincere gratitude to all the residents who have contributed their time and effort to planting up the street signs and keeping our area tidy. Your hard work is making a noticeable difference, creating a welcoming and attractive environment for everyone.