**Minutes to the Meeting of Thwing & Octon Parish Council held on Monday 18th October 2021 at 7.00pm**

**at Thwing Church Rooms, Church Lane, Thwing**

**Present: Cllr E Peacock (Chairman); Cllr P Burdass (Vice Chair); Cllrs A Frost, G Coe; J Blott; T Lancaster and Sandra Morrison (Parish Clerk)**

**Guests: Ward Councillor Charlie Dewhurst; ERYC Street Lighting Services Manager Karl Rourke; 2 members of the public**

The meeting was opened to the floor to welcome our guests and to allow members of the public to speak. Both residents present own properties in the village, and wished to know if there were any grants available to assist in heating, insulation etc and making their home carbon neutral. A second query was regarding electric vehicle charging points and the option of giving residents designated parking space outside their home. The query to be taken to traffic management at ERYC.

Meeting closed to the public and officially opened 7.10pm

**666.** Apologies – Cllr Oxtoby

**667.** Declaration of Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interest - none

Dispensations Issued - none

**668**. It was proposed by Cllr Burdass and seconded by Cllr Frost that the minutes of the extra ordinary meeting 8th September 2021 be agreed as a true record. Passed. It was proposed by Cllr Blott and seconded by Cllr Frost that the minutes of the and last meeting held on 20th September 2021 be agreed as a true record. Passed

**669.**Matters arising from last meeting

* 1. A group has been established to apply for funding for rural broadband. However, Openreach have since been in touch and they have advised that full fibre is to be installed in the first quarter of next year, thanks to funding from ERYC and central government. Awaiting confirmation from ERYC Broadband Team.
  2. A request for orchid bulbs for the wild flower area at Octon junction, was considered. As orchids are not particularly robust the suggestion of snowdrops, daffodils and bluebells plus wildflower seeding or a wildflower bomb, to be put forward as an alternative.
  3. Erection of the fence to the rear and one side of the village pump area, to be deferred, as awaiting decision by owner of the adjacent field on the inclusion of a gate.
  4. Financial support has been approved for the East Wolds Community newsletter. The council was informed that any payment would be to a private bank account as a business account has not yet been opened. It was proposed by Cllr Burdass and seconded by Cllr Lancaster that payment to a personal account be approved in this instance.

**670.**Street Lights Update

The ERYC street lighting manager Karl Rourke addressed the meeting and explained to the council the pros and cons of disconnecting the power supply to the old wooden poles and removal and replacement of the poles with metal ones. It was agreed that the light at the junction of Dukes Lane and Main Street would remain connected to mains power, as this is classified as a conflict zone, and therefore lighting must be consistent, reliable and of sufficient brightness to satisfy the requirement of a conflict zone. Karl also to look at the issues surrounding the lighting at the Octon roundabout, which is not affective in fog. Clerk to look for funding to implement the new street lighting scheme.

**671.**Planning Application 21/02877/PLF was discussed

Proposal: Erection of a dwelling with associated parking following demolition of existing chalk barn

Location: Land and buildings east of Shepherds Cottage, Main Street, Thwing, YO25 3DY

Applicant: S Penson-Evans

Application Type: Full Planning Permission.

It was proposed by Cllr Coe and seconded by Cllr Frost that no objection be raised. Passed.

**672.**Correspondence

1. It was agreed that Cllr Blott and Sandra Morrison would represent the council at the ERNLLCA district committee meeting on the 21st October 2021
2. The East coast & Wolds Town and Parish Council newsletter was circulated. No comments
3. It was proposed by Cllr Burdass and seconded by Cllr Lancaster to adopt the updated Code of Conduct received from ERYC. Passed
4. A letter of complaint has been received from a resident regarding the condition of the roads along Syndale, following recent patch repairs. Contact has been made several times with ERYC by both Cllr Frost and the clerk. The patching is of unacceptable standard, and has left both Syndale and Rudston Road rutted and uneven. ERYC are aware of the complaint, but have yet to advise as to what remedial action they will take. Ward Cllr Dewhurst to follow up. Clerk to respond to resident.
   1. ERNLLCA Being a Good Councillor Training registration open for online sessions – Cllr Coe and Lancaster to register.

**673. Finance**

1. It was proposed Cllr Blott and seconded by Cllr Burdass to approve accounts to date. Passed
2. The purchase of top soil for Mere £18 per tonne delivered was deferred to the next meeting in order to obtain more information about quality and delivery.
3. It was proposed by Cllr Burdass and seconded by Cllr Lancaster to approve payment of £300 in support for the East Wolds Community Newsletter, and a cheque was issued

**674.** Arrangements for Remembrance Sunday 14th November 2021, were agreed. Clerk to contact the Amenities Group to see if they wish to be involved.

**675.** Mere Management Plan

It was agreed to pre book Clever Pastures to spray the reeds in the spring. Clerk to progress

It was agreed to replace the red acer which is still showing no signs of life. Clerk to progress

It was agreed to have the lawn mower serviced. Cllr Burdass to progress

It was agreed to order more daffodil bulbs from ERYC. Clerk has already enquired

Cllr Coe to contact arborists for date on agreed tree work

A thank you gift to be purchased for the volunteer resident who has been cutting the grass at the Mere. Clerk to progress.

**676.** Councillors were reminded that they could submit agenda items for future meetings to the clerk no later than 5 days before the meeting. Information along with meeting dates to be published also in the village newsletter.

Meeting closed 8.20pm

**Signed as a true record**

**Signed**

**Chairman Date.**