**Minutes to the Meeting of Thwing & Octon Parish Council held on Monday 25th April 2022 AT 7.00 PM at Thwing Church Rooms, Church Lane, Thwing**

**In Attendance: Cllr E Peacock (Chairman): Cllr P Burdass (Vice chair); Cllrs A Frost; T Lancaster; J Blott**

**Ward Cllr C Dewhirst**

The meeting was opened at 7.00pm by Cllr Peacock and all were welcomed.

**721.** Apologies were received from Cllr Coe and Cllr Carter and Ward Cllr J Evison

**722.** Declaration of Interest

Pecuniary - none

Non-Pecuniary – Cllr Peacock agenda item 9 re Ukraine refugees

Dispensations Issued - None

1. It was proposed by Cllr Burdass and seconded by Cllr Blott that the minutes of the meeting held on the 21st March 2022 be accepted as a true record. Passed

**724.**Matters arising from last meeting

* 1. Update on East - West Road – Cllr Frost advised members that a site visit had been conducted with Ward Cllr Dewhirst, but no further information had been received. Agreed that Cllr Frost would follow up.
  2. Cllr Frost advised that the beacon was now ready for installation on the 26th April, and the event to bless the pole has been staged for the 5th May 2022. Concerns were raised by the chair that protocol had not been followed and that arrangements had been made without consultation or agreement of full council. The clerk advised that due to time restraints arrangements had to be actioned.
  3. A quote has been received from Ben Cawthorne for the cutting back of the overgrown snowberry bushes and strimming of the surrounding area, plus laying of a new footpath. The work of cutting back and strimming has been authorised, and it was proposed by Cllr Peacock and seconded by Cllr Burdass that the footpath work should go ahead also, subject to reallocation of the Do it for East Yorkshire Funding Grant. Clerk to progress.
  4. The recent request from a resident to plant a memory tree has been withdrawn.
  5. Cllr Peacock is in the process of obtaining quotes for blue remembrance plaques in respect of the 5 service men who lost their lives during World War 1 and 11.
  6. It was agreed that topics for the next cluster meeting, should include roads and drains, PROW maintenance and planning.

1. Ward Cllr Dewhirst arrived whilst matters arising were being discussed, and subsequently advised that he has raised the road and footpath issues with the director of services P Bellotti.

**725.**Correspondence for discussion action and resolution

1. Lissett Wind Farm Fund is open for applications, but the closing date is 25.04.2022 The clerk advised that she has now submitted an application for funding to support the upgrading of the parish street lights.
2. NALC has requested topics for priorities and issues for smaller councils and it was agreed that this council’s topic should be that small councils do not have the financial means or mechanism to implement ideas for carbon offset. A central point to share ideas and best practise is required.
3. It was proposed by Cllr Burdass and seconded by Cllr Peacock that Cllr Coe should attend the NALC invitation to Fighting Climate Change – online event. Passed

**726.**Finance

1. It was proposed by Cllr Burdass and seconded by Cllr Blott that the accounts for financial year ending 31st March 2022 be approved. Passed
2. Each point on the AGAR Assertion Statement was discussed and agreed and the statement was duly signed off.
3. It was proposed by Cllr Burdass and seconded by Cllr Blott that the accounts to date be approved. Passed.
4. It was proposed by Cllr Burdass and seconded by Cllr Lancaster that a small grants application form be formatted and that the £500 Jubilee funding should be distributed by this means. It was further proposed by Cllr Peacock and seconded by Cllr Blott that part of the fund be used to purchase Jubilee mugs for the children of the parish. Number of children and cost of mugs to be ascertained and the matter to be brought back to the next meeting.
5. Having received an additional quote for a revised local council insurance policy from our insurance broker it was proposed by Cllr Peacock and seconded by Cllr Burdass to accept the new proposal at a premium of £241. Passed.

**727.**Ideas for the best method of attracting new councillors was discussed, and the the difficulties faced due to the small population size of the parish. Councillors asked to promote the council as opportunities arise.

**728**.Whilst ERYC have a help line for residents wishing to host Ukrainian refugees, there are still many difficulties and obstacles to overcome, and obtaining appropriate information and advise is proving difficult. A request was made to Ward Cllr Dewhirst for further assistance.

Meeting closed 8.40pm

**Signed as a true record**

**Chairman Date.**