**Minutes to the meeting of Thwing & Octon Parish Council held on Monday 28th February 2022 at 7.00pm at Thwing Church Rooms, Church Lane, Thwing**

**Present: Cllr E Peacock (Chairman); Cllr P Burdass (Vice Chair); Cllrs A Frost; J Blott; G Coe; J Carter**

**Guest: Ward Cllr C Dewhirst**

**701.** Apologies – Cllr Lancaster

**702.** Declaration of Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interest – none

Dispensations Issued- none

**703**. It was proposed by Cllr Burdass and seconded by Cllr Blott that the minutes of the meeting held on the 13th December 2021 be accepted as a true record. Passed

**704**. Ward Councillor Dewhirst arrived during matters arising and the meeting was opened to welcome him and include him in the discussions.

**705**. Matters arising from last meeting

* 1. Cllr Frost advised that he had been involved with protracted correspondence with ERYC on the poor state of the East - West Road and the atrocious repairs that were done last year by means of the roadmaster system. Correspondence and telephone calls have also been made about the verge damage on Kilham Road as it leads into Thwing. Urgent work also needs to be done on Church Lane which is breaking up badly, and should have been scheduled when the North -South Road was done in 2018. Cllr Dewhirst was asked to pursue with ERYC on our behalf.
  2. The lawn mower has now been service and repaired. It was agreed that Cllr Burdass would ensure that the machine is properly cleaned down after each use and accumulated grass is removed.
  3. A productive meeting was held at County Hall, with all 3 Ward Councillors present, the Head of Planning and the Director of Planning and Economic Services, along with Cllr Frost and the clerk to discuss The Falling Stone Public House. ERYC to discuss issues with the owner of the property, after which a further meeting will be arranged.
  4. Email has been received from our Ward Councillors regarding a cluster meeting for 2022. Agenda items to be put forward.

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

* 1. Email from ERYC requesting to adopted the Parish & Town Charter – it was proposed by Cllr Peacock and seconded by Cllr Coe, that this be deferred until the next meeting for further consideration. Passed
  2. Email from ERYC relating to Town & Parish Council Network meeting – parish charter to be recirculated,
  3. Following receipt of a draft letter from Newbald Parish Council no comments were put forward, but it was agreed that the Council will wait for the final draft before agreeing to support.

**707.** Finance

* 1. It was proposed by Cllr Burdass and seconded by Cllr Blott to approve accounts to date. Passed
  2. It was proposed by Cllr Burdass and seconded by Cllr Coe to approve payment as per attached payment schedule. Passed
  3. It was proposed by Cllr Burdass and seconded by Cllr Blott to approve outstanding payments under section 137 – £50 towards the school twilight bus and an increase to £85 towards Thwing Playground. Passed
  4. It was proposed by Cllr Peacock and seconded by Cllr Carter that the clerk’s hours be adjusted to 5 per week. Passed

**708**.A provisional meeting has already been held between representatives of the Parish Council, Amenities Group, Playground Group and the Church to discuss events for the 4-day bank holiday covering the Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. It was agreed that subject to successful funding applications which the clerk has submitted, the Council will purchase a beacon for erection at the Mere, and this will be dedicated as a memory pole/tree during May. The beacon will then be lit on the Thursday 2nd June in line with others throughout the country, with refreshments and the serving of jubilee tarts. The next schedule meeting to take events further is 7.00pm on the 8th March in the Church Rooms.

**709**. It was proposed and agreed that the Parish Council will sponsor two classes at the annual Thwing Show (largest vegetable and Children’s best picture)

Meeting Closed 8.15pm

Agreed as a true record

Signed

Chairman Date: