**Clerks Report for Thwing & Octon Parish Council Meeting 10 December 2018**

**Footpaths** I have received confirmation from Jayne Dixon Senor Engineer at ER Civil Engineering Services, that we are on next year’s programme for footpath repairs.

**Cluster Meetings** there are no cluster meetings planned until after the elections have been held in May

**Emergency Planning Meeting 15 November**

I attended this meeting and our draft emergency plan has now been completed. Next step is to compile emergency boxes and confirm the plan to ER for inclusion in their data base. Hard copies of all plans are held in a secure cabinet by ER and are used in the case of any emergency that may affect our area. ER will contact key members of our emergency planning team, and liaise with them on ongoing events and services that have been deployed etc. as well as providing advice and assistance where needed.

Note due to GDPR we are unable to list any residents names unless we have written consent.

**Local Plan Review Meeting 20 November**

Councillor Frost and myself attended the meeting at Wetwang on the 20/11. The meeting was informative. The Local Plan is being reviewed as a result of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) having been updated in June. Local Plans have to meet the criteria set out in the NPPF.

The Local Plan covers housing developments within the East Riding and the current definition of housing numbers is 1400 per annum, but this may change as the plan is updated and extended. Areas within the ER have been allocated as building plots and these are generally sited around or within towns and larger villages that have a certain amount of services. ER are calling for more sites to be submitted, which if accepted will be listed within their amended/revised Local Plan.

What did come out of the meeting was that the building line set in smaller and unsustainable villages is not set in stone. Small developments of 1,2 or more houses will be considered, and the building line would be moved to encompass these.

East Riding also have £2 million of funding available for Community Led Housing and affordable homes, and they currently only have 2 (at Walkington) being built.

Access to funding is in 3 stages;

the first - being £4k to do a community consultation and determine what is needed in the community

second - is doing a feasibility study

third - provide money for purchase of land and a part loan to build homes. Walkington have 1/3 funding from ER; 1/3 from Charity Bank; and 1/3 funded by way of a loan (again from Charity Bank) .

Small developments could be a mix of rented and purchased. The rental income or sale being used to pay off the loan.

If land owners in Thwing wish to build they could either submit a preplanning application for a dwelling or go down the Community Housing route through either the Parish Council of the Community Benefit Society (or set up a new cooperative)

**East Riding Rural Partnership Event 22 November 2018 – Bishop Burton College**

Councillor Frost and myself attended this meeting which was informative and an excellent networking event. There were many interesting speakers, and I have a booklet of information should anyone wish to read.

The ER are the only local authority that have a specific rural team. 60% of the county is classed as rural, against a national average of 20%

Rural Development in East Riding of Yorkshire have pilot scheme for supporting village shops, pubs etc. Helen Wright is the manager.

Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, will work with local farmers to improve and develop nature sites.

Local schools have been involved with building bird and bat boxes for placing in restored wildlife sites.

Some Parish Councils have done heritage trails and had leaflets printed listing heritage assets in their parishes and maps of walks. Small grants have been obtained to fund these projects, and the resulting literature is sold through a coin dispenser. Something worth considering for Thwing & Octon.