**Minutes to the Meeting of Thwing & Octon Parish Council held**

**on Monday 15th February 2021 at 7.00pm via remote platform**

**Present: Cllr E Peacock (Chairman); Cllr Patrick Burdass (Vice Chair); Cllrs A Frost; G Coe; J Blott; T Lancaster; C Oxtoby and Sandra Morrison (Clerk to the Parish)**

**Guests: Ward Councillors J Owen and J Evison**

**566.** There were no apologies

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

Dispensations Issued - none

**568**. It was proposed by Cllr Frost and seconded by Cllr Burdass that the minutes of the last meeting held on 18th January 2021 be accepted as a true record. Passed

**569.** Matters arising from previous meetings

1. The connectivity between ERYC and broadband connections for Octon are going ahead and should be switched on by the spring.
2. The repair and restoration of the village pump is in hand with new parts being on order. Cllr Coe to update by 22 Feb.
3. The work on putting in new and extra curbs and drainage pipes at the bend on the Burton Fleming Rd, near the Mere, should have started this week but has been delayed due to bad weather. Cllr Frost to monitor.
4. The missing sign post at the Bridlington Road/ High Street junction is still to be replaced. Cllr Frost to continue to pursue with ERYC
5. The drains in Main Street, west of Manor Farm are all blocked with silt and mud

, Cllr Frost has pursued with ERYC.

**570**. Correspondence for consideration

1. ERNLLCA newsletter – no comments
2. The Census on the 21st March was discussed. Forms to be submitted mainly on line. Information is to be put on the web site, and help if needed will be available through census volunteer advisors

**571.** Finance

It was proposed by Cllr Blott and seconded by Cllr Burdass that the accounts to date be approved. Passed

**572.** The renewable energy study is now complete although still awaiting the final hard copies from Avieco. The Ward Councillors expressed their support, and will help in which ever way they can. At the present time the only viable option is the up-grading of the street lights to solar, although community heat systems are being implemented in other areas of the country with the help of the County Councils. Appointments to be set up to discuss with ERYC, as a crucial part of the report is building back green, which the report shows is not feasible for small off gas grid rural communities like ours. There is a need to lobby the council and central government to make a change.

**573**. It was proposed by Cllr Peacock and agreed by all, to defer the updating of the parish plan until Covid restrictions have eased. Meanwhile Cllr Coe to work out the parish’s carbon footprint in order to plan how we can become carbon neutral. Possibility of relaunching the community benefit society with new members outside the parish council to be considered.

**574.** It was agreed that the remaining bird and bat boxes be installed on the 18th Feb

**575.** The junction of Octon Road and High street has been repaired again, but workmanship is very poor. Cllr Frost to speak to ERYC.

**576**. Cllr Frost broached the subject of the church bells and church clock, both of which need repair. It was agreed that this is a matter for the PCC to resolve, although the parish council can assist with repairs to the clock if this is requested.

Meeting closed 19.52

Agreed as a true record.

Signed

Chairman Date