Minutes to the Meeting of Thwing And Octon Parish Council

Held on Monday 22nd July at 7.00 pm at Thwing Church Rooms

**Present**: Cllr D McDermott (Chairman); Cllr E Peacock (Vice Chair) Cllrs A Frost; G Sanders; P Burdass; G Coe; C Oxtoby and Sandra Morrison (Clerk to the Parish)

**368/19** Apologies – Cllr Bannister

**369/19** Declaration of Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interest - none

**370/19** It was proposed by Cllr Peacock and seconded by Cllr Sanders that the minutes of the meeting held on 17th June 2019 be approved as a true record. Agreed.

**371/19** The clerks’ report was presented. It was noted that tree guards had now been installed around the newly planted saplings at the mere, thanks to Cllr Peacock and Cllr Coe. Only one tree has died back, plus one at Octon. Further tree packs will be available from the Woodland Trust in November. Cllr McDermott proposed that he would remove and dispose of the wheelbarrow on Dukes Lane, the area can then be seeded and will be cut by ERYC.

**372/19 Planning Application 19/02249/PLF** for alterations to roof of existing front projection to increase height of ridge and to adjoin to roof of main dwelling, installation of rooflights to front, side and rear and erection of single storey extension to rear following removal of existing outbuildings. Location: Ye Old Forge, Main St, Thwing: Applicant: Mr John Freeman; was considered by the Council and no objections were raised.

**373/19** Consideration was given to potential topics for the next ‘cluster’ meeting. The clerk to submit suggestions to cover over hanging trees and hedges encroaching onto the highway and also dead and dying ash trees, along with drains, soakaways, and the drainage cannels that are dug into grass verges.

**374/19** A response to the Rural Community Energy Fund and pre application questionnaire needs to be submitted, and suggestions were community roof top solar panels, solar panels at the top of the street lights, and a farm of solar panels subject to suitable land being acquired. Clerk to progress.

**375/19 The following correspondence was considered and resolved**

1. Parish /Town News Release June 2019 circulated and discussed
2. Clerk to advise a positive response to ERNLLCA regarding Being a Good Councillor courses run on a full day basis.
3. Clerk to respond on behalf of the Council to the email 20/06 addressed to Cllr McDermott re the Old Reservoir site
4. It was proposed by Cllr Frost and seconded by Cllr Burdass that we explore further the potential of Community Led Housing.
5. The dates for future meetings of ERNLLCA District Committee were noted, 8/10/19;7/4/20;14/7/20; as were requests for agenda items for the next meeting.
6. Printed editions of the Being a Good Councillor Guide are now available in paper copies at a cost of £3.55 each plus £1.20 pp. Clerk to order 4

**376/19 Finance**

* 1. It was proposed by Cllr Oxtoby and seconded by Cllr Coe that the accounts to date be approved. All agreed.
  2. The accompanying Bank Reconciliation was agreed and signed off.
  3. The payment of Internal Auditors Invoice for £35 was approved.

**377/19** The final draft resolutions from Cllr Sanders and Sandra Morrison for proposal at the ERNLLCA AGM were agreed

**378/19** A quote from Flixton Saw Mill of £57 per planter x 6 was agreed. Clerk to progress.

**379/19** Progress on the Mere project was discussed and it was agreed that now that the weeds had been sprayed and cut down, they should be allowed to grow again and then resprayed in August and cut back in September.

Cllr Coe to obtain quote for preparing land for seeding

Cllr Peacock to order grass seed

Cllr Coe to install bench and life belt

Cllrs Coe, Peacock and McDermott to organise cleaning and maintenance of existing picnic table and bench

**380/19** Cllr Burdass advised that the public footpath known as the Garth was again blocked with weeds and overhanging vegetation. Cllr Sanders advised that the public footpath between the Keld and Octon was a challenge to walk and needed clearing. Both paths to be reported to ERYC.

Meeting closed 8.12

Approved as a true record

Signed

Chairman Date