**Minutes to the meeting of Thwing & Octon Parish Council held on Monday 22nd June 2020 at 7.00pm via remote access**

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

**Guests: David Siddle – ERYC Rural Housing Enabler: Peter Hirschfeld**

**483/20 Apologies:** Cllr Peacock and Cllr Bannister

**484/20 Declaration of Interest:**

**Pecuniary** – none

**Non-Pecuniary -** none

**Dispensations Issued –** none

**485/20** It was proposed by Cllr Burdass and seconded by Cllr Frost that the minutes of last meeting held on 18th May 2020 be approved as a true record. Passed

**486/20 Meeting opened to Dave Siddle and Peter Hirschfeld to discuss Draft Housing Needs Survey Report.** The housing survey was distributed in March 2020 to approx. 400 properties in the 3 parishes of Thwing & Octon, Burton Fleming and Wold Newton. Returns were few, which was felt to be partly due to the wording and the length of the survey. However, results from the returns that were received show an affordable housing need, particularly in Thwing. The consensus of the Council is that we progress the possibility of setting up a community group and further consultation once Covid restrictions permit, as the parish needs additional housing in order to survive and bring in more services.

David Siddle left the meeting.

**487/20 Correspondence for consideration and resolution**

1. Resignation of Cllr Bannister was received and sadly accepted
2. ERNLLCA Newsletter 4 and 5 have been distributed
3. Parish & Town Update for May 2020 has been distributed
4. An appeal for additional funding support from The Royal British Legion was refused on the basis that it would set a precedence. Poster to be displayed in bus shelters.
5. The request for support for Rural Transport Funding Proposal to be recirculated
6. The updated LGA Code of Conduct has been circulated and it was agreed that the clerk would respond in favour.

**488/20 Mere Project -** work continues at the Mere in accordance with previous plans. Cllr Coe has now drafted a management plan, which can be used to monitor and progress, and which will also be an aid to any further funding applications. The grass has received it’s first cut, and Cllr Burdass is to progress ongoing cuts, as well as further spraying of the cleavers in the bank, prior to the laying the coir matting that has been purchased.

**489/20 Finance**

* 1. It was proposed by Cllr Burdass and seconded by Cllr Oxtoby that the accounts to date be approved. Passed
  2. It was proposed by Cllr Burdass and seconded by Cllr Coe that the clerk’s expenses and 3 monthly salary payment be approved. Passed

**490/20 RCEF feasibility study –** the application for uplift funding has been approved, the sum available now stands at £34930. The next remote meeting being 24.06.2020. will cover progression of site visits, and community engagement .

Agreed as a true record.

Signed

Chairman Date: