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

**Held on Monday 23rd November 2020 at 7.00pm by Remote Platform**

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

**Guests: Ward Councillor Jane Evison and Ward Councillor Jonathon Owen**

**529**. Apologies– None Cllr Lancaster absent

**530.** The chairman welcomed our guests and also our new Councillor Joy Blott

**531**. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest - None

Declaration of Non-pecuniary Interest - Cllr Frost and Cllr Oxtoby as members of the Thwing & Octon Amenities Group, declared an interest in items 9(iii) and 10 on the agenda

**532.** With reference to item 527 on the minutes of the meeting 26th October 2020 Cllr Peacockadvised that the contractorwho is doing the restoration work on the pump on Dukes Lane has been delayed in Inverness. Cllr Frost pointed that the site should read Dukes Lane not Butts Lane and the draft minutes be amended accordingly.

**533.** It was proposed by Cllr Frost and seconded by Cllr Burdass that the minutes of the last meeting held on 26th October 2020 be agreed as a true record, subject to amendment. Passed

**534. Correspondence**

1. ERNLLCA October and November newsletters were circulated, and it was noted with sadness the death of ERNLLCA President Gordon Thurston.
2. An Invite to Driffield & Hornsea Neighbourhood Policing remote meeting 16 Dec 5.00pm was circulated and all members were encouraged to attend. Cllr Peacock advised that there has been an increase in poaching deer, along with theft from outbuildings and farm vehicles. A resident has also reported seeing someone in a neighbour’s garden late at night.
3. The clerk has now collected 3 emergency food boxes from Driffield food bank and these are being stored at Cllr Peacock’s. The clerk to draw up a further flyer to be distributed advising residents of available help, once more information has been issued from central and local government at the end of the current lockdown period.
4. A letter has been received from ERNLLCA executive committee advising that two nominations have been moved for the position of representative to the East Riding and North East District on the ERNLLCA Executive Committee. This Council have elected to vote for Cllr Steve Richardson of Hutton Cranswick Parish Council
5. The clerk advised that a recent email had been received asking for topics for scrutiny. Closing date for this is 8 January 2021. Members to advise.
6. It was proposed by Cllr Frost and seconded by Cllr Coe that this Council do adopt the staff Grievance Policy. Passed
7. No further registration for ERNLLCA training sessions on finance and budgets, were put forward, new dates are extended into the middle of next year.
8. The ERYC Code of Conduct Training via zoom is on the 9.12.2020 and all members are encouraged to attend

**538**. Finance:

1. It was proposed by Cllr Coe and seconded by Cllr Burdass that the accounts to date (19.10.2020) be approved. Passed
2. It was proposed by Cllr Burdass and seconded by Cllr Oxtoby that payment of Invoices for ERYC Street lights service level agreement 1 for £1051.51 and the PCC of Thwing Church Rooms £132.00 in respect of rent be approved. Passed
3. It was agreed to the purchase of a Christmas tree for Thwing village and lights for trees in both villages in conjunction with the T & O Amenities group, on a 50/50 cost basis.
4. It was agreed that setting of the budget for financial year 2021/22 be deferred until the next meeting.

**539**. It was agreed to approve the request from Thwing & Octon Amenities Group to decorate the Thwing village shelter with Christmas decorations. Clerk to write to Amenities Group, advising them that decorations must be safe, appropriate and tasteful, and consideration given that this is a public amenity.

**540**. Cllr Peacock has been in touch with ERYC who have been supportive in relation to rural broadband connectivity and have liaised with BT Open Reach to enable the whole parish to be connected by Spring 2021

**541**. Cllr Coe advised that he should be in a position to undertake some tree works at the Mere before Christmas. It was agreed that the drainage ditch should be cleared of debris as soon as possible Cllr Coe and Burdass to action.

**542.** The interim technical report from Avieco on our rural energy project has now been presented to the Parish Council sub committee and is being edited following further questions and discussions being put to the Avieco team. The Financial assessment is underway with a draft report expected by the end of the month. The Council should then be in a position to go into the final document stage which should tell us in the form of a decision tree which technologies are available and suitable for implementation, allowing us the opportunity to go back to the community for further action.

**543**. The meeting dates for 2021 were agreed as follows:

January 18th July 19th

February 15th August ----

March 15th September 20th

April 19th October 18th

May 17th November 15th

June 21st December 13th

Agreed as a true Record

Signed

Chairman Date: