

THWING & OCTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes to the Annual meeting of Thwing & Octon Parish Council held
on Monday 13TH May 2024 at 7.00pm. at the Church Rooms Thwing
An ordinary meeting of the Parish Council directly followed the Annual Meeting.**

Annual Meeting

**Present: Cllrs Frost; S Morrison; J Blott; M Jibson; W Turnbull; J Hare; E Harrison; T Lancaster; S Rounding
(Clerk) 1 Member of the Public; Ward Councillor C Dewhurst**

1040. Apologies received from Cllr Burdass

1041. Nomination of the chair – Sandra Morrison Proposed Cllr Blott Seconded Cllr Turnbull

1042. Declaration of office was received from the chair

1043. Nomination of Vice Chair – Cllr Burdass stated before the meeting that he was happy to continue in his role. Proposed Cllr Lancaster Seconded Cllr Blott

1044. Report given by Cllr Morrison,

2023/24 has been an interesting year. Following the elections in May I moved from being your clerk to becoming a councillor and then being elected as your chairman.

A completely new role for me but I hope I have risen to the task. I have been pleased to welcome new members to our council and even more pleased that we now have a full complement of members. Something that has not been achieved for several years.

We also of course have a new clerk, who I believe will become a great asset to our community. This last year has seen us celebrate the coronation of our new King, and we once more utilised the Mere as a venue.

The Mere is now being regularly maintained and I would like to thank all who work hard to make it the success that it has become. I would like to give thanks for the generous donation that enabled us to place a Tommy statue at the Thwing Crossroad. On the bank by the Mere our beacon stands proudly along with our second village shield. The beacon will again be lit on the 6 June to commemorate 80 years since D Day and a small event will be held as we join together to remember those who gave their lives both at home and abroad during the D-Day landings.

This coming year will see further improvements as we have been awarded funding from the UKSPF to enable us to improve our footpaths and progress our project of a heritage trail encompassing a circular route between Thwing and Octon.

1045. Committees and responsibilities. It was resolved that –

Cllr Frost continues responsibility for highway, footpath and drainage issues.

Cllr Blott Responsible for Thwing defibrillator

A volunteer is responsible for the Octon Defibrillator

Cllr Morrison & Cllr Blott are both responsible for the village planters D-Day

Cllr Morrison, Burdass & Blott – HR Committee

1046. ERNLLCA representatives resolved as Cllr Morrison, Cllr Blott and Cllr Hare

1047. Review Governing documents – Standing orders, financial regulations and financial risk assessment

Financial regulations are deferred to the next meeting in June due to a new release that needs to be reviewed, Clerk to make updates to standing orders.

1048. Review of Inventory of Land and assets – No amendments needed

Meeting close 19:15 Signed as a true record:

Chairman

Date.