

THWING & OCTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 8th JUNE 2026 7.15PM, AT CHURCH ROOMS, CHURCH LANE, THWING

Present:

Councillors: S Morrison (Chair); P Burdass, J Hare, T Lancaster, M Jibson, S Thompson, W Turnbull

Clerk: S Rounding

Public: x 1

Chairmans welcome

1327. Apologies

Cllr T Lancaster was absent

1328. To receive a Declaration of Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interest

No declaration received

1329. To receive Chairmans acceptance of office

Cllr S Morrison signed the acceptance of office and thanked everyone for re-electing her as Chair for another year.

1330. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th May 2026 were agreed and signed as a true record

1331. To agree to open the meeting to Ward Councillors and members of the public

No Ward Councillors present due to holiday / other commitments.

1 x representative of the amenities group

The member noted they are extremely pleased with how the new chair of the amenities has dived straight in with the role, with the guidance of the previous chair great things are happening at this years Village Show.

1332. Correspondence for information and action

A. ERNLLCA Newsletter

Noted and circulated

B. ERNLLCA AGM

Cllr S Morrison advised Cllr we have the opportunity to put a motion forward at the AGM if we wish to do so, Cllr's to have a think and bring anything to the next meeting.

1333. Community for Information and Action

A. **To note** any new updates from ERYC

Nothing new from the previous meeting, clerk to chase further progress with ERYC, additionally request the cutting of the triangle piece of land near the mere, as it is causing a hazard at the road junction.

B. **To receive** updates and agree on actions for Egdon Planning

Resolved: Clerk to prepare an additional objection to be submitted, with the notes suggested by Cllr Morrisons as a starting point. All Councillors and Residents have the opportunity to put there comments and objections in still.

C. **To receive** an update on Oak Cottage

No update at present on the current position of the empty property. Clerk to chase an update from ERYC

D. **To discuss and agree** on concerns raised over land off Church Lane

Uncertainty of the use of the recently purchased land was discussed, Cllr's that had recently spoken with the Owner advised the rest of the council their plans are for personal use only and to use it as a base for visiting the area. Resolved: No further action to be taken at present.

1334. Finance

A. **To agree on** receipts and payments to date

Council reviewed receipts and payments since the last meeting. Proposed Cllr J Hare Seconded Cllr J Blott
Resolved

B. **To agree on** bank reconciliation to date – Bank Balance £7624.40 31.05.2026

Council reviewed the bank reconciliation and noted the balances

C. **To agree on** payments as per Schedule 2

Resolved: Agreed payment schedule 2, Proposed Cllr Burdass Seconded Cllr Blott

D. **To approve** the following payments:

- BRC Gardening £185.00
- Lawn Mower Fuel £30.02
- Wood Oil 5l £25.92
- Zurich Insurance £264.00
- Clerk expenses (stationary/printing)

Resolved: The above payments were proposed Cllr Hare Seconded Cllr Burdass to proceed with payment.

E. **To approve** the purchase of a replacement clerk laptop

Resolved: Council agreed in line with the pre agreed budget for the replacement of a new laptop given the age and performance of the current one the clerk is to find the best value for money with a max budget of £600

Proposed Cllr Turnbull Seconded Cllr Blott

F. **To agree on** tree survey quotes

The clerk presented four quotes to the council, it was agreed for the clerk to proceed with the best priced quote, £475. Resolved: Clerk to make the arrangements with the contractor.

1335. Village Maintenance for action

A. Strimming requirements for Heritage trail, benches (Skipper Lane, Nr Lampugh House)

Cllr Burdass advised the council that he had already in his own time strimmed around the benches. Cllr Harrison had made arrangements with Mr Harrison and some members of the Young Farmers group who have taken care of the Heritage Trail. The council wished to send a huge thanks of appreciation to those who have assisted with the maintenance.

B. Cleaning of Telephone Kiosk and Bus Shelter

Cllr Morrison and Cllr Blott both volunteered to do this when time permits.

C. Oiling of Benches, bus shelters

Cllr Morrison has the Oil and cllr Hare will finish off the oil in his spare time.

1336. Policies and Governance

A. Business Continuity Plan

Resolved: To adopt the new policy, Proposed Cllr Turnbull Seconded cllr Burdass

B. Grievance Procedures

Clerk to make amendments and bring to the next meeting.

C. Recording Policy

D. Resolved: To adopt new policy, Proposed Cllr Hare seconded cllr Burdass

E. Training statement of intent and record

F. Resolved: To adopt the new policy, clerk to prepare are training record and keep updated.

Proposed Cllr Blott, Seconded cllr Burdass.

1337. Review Parish Calendar

Meeting Closed 08.11pm