**CHEDISTON AND LINSTEAD GROUPED PARISH COUNCIL**

 A Meeting was held on Monday 21 March at 7.30pm in

Linstead Village Hall

**MINUTES**

1. The Chairman welcomed Councillors and members of the public, those present were John Ibbott, Janet Heath, Tammi Mason, Mark Titchiner, Jo Wareham and Sarah Ward,

2. Apologies for absence were received from Jonny Vaughan

3. There were no declarations of Interest to record.

4. Minutes of previous planning meeting held on Monday 7 February 2022 were circulated and agreed to be a true and accurate account of the meeting and were duly signed.

5. Matters arising from minutes not covered by the agenda – Linstead Village Hall Committee will be holding a meeting in April – Clerk to write to them to ask for if they will support a speed indication device be sited close to the Village Hall.

7. Public Forum – Cllr Burroughes added to his monthly reports that the County budget of £625m is available for funding environmental, adult social care and children and young people’s support. SCC are seeking more foster carers. The first section of the new Gull Way bridge has been delivered in Lowestoft, this project aims to encourage investment in the area. East Suffolk are forming a new local authority trading company, “East Suffolk Services” that will take over services currently operated by NORSE when their contract expires in July 2023.

8. Planning – DC/22/0373/FUL - Willow Farm House, Chediston Green, Chediston

 To upgrade the barn, which already has a kitchen, room and upper storage area into a more habitable annex, which can be used for additional accommodation. Convert the existing garage into an office and gymnasium, both served by a WC containing a shower and with the addition of a side extension to house garden machinery and equipment whilst also providing a new discreet new setting for the oil tank which serves the listed Willow Farm house. This proposal has been discussed and Councillors expressed no objection to the application

9. Finance – Chediston Notice Board, funding has been agreed by East Suffolk cheques for £1221 for the PC’s share of the noticeboard purchase. Clerk expenses £58.19 for mileage and internet security. Linstead Village Hall hire charge £52.50. The Information Commissioner fee of £35.00 is paid by DD.

10. Web-master support for internet coverage will continue, Tam has been offered some additional support by Kate Vaughan. The web-site does need some updating and this will be addressed.

11. Chediston & Linstead Bus service to Halesworth will start on Wed 6 April – We are awaiting funding for the project and should know shortly. We do not have a contract with HACT, so the service can be cancelled if it is not supported, but the intention is that it will run for six months.

12. Correspondence for circulation – Councils Direct

13. Notices for Co-opted Councillors have been posted on the noticboards and we have received a response from Mark Burroughs via TM. Mark lives in Chediston. Mark attended the meeting and was proposed by TM and seconded by JW and will become a co-opted Councillor with full voting rights.

14. Correspondence via e-mail Community Governance Review Sizewell C update. Cllr Buroughes reports

15. AOB - Community Governance Review – Councillors were not against smaller Parishes merging as long as they were able to keep their individual identities and were represented. Parishes sharing a Clerk was thought to be good use of funding. The issue beside the watercourse on Church Road will be repaired by Highways this week. Concern over telephone/internet connections were raised during recent bad weather. Both villages lost power for around 6 hours. During that time there were no internet or telephone connections and due to the fact that we only have 3G internet access across much of our rural area, there were people who also had no or very poor mobile access. In the case of some outlying homes, they were without any telephone access for two days. This poses serious threats in cases of emergency for these residents leaving them extremely vulnerable. Cllr Burrough said that the Suffolk Resilience Forum have picked up on this difficulty as BT moves over to Digital Voice and a question will be raised with Ministers in Government. It is thought that landowners should be contacted “as good neighbours” to highlight the potential difficulties that residents face if trees fall onto telephone lines due to our poor mobile access and the inability of Outreach to repair the connections quickly.

 The meeting closed at 8:20

 The next meeting will be on Monday 16 May 22 in Chediston Church Hall

 Signed ………………………………….. Dated ………………………………….