**CHEDISTON AND LINSTEAD GROUPED PARISH COUNCIL**

 A Meeting was held on Monday 18 March 2024 at 7.30pm in

Linstead Village Hall

**MINUTES**

1. The Chairman welcomed Councillors to the meeting, those present were John Ibbott, Janet Heath, Jo Wareham, Mark Titchiner and County Councillor Stephen Burroughes.

2. Apologies for absence were received from Theresa Gilbey, Anna Bramble, Jonny Vaughan and Cllr Julia Ewart

3. There were no declarations of Interest to record.

4. Minutes of previous planning meeting held on Monday 29 January 2023 were recorded as a true and accurate account and duly signed by the Chairman.

5. There were no matters arising from minutes not covered by the agenda.

6. Public Forum – County Cllr Burroughes told us about a public survey in relation to the Consultation with the Government for proposed devolution. SCC would prefer to stay as it is with a directly elected leader and not a mayoral leader. The new Dragon whole patcher which runs on hydrogenated vegetable oil has repaired nearly3000 pot holes in the last two months, it works 5 times faster than the traditional teams – SCC are considering hiring the system if it is successful – it is currently loaned to the County. SCC approved the budget in February, with a £750 m turnover - priority spending is focused on Adults and Children, Mental Health and Special Educational Needs.

7. Finance – A Financial Statement was given to Cllrs - Information commissioner – annual fee £35.00 – a cheque was signed for £59.67 - Clerk expenses.

8. Planning – DC/24/0240/FUL – Loft conversion and insertion of new windows. Lyndale, Halesworth Road, Linstead Parva, IP19 0LB – Cllrs supported the application.

9. Community Asset – Chediston School Room. We have applied to register The School Room as community asset. This means if successful, and the owners decide to sell the property within the next five years, we will be given a six - month opportunity to come up with the funds to purchase it.

10. Annual CIL Report was given to Cllrs it shows we have a pot of £1827.12 to spend on projects to enhance the community.

11. Correspondence for circulation – Councils Direct Sizewell update Cllr Ewart and Cllr Burroughes reports

12. AOB – funding for the Chediston Bus has come to an end – new funding grants will be sought. The annual litter pick takes place over the easter period. Bags should be taken to Dormy House, Linstead for collection. Friday 21st June is Suffolk Day, there will be a wine tasting and nibbles and an organ recital in St Mary’s Church, Chediston. JI reported concerns with the Environmental Agency’s ability to clean the ditch in Linstead by the fallen railings. Unfortunately, even though 8 people, 5 vans a Supervisor and a Welfare van were present, the debris that was cleared from the bottom of the ditch was left on the bank, where following the next large rainfall, the debris will end up in the ditch again!

13. The meeting ended at 8:20. The next meeting will be the AGM - 20 May 2024 in Chedsiton School Room at 7:30pm

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