**CHEDISTON AND LINSTEAD GROUPED PARISH COUNCIL**

A meeting was held on Monday 18 November 2024 at 7.30pm in Linstead Village Hall

**MINUTES**

1. The Chairman welcomed Councillors, those present were: John Ibbott, Janet |Heath, Jo Wareham, Mark Titchiner and Theresa Gilby

2. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Stephen Burroughes and Cllr Julia Ewart will attend the meeting following another meeting.

3. There were no declarations of Interest to record.

4. Minutes of previous PC meeting held on Monday 16 September 2024 were circulated and recorded as a true and accurate account of the meeting. The Chairman signed the minutes.

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

6. Finance – Financial Statement - Cheques for signature: CAS £60.00 – One Suffolk web-site Primary Care Trust £442.80 – replacement defibrillator pads - St Mary’s Church Chediston £40.00 – Room Hire - HACT £412.50 – Chediston Bus Project.

7. Precept 2024/25 – circulated to Cllrs, it was decided to increase our request to £3750 for next year due to increases in minimum wage, insurance and SALC subscriptions.

8. CIL – spending ideas. A member of public has suggested that the phone box in Chediston could be redecorated using CIL funding. Internet connection in Linstead Village Hall was an idea to consider.

9. Public Forum – Julia joined the meeting: The Environmental Agency are to set up a direct contact for clerks of local town and parish councils. Sizewell C updaters - The archeologists are now on site at Sizewell C. The air quality along the A120 corridor is up. Forums are being held in the form of mini lectures/information sessions in rural areas. Community Partnership are working well within the East Suffolk area. A gathering - cake off is being organised for 18 January in the Huntingfield Village Hall - all Councillors and clerks are invited from the Kelsale/Yoxford ward. The leader of East Suffolk Councill, Cllr Caroline Topping will be attending.

10 Hedgerows along Wissett Road, Chediston – We have received a complaint about the overgrown hedges along Wissett Road from The Lakes on both sides of the lane being which are encroaching onto the highway. Cllrs have asked the Clerk to write to the land owners and ask that they cut their hedges and re-instate a verge along the highway.

11. Dates for meetings in 2025 20 January 2025 - Chediston Church Room 17 March 2025 - Linstead Village Hall

 19 May 2025 - Chediston Church Room – AGM

 20 July 2025 - Linstead Village Hall

 15 September 2025 - Chediston Church Room

 17 November 2025 - Linstead Village Hall

12. East Suffolk Blooms – The Clerk collected the bulbs from Ufford last week, they will be planted in Linstead and Chediston on Linstead Church corner and by the telephone box in Chediston – volunteers are needed. The telephone box also needs rubbing down. Nature First small grant scheme – up to £1000 is available for schemes like installing swift boxes.

13. Correspondence for circulation - Clerks and Councils Direct - 18 January 25 – Cake off

 Community Safely Survey - Cllr Ewart and Cllr Burroughes reports

14. AOB. – The Rural Coffee Caravan is visiting Linstead Village Hall on Saturday 8th February.

15. Date and Time of next meeting – 20 January 2025

16. Meeting ending 8:30pm

Signed …………Janet Heath…………………………………………. Dated 20 January 2025