**CHEDISTON AND LINSTEAD GROUPED PARISH COUNCIL**

 A Meeting was held on 17 March 2025 at 7.30pm in

Linstead Village Hall

**MINUTES**

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

2. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Stephen Burroughes and Mandy Chandler

3. There were no declarations of Interest to record.

4. Minutes of previous meeting held on Monday 20 January 2025 were circulated and agreed to be a true and accurate account of the meeting.

5. Matters arising from minutes not covered by the agenda.

6. Public Forum

7. Finance – A current Financial Statement was given to Cllrs Information Commissioner – annual fee £35.00 Cheques for signature: Clerk expenses £113.42 to include annual security and printing costs. Installation of Wifi in Chediston School Room and Linstead Village Hall (CIL payments) – Xus Technologies, £381.32 A Grant of £420 – “Chase the Bus” to Linstead Village Hall, has been received from Cllr Julia Ewart’s Community budget.

8. Co-opted Councillor, Mandy Candler – Linstead, was unable to attend this evening, we will complete the process at May’s meeting.

9. Annual CIL Report was given to Cllrs it shows an availability of £1827.12 to spend on projects to enhance the community, minus payments to Installations of Wifi which leaves a balance of

10. Web-site updates are well underway and will go live in April. Our new gov.uk e- mail address chedistonandlinstead-pc.gov.uk will go live in April too. These works are being paid for out of our CIL budget.

 Cllr Julia Ewart joined the meeting

11. Devolution updates Norfolk and Suffolk – Local County elections have been suspended. No decision on when they will take place has been made, but it is expected that the proposed Norfolk and Suffolk merger will go ahead with a new Mayor.

12. Correspondence for circulation – Councils Direct Sizewell update – the next Community Forum will be held on 27 March at HighLodge off the A12 start at 18:00. Cllr Ewart and Cllr Burroughes reports

13. AOB – Annual litter pick is underway, additional bags and picks can be obtained from Janet or Kay. East Suffolk will be collecting the rubbish bins from Dormy House. Linstead on 1st April. The idea of a Village Plan was put forward – Julia was able to tell us that this is always a good idea, but it is a very big piece of work – funding would be needed, as it would likely cost in excess of £5000 and would require employing an Administrator to get it ratified by Suffolk County Council. The process would take about 18 months. On the positive side CIL payments would increase to 25% (we currently get 10%) and the Planning Department would take this into consideration when making decisions as it would go into the County Plan. She suggested it would be a good idea to speak to other Councils and Clerks who have taken these steps. Identifying potential building sites within the villages will be helpful in meeting the Governments new house building quotas. There have been too many instances of dog waste bags thrown into hedgerows around Chediton. We do have 3 dog waste bins in the Village and these are emptied by East Suffolk Council regularly. Dog walkers who do not use the waste bins or take their waste home (this waste should be put in the black bins) should not put their dog waste into a bag, but flick it to the side of pathways and leave it to rot down naturally. **Plastic poo bags at best will be 50% recycled material but they** **do not break down.** And are extremely unsightly!

14. The next meeting will be the AGM’s - 19 May 2025 in Chedsiton School Room at 7:30pm

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