**CHEDISTON AND LINSTEAD GROUPED PARISH COUNCIL**

A Planning Meeting was be held on Monday 07 July 2025 at 7.30pm

In the School Room, Chediston

**MINUTES**

1. The Chairman will welcome Councillors and members of the public – those present were John Ibbott, Janet Heath, Jo Wareham, Mark Titchiner and Theresa Gilby.
2. There were no apologies for absence.
3. Minutes of previous meeting will be discussed at our next PC meeting.
4. Matters arising from the minutes – we held a public meeting on 30 June 2025 in relation to this planning application.
5. Public Forum – residents were requesting that the PC ask for a delay to give time to make informed decisions.
6. Planning:- DC/25/2021/FUL Construction of solar photovoltaic farm of up to 40MW and associated ancillary infrastructure including; underground cabling, new access tracks, substation building, storage container, perimeter fencing with CCTV cameras and access gates, landscaping, temporary construction compounds and all on-site ancillary grid infrastructure and associated site works. Land at Chediston Hall, B1123, Chediston, Halesworth, Suffolk, IP19 0AW

Councillors discussed the application and raised the following points:

The overall size of the development. Lack of information in regard to dismantling or what happens if the company goes out of business? Proposal for 40 years, what then? Closeness to footpaths Increased lorries using the B1123. No proposals to mitigate the visual impact of fencing. No suggestion to hide the buildings, which could be built elsewhere, away from footpaths. No details of environmental / biodiversity changes

Loss of good quality arable land – we should be growing food.

Questions raised – are we able to use a planning barrister? Are District Planners neutral?

There was an overwhelming objection to the proposal at our Public Meeting – therefore, there was a proposal to object to the application and this was seconded. Councillors voted unanimously to object to the proposal on the grounds of

Loss of good arable land, the size and scale of the development, detrimental impact on historic footpaths and loss of visual landscape value.

1. A.O.B. – there has been a decision to require the applicant to submit an Environmental Impact Assessment in relation to this proposal. Therefore, they will have to re-submit the application and it will then allow East Suffolk Council 16 weeks to respond instead of the current 12 week timeframe.
2. Meeting closed at 8:40pm – next PC meeting 21 July in Linstead Village Hall

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