

# CHEDISTON AND LINSTAD GROUPED PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 16 July 2012 at 7.30 pm in the Linstead Village Hall.

1. The chairman welcomed the parish councillors.
2. Apologies for absence were received for Mrs S. Clifford.
3. There were no declarations of interest.
4. Minutes of the Parish Meetings and Annual General Meeting held 28 May 2012 were read and agreed. These will formally be agreed at the next Annual Meeting. A small amendment was made to the Parish Meeting report to show that Mr Downing had chaired it. The clerk reported that Mr S. Burroughes the District Councillor had been delayed. By the time he arrived the meeting had finished and most councillors had departed.
5. There were no matters arising from the minutes not covered by the agenda.
6. Public Forum. Mr Mantell advised that the Chediston Queens Jubilee weekend was very successful, it brought the majority of the village together. He thanked the parish council for its donation to the event and advised that it made a profit for the village of £2.70. It is hoped in the future to have one social committee to organise events in the village.
7. Planning Matters. There were no planning matters to discuss.
8. Rural Housing. The council had been asked by Suffolk Acre to consider whether they wished to undertake a Rural Housing Survey in the villages to see if there is a requirement for houses to be provided in the villages for local people to rent. This had been done in the past and had shown little interest from the parishioners. The housing survey if undertaken would require a document of approximately sixteen pages to be produced, issued out to each household, monitored and evaluated at the end of the given time. The council were divided as to whether they thought this survey should be undertaken in view of the dent it would make in council finances. The council were aware that from current information if the villagers said yes they would like this matter looked into, the council would not have a say in the number of houses, where they would be put, or the ensuring that only local people would be able to live in them. It was likely that they would be run by a housing association. As a compromise it was suggested that the villagers themselves should make the decision, a simple letter is to be issued to each household with a stamped envelope to reply, asking did they support a survey being issued with regards to Rural Housing. Yes or No. The reply to be sent back to the parish clerk by the date of the next meeting. Any reply not received would be classed as a no. A draft letter is to be put together by the clerk and chairman. This idea was proposed, seconded and voted in favour of. There was one abstention.
9. Finance. The clerk reported that there is £2231.98 in the current account.  
£1232.99 in the deposit account.

10. Report on Linstead Magna and Linstead Parva Queens Diamond Jubilee events. Mrs J Heath advised that the villagers had enjoyed the events that had been put on. In particular people had liked looking at photographs of past events. Lots of photographs were taken this time which will be of interest to people in the future. The parish council were thanked for the funding that was given to enable the events to be undertaken.

11. Correspondence.

- a) The clerk had received from the Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC) correspondence which suggested that the government required changes to the Code of Conduct that the councillors signed up to. The council were required to vote in favour of undertaking this and it was suggested that a Suffolk Code of Conduct which would be universal to all councils in Suffolk should be adhered to. The new code of conduct asks that spouse's interests should be made public too. The councillors were concerned as to how much information people need to know about everyone. In the end as public officers it was proposed, seconded and voted in favour of accepting the Suffolk Code of Conduct. The clerk had issued forms for completion as per SALC's instructions.
- b) Letter from Suffolk Coastal District Council re review of Planning services. Does the council wish to make any comments. The council have looked at previous review documentation papers and decided that they would make no comment this time.
- c) Letter from Suffolk Coastal District Council re review of Housing Services. Does the council wish to make any comments. The council decided that they did not wish to make any comments re the review of housing services.
- d) Heelis & Lodge Internal Audit Report. The Internal Audit report was read out to the council. The report was very positive. The only thing that it suggested was that the pages should be numbered. The clerk reported that the accounts had gone off to the external auditor and she is awaiting their return.
- e) Details of Localisation of Council Tax Support. The correspondence with regards to this made little sense. It was decided to put it into the circulation folder.

12. Correspondence for circulation.

- a) Suffolk Association of Local Councils report to Area Meetings June 2012.
- b) Suffolk Acre Annual report.
- c) Suffolk Flood Risk Management Public Summary.
- d) Spa Pavilion Felixstowe Events

13. The chairman advised that there is a memorial at Chediston Church to the crew of a Wellington Plane that crashed locally with bombs aboard in the war time. Relations of the crew members are to visit the village on the 10<sup>th</sup> September 2012. A memorial service is to be held in the crews memory.

14. The date of the next meeting is to be 17 September 2012 at Chediston Church Rooms at 7.30.

**Signed Mr G Downing**

**17 September 2012**

