

Minutes of the Chediston and Linstead Grouped Parish Council meeting held Monday 18 July 2011 at 7.30 pm in the Chediston Church Rooms.

1. The chairman Mr G Downing welcomed the councillors Sheila Clifford, Janet Heath, John Ibbott, Terry Tooze, Joanna Wareham, Roger Wilkinson and the public to the meeting.
2. The clerk had received apologies for councillor Mr M Titchiner.
3. There were no declarations of interest.
4. The minutes of the Parish Meetings and Annual General Meeting held 16 May 2011 were read and agreed.
5. There were no matters arising from the minutes not covered by the agenda.
6. Public Forum.

The matter of Rural Broadband was raised. Mr Downing has been attending meetings with regards to this and requested the matter be put on a future agenda for discussion. Mr Mantell was thanked for his work with the website and for bringing various matters to the attention of the parishioners.

7. Co-option of new councillors. The clerk had advised the councillors that Mrs Harriett Ziegler had put her name forward to be a councillor. Mrs Ziegler had attended the meeting. Mrs Heath proposed that Mrs Ziegler should be co-opted onto the council. This was seconded by Mr Ibbott and the council voted in favour. Mrs Ziegler completed the co-option forms and was invited to join the councillors at the table. The clerk reminded councillors that one further councillor was required to represent Chediston.
8. Planning Matters.
 - a) C11/1467 Erection of rear extension Holly Tree House, Wissett Road, Chediston. The council considered the plans. A proposal to support the plans was made, this was seconded and the council voted in favour.
 - b) C11/1324 Use of paddock as a ménage at Walnut Tree Farm, Halesworth Road Chediston. The council viewed the plans. A proposal was made to support the plans. The council voted in favour. The clerk is to notify the Suffolk Coastal District Council.(SCDC)

- c) Planning permission has been given by Suffolk Coastal District Council for application C11/0840 for erection of wind turbine at The House on the Hill Chediston.
- d) Planning permission has been given by SCDC for retention of access and repositioning of gateway at land belonging to Old School Cottage Halesworth Road
Chediston.

9. Finance

- a) The clerk reported that the current financial position is: Current account £3598.46 and the deposit account £1232.54.
- b) A cheque was written out for £300.00 for the clerk due to a bank error.
- c) A letter has been received from Suffolk Association for the Elderly to offer a grant to the villages to enable them to hold a special event for the elderly at Christmas. The councillors considered this an excellent offer. After discussion it was agreed to give the letter to Mr Wilkinson to take home for his wife to bring the matter up at the next Women's Institute meeting.
- d) It was reported that there was £40.00 to come to the parish council from the use of the Amenity Field for a car boot sale.

10. Council Review.

The council reviewed the document they had put together when the previous council had been elected four years before. After discussion it was agreed that the majority of the work they had set out to do had been achieved.

11. Linstead street signage and road proposals.

Suffolk County Council have sent proposals to the council as to what they could do for the Linstead Street sign and for the proposals to try to slow the traffic down through Chediston. The report contained approximate costs. The County Councillor Mr C Hart has proposed payment towards it from his locality budget. The council viewed the plans which included having white lines on both sides of the roads through Chediston. The idea being that if the road looks narrower people will drive slower. Councillors were concerned that heavy white lines throughout the village in Chediston on both sides would lead to complacency. They asked the clerk to write back to say that the council were pleased their concerns were now being taken seriously but to ask if the lines could be on both sides of the road near the bends and council houses where there was more danger. The clerk is to send the letter to the chairman to view before being sent off. The new sign for Linstead is likely to be incorporated on the same post as a new 30 mph.

12. Correspondence.

- a) A letter has been received from Mrs Thomas with regards to road signs and speed limits. In view of the latest proposals that have been received by the council and the County Council's obvious desire to make improvements the clerk was asked to write back to acknowledge her letter and advise that changes are likely in the future.
- b) Correspondence has been received from a company called Viridor. They ask for applications for funding from themselves for local communities. The date had virtually run out by the meeting. The clerk will ask if further opportunities available.
- c) The clerk advised that the licence for the Grit bin at Chediston Green has been received. The clerk will write again to see where exactly it is required to place it.
- d) A letter of thanks has been received by the parish council for the donation of £60.00 it donated towards the upkeep of the Churchyard in Linstead.
- e) The Thatch Register. The Fire Department of the Suffolk County Council has sent out a request for local parishes to advise them of the addresses of thatched properties in their villages. The details are to be forwarded to the clerk who will keep a village register and advise the Suffolk County Council. Mr D Mantell agreed to put an article with regards to this on the chedlin web site.

13. Correspondence for circulation.

- a) Suffolk Acre membership List and competition re newsletters.
- b) Suffolk Acre Annual report.
- c) The Clerks and Councils Direct magazine.
- d) Volunteer Suffolk Coastal magazine.
- e) Society of Local Councils offer parish Councillor guides £12.75
- f) Future of Suffolk Coasts and Heaths

14. Date of the next meeting is to be 26 September 2011.

Mr G Downing

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