

Minutes of Chediston & Linstead Grouped Parish Council Meeting held Monday 6 September 2010 at the Chediston Church Rooms at 7.30 pm

1/Mrs Heath welcomed the councillors. Present were Mr P Gregory, Mrs J Heath, Mr M Titchiner, Mrs J Wareham & Mr R. Wilkinson. There were three members of the public in attendance.

2/ Apologies were received for Mr Burroughes, Mr Downing (Chairman) & Mr Tooze. The councillors proposed, seconded and voted in favour of Mrs J Heath to take the meeting.

3/There were no declarations of interest.

4/ The minutes of the Parish Meeting 19 July 2010 and the Planning Meeting held on the 9 August 2010 were proposed by Mr Titchiner & seconded by Mr Gregory as being a true account of proceedings. The council voted in favour and they were signed by the acting chairman.

5/ Matters arising not covered by the agenda. The clerk advised that she is still waiting to receive an updated list for the salt bins and the highways department have still to send an email with the proposed charges for a sign for Linstead.

6/ Public Forum.

a/Mr Mantell reported that councillor Mr S Burroughes is in the process of setting up a meeting with the British Telecom, Suffolk Coastal District Council & Waveney District Council regarding the speeding up of broadband connection in the villages. He wished to express thanks on behalf of the villagers for this.

b/ A parishioner advised that there is still a problem with regards to dog fouling in the village of Chediston particularly near the council houses. The clerk was asked by the council to look into the cost of notices to discourage dog fouling. The matter will be put onto a future agenda.

7/Planning.

a)C10/2010 The Firs, Church Road, Chediston. Renewal of planning permission C07/1657. Several of the councillors had attended an earlier site meeting. The plans were looked at and discussed. Acceptance was proposed, seconded, and the council voted unanimously in favour.

b)Site Meetings. As a full council was not available the matter of site meetings is to be put on to a future agenda.

8/Finance.

a) The council voted in favour of authorising the clerk to change the wording on the audit form to no rather than yes when it asks whether a risk assessment has been undertaken for the year 2009-10. This has now been done. The clerk will return the form to the audit office.

b) Risk assessment. The council looked at the list of things that a council was obliged to risk assess each year. They were reviewed one by one. The council was satisfied that it had covered everything that applied to the council. It was proposed seconded and voted that the acting chairman should sign and date it. It was also proposed that this should be done at least once a year. The clerk is to prepare a revised version of the risk assessment form that relates more precisely to the parish council's responsibilities.

c) The clerk reported funds held at present as Current account £2150.11 and Deposit account as £1231.94. The funds for the Amenity field are still to be received as is the balance of the Precept.

9/ Referendums re: Precepts. The Suffolk Association of Local Councils had advised the local councils that the government is proposing bringing in referendums of the local parishioners when a council thinks they require a much larger precept than normal. The council's views were to be back with them by 10 September 2010. Little further information was known.

The council thought unlikely to affect them as only have a very small budget and are not likely to have any major expenditure. The clerk will write back accordingly.

10/ Amenity Field. Mr Toose was unable to attend to give a report as he was helping Mr Downing with the harvest. It was agreed to ask for a report at a later date.

11/Correspondence.

- a) Mrs Sunila Osborne on behalf of Suffolk Acre wished to come to a parish meeting to talk about rural housing. The council discussed the matter. Mrs Heath advised that it had only been a few months since the council had last had a talk on the subject. It was agreed to decline the offer at present.
- b) Police survey. The council felt that it would be appropriate to send copies to Mr Heath and Mr Mantel for their views as Neighbourhood Watch members.
- c) Suffolk County Council have issued a survey regarding proposed changes to the way people will in future register births deaths and marriages. Many of the smaller offices will close down and some actions will be done on line via the computer. The council declined to respond after a long discussion.
- d) A request has been received from Age Concern for a poster asking for volunteers to be put in one of the noticeboards. The council agreed. However the council felt unable to make any donation at this moment in time.
- e) The Local Councillor magazine and Suffolk View magazine are to be put in a circulation folder.

12/ Other matters.

a) The council were reminded of a forthcoming quiz night.

b) A request was made for the clerk to write to highways with regards to drains in Wisset Road opposite the trout lakes and drains under the B1123 which need cleaning out to prevent roads flooding in future.

13/ Date of next meeting 7.30 pm 29 November 2010 at Linstead Village Hall.

There being no further matters the meeting was closed at 8.45 pm.

Signed by Mr G Downing

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