

MINUTES OF CHEDISTON AND LINSTAD GROUPED PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 7.30 PM MONDAY 30 JANUARY 2012 AT LINSTAD VILLAGE HALL

1. The Chairman welcomed councillors Mrs S Clifford, Mrs J Heath, Mr J Ibbott, Mr M Titchiner, Mr T Tooze, Mrs J Wareham & Mrs H Ziegler to the meeting
2. There were no apologies for absence.
3. There were no declarations of interest.
4. Minutes of the Meeting held 28 November 2011 were read and agreed .
5. There were no matters arising from the minutes not covered by the agenda.
6. There were no members of the public present. The clerk advised that she had received apologies from Mr David Mantell.
7. There were no planning matters to discuss.
8. Finance.
 - a) The clerks reported that there was £3351.70 in the current account & £1232.84 in the deposit account.
 - b) The clerk asked for payment of the PAYE deductions from the clerks wages to the end of December 2011 in the sum of £86.40. Payment was proposed, seconded and the council voted in favour.
9. Queens Diamond Jubilee.
 - a) It was reported by Mr Tooze that there had only been eight people at the meeting held in Chediston to discuss plans for the Queens Jubilee. The celebrations being discussed would be for the Sunday and Monday of the Jubilee and would mainly centre around the Amenity Field. Matters discussed included a children's party, Rounders or Cricket, and possibly a band or music of some kind in the evening with a marquee up on the field. Mr Mantell is currently putting together a flyer which will be distributed around the village to try to get support for a working committee for the event. Mr Titchiner is going to look at the cost of making mugs to commemorate the event. Samples could be available for the forthcoming meeting. Mrs Wareham will provide the Marquee. Thoughts also included having a beacon in the village, the highest point of which is Grange Farm.
 - b) Mrs J Heath reported that Linstead villagers wanted to plant a tree near the Linstead village hall to mark the occasion. A piece of land has been allocated. Linstead was also interested in any mugs that Mr Titchiner might produce but have found on the internet at, commemorative mugs .co.uk some for £2.45 each plus vat and a £10.00 delivery charge. Minimum buy is 72. Rather than give one to each child in the village it was thought they might be given one to each family. They hope to hold another meeting in March. The main event is likely to be held on Monday and would include a big lunch/barbecue and rounders/cricket match. On Tuesday if a suitable site is found they could light a beacon.

Mr Downing offered to look into alternative costings for mugs for Chediston. There are some photos in Linstead Village Hall of previous Jubilee events. It was agreed that photos should be taken at each event to record for the villages the event.
10. Highways and work done on verges. A request had been received for this matter to be put on the agenda. Concern was raised that the work done recently by the Highways agency was not of good quality. The auger being used to divert water from the road was not long enough. Often the mini drains were in the wrong places and trying to divert water uphill. This is particularly bad in the area opposite Mr Downings Farm and near Church Farm. The clerk was asked to write to highways to point these matters out. Also tree debris needs clearing out of some of the ditches.
11. Garden Party Buckingham House. Each year the council is asked by Suffolk Association of Local Councils if they would like to nominate a person to have their name put forwards for the lottery to attend the Queens Annual garden party. Emphasis was made this year that the nominated person should be someone who has served the council well over the years but who has now come off the council. It was proposed, seconded and voted in favour of nominating Mr P Gregory's who was a past chairman for many years, has served the council well but has now come off the council.

12. Correspondence.

- a) A further letter has been received from Mrs I Thomas regarding Linstead Street Sign and road works. Mrs Thomas did not think the County Council had done enough with the white lines and moving of signs. The council asked the clerk to write back to point out that both she and the council had been arguing for years for changes along the B1123. The County Council had indicated that they were not able to do anything within their guidelines a year ago. The council members have had several meetings with the Highways department and County councillors and feel that the solutions offered by Highways are the best possible speed calming arrangement that can be obtained in the present circumstances and under the present legislation.
- b) Waveney District Council have forwarded consultation papers regarding a new Industrial site for Halesworth at Broadway Farm. Council members were interested in the plans but did not feel that the council should make any kind of reply as the site is not within the boundaries of the villages.
- c) Suffolk Acre Community Buying Oil Ltd. The clerk has distributed details of Suffolk Acres Community oil buying scheme to the councillors. Mr Wilkinson had been through the details and thought it may well be worth buying oil through them. The paperwork was put into the circulation folder. Anybody can join. A copy is to be forwarded to Mr Mantell for the website.
- d) Mr Keith Moore has written to the council to advise that he gives Property Advice. The council have no property and therefore are unlikely to need his services.
- e) Norfolk & Suffolk Gypsy & Traveller Seminar. A seminar is to be held Friday 2 March 2012 at the park Hotel Diss. No councillors were available to attend. It is possible that a new site is being looked at for Earsham.
- f) Suffolk Shines. An opportunity to enhance historic buildings with Olympic colours. The council have no churches lit at night so have no need of plastic with Olympic colours to put over lights.
- g) Dynamic fireworks. Correspondence was received advertising fireworks for the Queens Diamond jubilee. None of the councillors felt the villages could justify the cost of fireworks.
- h) Pre-Submission soundness consultation on Development Plan document December 2011. A soundness consultation on the Local Development Plan was received. The document was very extensive. The council did not feel that they needed to reply as they had received similar documents and replied to them in the last year.

13. Correspondence for circulation.

- a) Suffolk View Magazine.
- b) Saxmundham & Framlingham SNT Community Forums 14/12/11.
- c) Suffolk Coastal Resource Network newsletter
- d) Suffolk Foundation Annual Review 2010-11

14. Any other urgent matters that the chairman allows.

- a) Mrs Heath offered to organise the litter picking campaign again this year. The council were very appreciative.
- b) It was reported that a family had recently moved into the village and their actions were causing a few problems with their neighbours. The council cannot directly speak to the Housing association regarding this but suggest that a diary is kept by the neighbours who are affected so that they can then speak to the housing association themselves and ask for action to be taken.

15. Date of the next meeting. The date for the next meeting is to be 19 March 2012 7.30.pm at Chediston Church Rooms Chediston.