**CHEDISTON AND LINSTEAD GROUPED PARISH COUNCIL**

A meeting was held on Monday 18 January 2016 at 7.30pm in the Chediston Church Room

**MINUTES**

1. The Chairman welcomed Councillors and members of the public. Those in attendance were Janet Heath, Joanna Wareham, Sheila Clifford, Terry Tooze, Mark Titchiner and Sheilah Turley.

2. Apologies for absence were received from Graham Downing

3. There were no declarations of Interest.

4. Minutes of previous PC meeting held on Monday 16 November 2015 were reported to be a true and accurate account of the meeting and were duly signed.

5. There were no matters arising from minutes not covered by the agenda.

6. Public Forum.

It was reported that the culvert outside Church Farm is blocked. Also, a culvert on the top of the hill on Chediston Green belonging to Ridgewell is blocked. Highways seem unable to create gulleys that are long enough to reach ditches and water runs along the highway and not in the ditches. At a recent hunt, horses were ridden on public footpaths by Paddys Farm – Clerk to notify John Ibbott about these concerns. Concern was raised about the speed of some vehicles along Chediston Green. There is a 30 MPH limit in place and the area is well signposted. Can a traffic portable speed indicator be considered as a deterrant?

7. Community meeting to be held in re: B1123 – two dates were suggested, Monday 29th February and Monday 7th March. Topics for discussion are:- Large lorries; SAT NAV routes, need for priority routes to direct traffic away from B1123; Signs, ”not suitable for large vehicles”; Speed restrictions.

8. Finance – Quarterly Financial Statement given to Councillors. £3,000 has been requested for 2016/17 Precept plus £41.76 council tax support funding.

9. External Audit for Smaller Parish Councils – automatic registration will occur from the end of January. Chediston & Linstead Grouped Parish Council do not wish to opt-out of the new scheme.

10. Correspondence. Suffolk Fire and Rescue integrated risk management consultation Invitation to Planning Event at the Royal Harwich Sizewell Monthly update Dec 15 East Suffolk Partnership Board Meeting 16.12.15 LAIS - Public Service Ombudsman

11. Correspondence for circulation. Clerks and Councils Waveney Intouch Magazine

12. A.O.B.

A litter pick is scheduled 16 March for “Clean for the Queen” as part of the birthday celebrations. Agenda for next meeting - Celebrations on the weekend 10-12June for the Queens 90th Birthday, possibly a Picnic on the Community Field. Highways have agreed to carryout work to pipe a third of the ditch from the telephone box on Church Road, but funding is an issue and no date for the works has been set. Jo has suggested that she install a divert drain in the field to take away water, this should reduce the amount of water on the highway. Clerk to check on whether a decision to close public toilets in Halesworth has been reached. There still seems to be some discrepancy in the amount Flagship Housing are charging individual residents for water in the three areas of Chediston, Chediston Green and Linstead. The billing indicates that everyone pays the same – Clerk to ask residents to fill out a questionnaire on how much they pay.

13. Date and Time of next meeting is Monday 21 March in Linstead Village Hall.

Signed …………………………………………… Dated …………………………………..