

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE JUBILEE PARK MEETING ROOM
At 7.30 pm ON 16th February 2017**

Present: Cllrs Lowings (Chairman), Crummett, Harvey, Goldsmith and Myhill.

In attendance Mrs K Wilson (Clerk) and 22 members of the public

1. **To receive and accept apologies for absence.**
Apologies received from Cllr Bennett
Cllr Dimoglou was not present and no apologies received.
2. **To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests and disclosable pecuniary interests and requests for dispensations from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting.**
None.
3. **To hold a public session.**
A parishioner expressed her concern about Cllr Dimoglou by way of the fact that he had now not attended the last 3 parish council meetings. The parishioner had also attended the meeting at Breckland Council offices where the LSC status of Yaxham was discussed and was deeply perturbed by the fact that Cllr Dimoglou spoke against the wishes of the parish despite being a Parish Councillor for Yaxham. She felt he was working to his own agenda and not representing the views and wishes of the people who had voted for him. She also understood that he had refused to speak on behalf of Yaxham PC regarding the Lanpro development of 25 houses as the District Councillor due to the other District Councillor, Paul Claussen being away at the time. With this in mind she asked to propose a vote of no confidence to the room. 18 people present voted in favour of a show of no confidence in Cllr Dimoglou. It was agreed to write to Paul Claussen to request he represents the Parish Council on any planning matters in the future as Cllr Dimoglou could not be relied upon.
4. **To receive matters of interest from the District/County Councillor.**
None received.
5. **To agree and sign the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 19th January 2017**
The Minutes were agreed and signed.
6. **To discuss Planning Matters:**
The planning application (3PL/2017/0148/HOU) relating to the erection of a garage on Station Road was discussed. The application has apparently been refused by Breckland and it was agreed that the Clerk should request for this application to be looked at under delegated powers.

7. To review any new planning applications:

There were no new planning applications.

8. To receive correspondence

A letter was received from Mr Sinclair, a resident at Yaxham Waters, expressing his extreme dissatisfaction with the situation regarding the terms of occupancy of his property which appeared to differ from the initial information received from Cllr Dimoglou. He was also concerned that there were ongoing breaches of the planning conditions. The Clerk agreed to respond to his letter in writing at the earliest opportunity. It was also suggested that this letter be forwarded to Enforcement to consider.

9. Neighbourhood Plan

a. To receive an update

The Chairman, Mrs Oechsle, reported that Newsletter Issue 6 has been delivered throughout the village. The Independent Examiner is coming to Yaxham next Tuesday for an informal hearing. He wishes for further information about the justification for the Strategic Gaps Policy STR1. He may then recommend amending the policy wording or a re-drawing of the actual gaps. He could also decide it is all perfectly reasonable – particularly as they are so well supported throughout the village. It is really crucial for parishioners to turn out for these meetings to lend their support. I take this opportunity, on behalf of our Working Group of 10 residents, to thank you for your support and also to thank those who help us by taking on the Newsletter deliveries. This has been a true community effort and hopefully it won't be too long now before Yaxham's Neighbourhood Plan proceeds to the first Referendum in Breckland.

b. To receive a financial report including the current grant position and agree any invoices/payments from NP4Yaxham.

The Vice-Chairman, Ian Martin, reported that there were two elements of expenditure in the past month: printing and office supplies from Eastern Office Supplies in Dereham for £160.66 (incl VAT); consultancy services from Small Fish for December & January totalling £404.31 (incl VAT). These were agreed for payment. The Working Group's financial balance after these costs would be £1,522.02.

10. To discuss updates on LSC status

The Chairman invited Mrs Oechsle and Mr Martin to report to the meeting. They said that Breckland's Local Plan Working Group had voted on 3rd February to remove Yaxham from the list of villages being put forward to be newly designated as Local Service Centres in the emerging Local Plan. Some 14 parishioners had attended that meeting, including the PC Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk. This was a great success after 12 months of campaigning with the Parish Council and the NP4Yaxham Working Group working together. It was now important to make sure that this decision was confirmed at Cabinet and by the Council. Mrs Oechsle thanked everybody for their work and support in achieving this result. The Parish Councillors thanked the Working Group for all the work that they had done in achieving this and what they had done for the village.

11. Yaxham Waters - foul sewage – update if any.

No further update

12. **To discuss position with Standards with regard to Councillor Dimoglou complaint if any.**

Although the Independent Person had written to the various complainants stating that she could find no wrong doing by Cllr Dimoglou, and that the matter was closed we now understand that this decision is being reviewed as legal advice is being sought. With regard to the LGO Kevin Eldred had advised the clerk prior to the meeting as he was unable to attend that the LGO had concurred with BDC but could produce no evidence that the various matters raised had been adequately investigated so they have been asked to review their position.

13. **To discuss parking issues near St Peters Close**

The Clerk had visited the local police station for advice relating to the vehicles causing an obstruction of the pavement by St Peters Close. The police took details and issued an incident reference number (0902217/182). It was hoped that once the culprit had been spoken to the matter would be resolved.

14. **To discuss the damaged planters**

The incident where a vehicle recently collided with the planters was reported to the police and unfortunately they have been unable to trace the person responsible but have agreed to keep the matter open for 6 months in case further information comes to light. The planters were completely destroyed. Meanwhile, it was agreed that the Clerk will contact Came and Co, the insurers, to report the loss. Cllr Crummett had collated information about some possible replacement planters and it was agreed that the oblong planters made from railways sleepers would be the best option.

15. **To discuss Financial Matters.**

The RFO reported that the VAT returns would be submitted in April to reclaim the VAT incurred by NP4Y service providers.

16. **To approve payments (inc NP4Y)**

Payments were approved to
Small Fish Consultancy
Eastern Office Equipment
The Clerk
Responsible Financial Officer.

17. **To note any items for inclusion on the agenda of the next Meeting.**

To discuss the vote of no confidence put forward relating to Cllr Dimoglou

18. **To consider passing a resolution under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by s.100 of the Local Government Act 1972), that the public and accredited representatives of newspapers**

The meeting was closed at 8.40pm.

19. **To discuss any requirement for a Parish Charity meeting.**

It was decided that no meeting as necessary until the situation regarding replacing the village planters was clearer with relation to the insurance etc.