



YAXHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE JUBILEE PARK MEETING ROOM AT 19:30 hours ON 9 JANUARY 2014

Present: Cllrs Lowings (Chairman), Bennett, Dimoglou
Faircloth, Harvey and Myhill.
In attendance Mrs F Needham (Clerk), members of the public

1. To receive and accept apologies for absence

None.

2. To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests/disclosable pecuniary interests and requests for dispensations from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting.

Cllr Dimoglou declared an interest in item 7.a and 7.b as an owner of THPD Properties Ltd and item 7.d as the neighbour of the property concerned.

3. To hold a public session.

A member of the public spoke about traffic and parking problems outside the school. Several other members of the public said they thought this was a serious problem. A governor of the school asked that members of the public report registration numbers of cars parking dangerously or inconsiderately to the school.

A member of the public spoke about dangerous speeding on Cutthroat Lane. Peter Smith said the CLP survey showed that traffic issues were identified as the most important issue and there was support in the parish for the PC to spend council funds on dealing with traffic problems e.g. purchasing a portable speeding sign.

Mr Dimoglou spoke about planning application 3PL/2013/1149/F.

4. To receive matters of interest from the District/County Councillor.

Cllr Jordan has forwarded correspondence about the Localised Council Tax Grant, to be discussed under item 16.

5. To agree and sign the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 5 December 2014.

It was AGREED to delete Parish Council in Item 6. CLP Group - Community car scheme and to insert "Parish Charity" and with this amendment the minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

6. CLP Group

a. Community car scheme.

To discuss whether the Parish Council will support the setting up of a community car scheme financially.

This item was incorrectly put on the agenda and is an item for the Yaxham Parish Charity's meeting.

b. Community re-cycling.

To discuss whether the Parish Council will support a community recycling day and set a date for this in the next year.

It was AGREED that the Parish Council will support this idea but will leaving setting date to the CLP.

7. To discuss Planning Matters:

a. To review the following planning applications:

3PL/2013/1116/F - Mr & Mrs Barry Green - Silver Spring Arabians, Paper Street NR19 1RY - Removal of condition No. 5 on 3/95/1015/F - occupation of dwelling.

It was AGREED to object to this application with comments - The PC does not believe the occupancy restriction should be lifted. If the current owners do not wish or are unable to continue with an equestrian business, the property should be marketed to new owners who would like the opportunity to use the site for this purpose, for which planning permission for the house was originally granted.

3PL/2013/1149/F - THPD Properties Ltd - Yaxham Waters, Dereham Road NR19 1RF - Variation of conditions 3, 4 & 5 on pp

3PL/2012/0362/F in respect of stationing of 4 additional holiday lodges.

Cllr Dimoglou left the meeting while this item was discussed, it was AGREED to there were no objections to the application. Cllr Dimoglou re-entered the meeting.

b. To note the following planning decisions:

3PL/2013/1102/F - Mr P Dimoglou - Yaxham Waters, Dereham Road NR19 1RF - Extension to single storey dwelling house, on a separate site to the holiday park but shares access to the highway.

Permission granted

c. Update on planning application:

3PL/2010/1361/F - Land East of Yaxham Road, Dereham - Erection of 255 dwellings with associated open space.

It was AGREED to object to this application again with comments about serious traffic problems, Westfield Bridge, junior schools full, and to request if agreed a cycle/footway between Dereham and Yaxham, and improved access to the A47 eastbound as a condition.

d. To discuss any further developments and/or response received from Breckland Council relating to the static caravan in the garden of the property situated at Redmayes, Dereham Road.

It was NOTED that the caravan is no longer occupied and AGREED to leave this item on the agenda.

e. To discuss any further developments and/or response received from Breckland Council in relation to the building works being undertaken at Riverside Farm, Cutthroat Lane, Yaxham.

No further update received. Clerk to contact Breckland Council.

8. To discuss Financial Matters:

a. The following payment was approved:

i. F Needham salary (December 2013) £275.60

9. Internal Control Procedures.

a. To consider month end bank reconciliations

i) Barclays Bank Community Account Statement in respect of the Yaxham Parish Council CLP account.

- ii) Barclays Bank Community Account Statement in respect of the Yaxham Parish Council Community account.

No bank statements have been received so this was deferred to the next meeting.

10. To receive an update on Highway matters.

a. To receive an update on work carried out and work planned and or investigated by Highways.

The clerk said that the following had been reported to Highways: hedge along pathway on Norwich Road, hedges along Cutthroat Lane, pothole near the manhole cover between Spring Lane and Pinns Corner. On Cutthroat Lane only Steptoes and the Diocesan landv hedges still need cutting.

b. To note other repairs/maintenance work required including obstruction on Footpath 4 and resurfacing of Church Lane.

Pot holes in Mill Lane and Church Lane, Yaxham sign outside Yaxham Waters falling down, direction sign on B1135 as approach village need to be re-positioned, repair to wire on wooden bridge on Footpath 4 (Diocesan land).

11. To review advertising on the Yaxham Village Website.

Mr Dimoglou said he would deal with this.

12. Update on bus services at Clint Green.

The clerk reported that Helen Martin at NCC has offered to liaise with Konectbus in agreeing a bus stopping place. It was AGREED that the clerk will write to Konectbus requesting that the existing stop continue to be used as the bus stop and asking for confirmation that drivers have been instructed to use the stop.

13. To consider applying to Norfolk County Council Parish Partnership Scheme for 50% funding towards purchasing a portable vehicle activated speed sign in partnership with Garvestone, Reymerston & Thuxton Parish Council and allocating £700 towards the cost.

It was AGREED to proceed with the application for funding jointly with Garvestone, Reymerston & Thuxton PC and to allocate £700 in the 2014/15 budget. It was noted that the residents of Clint Green request use of the speed sign.

14. To agree the budget and set the precept for 2014-15.

The draft budget as prepared by the previous clerk was considered. It was AGREED to add £700 on to the proposed precept of £9000 to fund the speed sign, bringing the total precept to £9700 but otherwise to agree this budget. It was noted that this is an increase of 11% on last year's precept but that 8% of this increase was as a result of Breckland Council withholding the Localised Council Tax Support grant (which was £666 this year).

15. East of England Co-Operative village defibrillator update.

The surveyor will visit the village hall next week with Cllr Myhill.

16. To consider the Ministerial Statement on the Localised Council Tax Grant forwarded by Norfolk ALC and decide on any action in response.

It was AGREED the clerk will write to Cllr Jordan asking him to take up the non payment of the Grant to parish councils in the District with Breckland Council on Yaxham PC's behalf. It was NOTED that this issue could also be raised with George Freeman at his meeting with the CLP on 31st January 2014.

17. To receive correspondence:

- c. Mark McCaghrey, Rector Mattishall and Tudd Valley – email 16 Dec 2013 - Remembrance Sunday 2014 – it was AGREED to put this on the next agenda.
- d. Norfolk Constabulary Crime Statistics – e-mail 18 Dec 2013 reporting one crime (category “other”) in Yaxham - noted.
- e. George Freeman – e-mail 19 Dec 2013 A wider East Anglia Mobile and Broadband Campaign to tackle the rural ‘digital divide’ - noted.

18. To receive items for the next Agenda.

None.

To confirm the date of the next meeting:

Full Meeting at 7:30 pm on Thursday 20th February 2014.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50 pm.