

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE JUBILEE PARK MEETING ROOM
At 7.30 pm ON 21 JULY 2016**

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

In attendance Mrs K Wilson (Clerk) and 23 members of the public

1. To receive and accept apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllr Harvey

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.

Steve Goldsmith declared an interest in Item 13 as he is employed by the YVAA

Cllr Myhill declared a possible interest in Item 13 .

Cllr Dimoglu did not believe he had an interest in Item 8 but in the interests of good order he agreed to leave if requested. However, he was 'crystal clear' that he had no interest in relation to local Green Space at Paper Street so requested that items 8 be split. He also agreed to leave if requested when item 9 was discussed. Cllr Dimoglu also apologised for his unacceptable behaviour at the previous meeting when asked to leave by the Chair.

3. To hold a public session.

A member of the public requested a progress report into the various complaints submitted to standards at Breckland in respect of Cllr Dimoglu and it was agreed the clerk would request an update from standards.

It was noted that Breckland submitted documents relating to future planning at variance to which was agreed at the meeting on Monday 18th July. It was agreed at the meeting a limit of 45 houses but in the document this has increased to 70. NPY4 were going to query this.

The ongoing situation of drainage and flooding was discussed. It was suggested that it might be helpful if local farmers be contracted to clear the land drains in the Whinburgh Road. There was also an ongoing issue with the sewers overflowing by Elm Close.

It was pointed out that the Tud had not been cleared/dredged for several years and the fallen trees and vegetation was now a contributing factor to the flooding situation. It was agreed that Anglian Water should be contacted in respect of this.

During the discussion the fact that Anglian Water drains are being compromised by other water getting into the drains was mentioned and in addition a member of the public advised that 5 vehicles had ruined engines after the recent severe flooding.

The public session closed at 7.55pm

4. To receive matters of interest from District and County Councillors.

None received.

5. To agree and sign the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16 June 2016.

It was agreed that the minutes were a true and accurate record of the meetings held and they were signed by the Chairman.

6. To discuss Planning Matters:

7. To review new planning applications

3PL/2016/0-749 Quinces Farm. Erection of two dwellings with all matters reserved except access

The application is outside the development boundary and it was felt that there was a safety issue in respect of the very limited visibility splay. Cllr Dimoglu felt that people would be more amenable to a smaller scale development.

Cllr Bennett said he did not have an issue with the development provided the houses were in keeping with the general locality and that the visibility situation was for Highways to comment on.

The vote was taken and the casting vote by the Chairman resulted in the application being rejected.

a. To note the following planning decisions:

None received

8. Neighbourhood Plan -

a To receive an update from NPlan4Yaxham.

An update was provided by NPlan4Yaxham and it was agreed that the NP4Yaxham Group should proceed with the submission of the plan to the next stage.

b NP4Y had attended a meeting at Breckland earlier in the days and confirmed that there would be a further 6 weeks of consultation process. The plan would be inspected by an independent examiner at the end of October to double check points and make any necessary amendments prior to moving to the next stage.

c. The Vice Chairman gave an updated financial report and invoices were submitted for payment to the Parish Council. .

d. "The NPlan4Yaxham included in the Local Green Space policy the land in Paper Street owned by the Parish Council. After discussion it was agreed to remove this site from the Plan, so that the Council could keep its options open in the future for possible development."

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9 To discuss update on LSC Status.

Maggie Oeschle from the NP4Y Group advised that Breckland were refusing to reverse the LSC status decision of the Yaxham Parish Council despite a formal request in writing having been submitted to Breckland. .

She advised a precedent had been set with a couple of other local parish council that successfully managed to obtain an opt out but it seems Breckland have decided to promote Yaxham as a village rather than a rural village.

Cllr Claussen had been supporting the request to reverse the decision but no final decision has been made as yet.

10 Breckland Outdoor Sport and Play Fund

.It was decided to hand this matter over to YVAA as owners of the playing field.

11.To discuss financial matters.

It was noted that the accounts were being finalised by Mrs Hubbard and would shortly be ready for submission to Mazaars. A further update will be given when available.

A To approve payments

Payments were approved and made to Small Fish Eastern Office Equipment for the NP4Y Group Parish Clerk

B To approve bank reconciliations

No bank reconciliations were available.

12. To receive an update on Highway Matters.

a The Clerk reported that the potholes had been reported on the automated on line system provided by County Council.

b.The yellow lines outside the school were discussed again. Cllr Jordan advised the Clerk that he had advised Cllr Bennett of the way forward but it seems this is not the case so the Clerk undertook to contact Cllr Jordan again.

13. To discuss the YVAA and the management of the Jubilee Park Meeting Room

Some councillors expressed concern that the YVAA seemed to be making unilateral decisions and not following correct procedure. The YVAA appeared to have stated in their minutes that they did not wish anyone from the PC to be involved and that the decision was unanimously carried. Cllrs Myhill and Bennett who were in attendance could not recall this vote.

Cllr Goldsmith said he felt a lot of the disagreement was personal.

Cllr Lowings asked for a copy of the up to date constitution to see if there were any changes from the original 1977 document.

14 To receive correspondence

15 To receive items for next agenda

The acquisition of gates and 30 mph speed restriction signs – possibility of 50/50 funding availability.

To consider calling an extraordinary meeting of the Yaxham Parish Charity to discuss the above.

16 To discuss training for councillors

Training was discussed and the fact that several issues were not in accordance with proper procedures. It was agreed that training would be appropriate for all and available dates will be given at the next meeting.

The date of the next full meeting :was confirmed as **7:30 pm on Thursday 15th September 2016**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:40 pm.

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