

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE JUBILEE PARK MEETING ROOM  
At 7.30 pm ON 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

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

In attendance Mrs K Wilson (Clerk) and 16 members of the public

1. **To receive and accept apologies for absence.**  
Apologies received from Cllr Harvey  
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 member of The woodland Group spoke about the rejection of the application for the picnic table at Pinns Corner and asked the PC if they would like to have a bench located at Pinns Corner.  
The Chair advised that there was a meeting of the Yaxham Parish Charity to discuss the matter further and address the issues thrown up from the first application using the new format.

**To receive matters of interest from the District/County Councillor.**  
None

5. **To agree and sign the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016.**  
Minutes agreed and signed.

6. To **discuss Planning Matters:**

7. **To review any new planning applications:**

Ref:	3PL/2016/1256/HOU
Proposal	Erection of garage (retrospective) Revised Height
Location	YAXHAM: St Walstans Station Road
Applicant	Mr & Mrs Lyon
Case Officer	Sandra Bunning 3PL/2016/1268/HOU
Ref:	
Proposal	Side extension with rooms in roof, renovate garage/outbuilding & widen access

Location                      YAXHAM: Carrington Wood Norwich Road  
Applicant                     Mr & Mrs Hughes  
Case Officer                 Tom Donnelly

Both applications were approved.

### **8. Neighbourhood Plan -**

Ian Martin gave an update on the Neighbourhood Plan and advised it was now with the examiner.

b. To receive a financial report including the current grant position and agree any invoices from NP4Yaxham to be included in item 10 below under Financial Matters.

Ian Martin advised that the finances continued to be managed tightly and that there was a current balance of £2,368.59. One new invoice for printing was given to the PCF for payment.

### **9. To give update on LSC status**

The Chairman invited Mr Martin to provide an update. He reported that Breckland's interim consultation on the Local Plan ended on 31st October and there were 49 online responses as well as letters and emails to the Planning Policy Team from Yaxham residents objecting to Local Service Centre Status. The next highest number of online responses was 9 in Bawdeswell. It was hoped that with such an emphatic answer, Breckland will finally accept the wish of the village to remain as it is, small and rural with some organic growth as it has always had. The Parish Council agreed that it and the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group should continue to work together with the Local Plan Working Group to ensure that Yaxham does not become a Local Service Centre."

### **10 To discuss Yaxham Waters – sewerage issue and stench.**

The Clerk read a letter from the Environment Agency stating they had tested the water and there was only minimal contamination and not sufficient to be a threat to public health. An analysis of the water samples was provided.

### **11 To discuss position with Standards with regard to Councillor Dimoglou**

It was agreed that the complaints to Breckland seemed to be no further forward and it was felt they had little intention or appetite to deal with the

issue and it was therefore agreed to send a complaint the LGO in the next few days.

**12. To discuss Financial Matters.**

- a. To approve payments
  - b. To request payment for Clerk's course
  - c. To discuss next year's precept amount to be requested
- Payments were made for NPY4 group printing costs.  
Gary Lake, grounds maintenance  
Clerk

It was agreed to contact the RFO to establish exactly what the precept was for last year and to consider asking for an increased sum due to the increased workload created by ongoing issues in the village.

**13. To receive an update on Highway matters.**

Acknowledgement had been received from Highways relating to the broken speed restriction sign near the school.

There were more potholes on Stone Road by Portman House and just before Paper Street. The Clerk will report these to Highways. To receive an update on work reported to Highways

**14. To discuss NALC membership**

It was decided not to continue the NALC membership as it was understood that there were issues with the local NALC and other Parish Councils had recently had unsatisfactory experiences in dealing with them.

**15. To receive correspondence**

No correspondence was received.

**16. To discuss allocation of council policies to be updated**

Despite this matter being raised at previous meetings, matters had not progressed as councillors have not decided which policies they will take charge of updating. The Chairman asked them to deal with this before the next meeting in the New Year .

**17. To discuss Breckland Area Plan/Mattishall Road.**

It was agreed that this was a very unwelcome situation and would adversely affect and already difficult traffic situation on the local roads. Furthermore this site has been put forward in the January/February consultation as a suggestion of housing and it was not a preferred site being listed as an unreasonable site.

The reasons given were Highways considerations – not suitable and not conducive to settlement boundaries with potential to extend over the A47 and also the narrowing of a strategic gap between Mattishall and Dereham and it also threatens the strategic outline of the Neighbourhood Plan.

**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 be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by virtue of the paragraph specified against the item.**

**19. To note any items for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting.**

It was agreed to discuss the bus shelter

**20. To discuss application for charity funding.**

It was agreed to arrange a meeting of the Charity the following week to deal with the dissatisfaction of the recent applicants for funds and to discuss amending the application form for funding from the charity.

**21. To confirm the date of the next full meeting:**

7:30 pm on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2016 - this meeting was confirmed.

**The meeting closed at 8.20pm.**