



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE DAVID MYHILL ROOM, YAXHAM VILLAGE HALL  
at 7.30PM on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

**Present** Cllrs. Lowings (Chairman), Bennett, Crummett, Goldsmith, Harvey and Martin.

**In Attendance** 52 members of the public.

- 1) Chairman's opening remarks.** The Chairman welcomed the large number of the public present and apologised that there was not enough room for all to be seated. He also welcomed the representatives from Mattishall and Attleborough Neighbourhood Plan groups. The Chairman then paid tribute to the late Cliff Jordan who had been both District and County Councillor for Yaxham and had supported the parish in its endeavours.
- 2) To receive and accept apologies for absence.** Cllr Dimoglou emailed his apologies for personal reasons at 7.19pm. The Clerk had given her apologies because of prior commitments. Pat Baldwin had been approached to Clerk the meeting, but was not available. The Chairman invited Cllr Martin to take the minutes of the meeting and this was AGREED unanimously.
- 3) To receive any declarations of interest in items on the agenda and to consider any requests for dispensation.** None.
- 4) To hold a public session.** Members of the public raised a number of issues:
  - The footpath between Cutthroat Lane and the School needed cutting. The Chairman said it would be arranged;
  - The speed limit sign when entering Yaxham from Clint Green is obscured by the hedge which needed cutting back. The Chairman said this would be dealt with.
  - Where was the SAM sign? The Chairman said it was shared with Garvestone PC, would be returning in July, and it would go on the pole at the entrance to Yaxham from Clint Green. It was suggested that the Parish should buy its own and the Chairman said this would be included in the item on speeding and highways matters at the next meeting.
  - The Station Road parking problem – The Chairman said that the Council had sent letters to the residents, but had had little effect, so the issue will be considered again.
  - The beech tree at the entrance to the lane leading to the Church Rooms is having to be felled as it has a terminal fungus, and there would be disruption when this occurred.
  - Cllr Dimoglou's conduct at the Local Plan Examination when he again appeared to represent the developers rather than the interests of the parish and its residents.
  - The presence of Japanese Knotweed at the Old Post Office.

**5) To consider Motions for decision as regards APP/F2605/W/18/3194045 Land North of Norwich Road, Yaxham, Norfolk NR19 1RS Appeal Decision dated 14th May 2018.**

Motion 1. To agree the report and recommendations of the NP4Yaxham Working Group Report, including Counsel's Opinion, on the viability of requesting Judicial Review of the above Appeal; the use of the Planning Advice Budget Earmark for 2018/19 to cover the costs of the Counsel's opinion and other advice required; together with any actions required to enable the Council to make an informed decision at its next meeting whether to lodge a request for Judicial Review. In the names of Councillors Lowings (Chairman), Martin (Vice Chairman), Crummett and Goldsmith.

The Chairman called on Cllr Martin to propose Motion 1 and in doing so to give the NP4Yaxham Working Group Report (available from the Clerk). Cllr Martin gave the report, summarised the actions that had led to it and the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting, concluding: "Sadly, the Barrister having reviewed the case, and recognising our concerns that the Inspector misdirected himself, does not believe that the case is strong enough in law to have a reasonable chance of the High Court finding in Yaxham's favour, to warrant proceeding with a request for judicial review. It is the barrister's opinion that while good points are made, on balance there is not a good enough chance of success to warrant taking this case forward."

In the light of this Report, Cllr Martin proposed, seconded by Cllr Lowings, that Motion 1 be amended to read:

"Motion 1. To agree the report and recommendations of the NP4Yaxham Working Group Report, including Counsel's Opinion on the viability of requesting Judicial Review of the above Appeal; the use of the Planning Advice Budget Earmark for 2018/19 to cover the costs of the Counsel's opinion; and to make a formal complaint to the Planning Inspectorate for the conduct of this Appeal, and to Breckland Council for failing to advise the Parish Council and Parishioners of the Appeal Decision".

The Chairman put the proposed amendment to the vote and it was AGREED unanimously. The Chairman then put Motion 1 as amended to the vote and it was AGREED unanimously. Cllr Martin then proposed that Motions 2 and 3 be withdrawn as no longer applicable and this was AGREED unanimously.

**6) Re-Opened Public Session**

The Chairman noted that many members of the public had indicated they wanted to speak and therefore re-opened the Public Session. Members of the public raised a number of issues related to Cllr Dimoglou's conduct, failure to represent the community, and his continued promotion of Yaxham as a Local Service Centre when Yaxham does not have the services. Extracts from Cllr Dimoglou's submission to the Planning inspector were read. Cllr Dimoglou's comments to the Local Plan Examiner were related: promising many more planning applications from Lanpro/Glavenhill now that the first one had been permitted, and that this was the basis he should make Yaxham a Local Service Centre. Members of the public challenged the Parish Council "to do something" and to call on Cllr Dimoglou to resign as Parish and District Councillor. The Chairman noted the comments from the public and promised to consider them.

There being no other business, the Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 9pm.