



YAXHAM PARISH COUNCIL

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

February 2019

Village Consultations – Next Steps *Local Elections 2nd May 2019* *News from around Yaxham*

Village Consultations ***Feedback & Next Steps***

Speeding Sign, Bus-shelters, Village Gates

Last September we consulted the parish on whether residents supported putting in new bus shelters, village gateways and having our own speed awareness sign. Overwhelmingly you said “YES” we should.

In response to the discussions with affected residents and surveys by Norfolk County Council Highways the following is proposed:

- **Two new bus-shelters.** One bus shelter is proposed for the bus-stop on Norwich Road at the front of St Peter’s Close, and the other at the bus-stop on the west side of Dereham Road, in the Dereham direction.
- **Three pairs of village gateways:** on Dereham Road, on the Whinburgh Road, and on Norwich Road at the east end of Clint Green.
- **The new speed awareness sign** would use the existing four sites around the parish and we will have the ability to download traffic speed data.

The Parish Council has therefore applied to Norfolk County Council for half the cost of doing these, and we will learn by the end of March whether we have been successful.

Watch this space – fingers crossed!

Breckland and Parish Council ***Elections 2nd May 2019***

Have you ever thought of standing?

Both Yaxham’s Breckland Council seats are up for election, as are all 7 Parish Council seats. This is the first time since 2015. *Who knows who will stand? Have you thought of standing? Of being a district or parish councillor?*

Breckland Council has a “new councillor” event on 12th February at 5.30pm at Breckland Offices, see www.breckland.gov.uk/prospectivecouncillor.

Yaxham Parish Council has two “drop in” sessions at the Village Hall in the Community Room:

– Community Cafe, Thursday 14th February from 10am to 12noon

– Community Bar, Saturday 16th Feb, 7-9pm.

Parish Chairman Peter Lowings and Vice-Chairman Ian Martin will be there, happy to chat about being a councillor, and answer questions, or contact them on yaxhamparishclerk@gmail.com.

Why not come to a Parish Council Meeting and see for yourself?

Wednesday 27th February and Wednesday 27th March, both at 7.30pm in the Village Hall in the David Myhill Room. Also see:

www.breckland.gov.uk/article/3404/How-to-become-a-Councillor

Come and do your bit for your community!!

WW1 Events – 11th November 2018

Our thanks to everyone who helped make this day so memorable. From the moving Remembrance Service at St Peter's; the wreaths and cross-laying at the War Memorial; the unveiling of the refurbished Village Sign and the new carved-poppy "Yaxham Remembers" sign; and the "Yaxham Remembers" community event in the afternoon, attended by some 150 villagers, was a great success. These events, and the new benches on the Recreation Field and at Well Hill, led one long-time resident to say "I don't think that any other village could have marked the day any more respectfully". Quite a tribute. Our thanks to all who helped make this happen!

WW1 Centenary – Time Capsule

The idea is to compile a compendium of items about Yaxham covering the last 100 years – then and now, major milestones, and other matters important to the community. This will be placed in the base of the Village Sign. In order to do this properly, and to tie this in with the WW1 centenary, we are working towards June 2019 to complete this in time for the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Versailles, the formal end of WW1. Let us know your ideas or if you have photos or ideas we can include: yaxhamparishclerk@gmail.com

Dog Waste Bins

The Council has installed a new bin at the junction of Cutthroat Lane and Paper Street, and the one at the Old Post Office has been re-located to be by the Grit Bin at the bottom of Well Hill. A new one on Spring Lane has been requested.

The Well Hill Bus Shelter, where is it?

This was accidentally destroyed by a third party at the end of November. The Parish Council has made a claim on its insurance policy and discussions with the insurers are continuing. The challenge is that nobody makes bus-shelters like

the old wooden ones. New non-wood bus shelters are £3,000 or more and wooden shelters are £6-7,000. There is also the challenge that many would like to see the shelter moved so that you can see the bus coming. *We will consult once we know what the insurer will pay out.*

Clint Green Post Box is back!

Success at last – at the end of the year a new Post Box was installed on the grass at the front of the School. This replaced the one at the Old Post Office removed a year ago. It is great to see this vital service back and available, especially to the elderly and vulnerable in our community. Our thanks to residents and George Freeman MP who worked with the Council for this, and also to the School and the Diocese of Norwich for agreeing the use of their land.

2nd Thursday Community Café Success

Following the launch of the "2nd Thursday Community Café" in November, there have been successful Café mornings in December and January. Come along to the next ones in the new Community Room at the Village Hall on:
Thursday 14th Feb, Valentine's Day 10am-12noon
Thursday 14th March, 10am-12noon
Thursday 11th April, 10am-12noon.
Come and try it out, and/or contact yaxhamcommunity@gmail.com.

YVAA New Community Room

The YVAA trustees have created and decorated the new Community Room at the Village Hall, another great space to use. Events are already taking place such as the Community Café, and the Community Room Bar which is open Saturday evenings from 6.30pm. Come along and see for yourself for more information at: www.yaxhamvillagehall.co.uk

See our re-vamped website at
www.yaxham.com/parish-council/



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Yaxham – One Community – One Village – One Plan

Breckland Local Plan

Yaxham is not proposed as a Local Service Centre (LSC)!

The Local Plan will be coming out for hopefully its final consultation in the next few weeks – following the Local Examiner's proposed changes. Whilst Breckland has had to concede some significant changes to its Plan as proposed by the Local Plan Examiner, **there is no proposal to re-designate Yaxham as an LSC.** Whilst this will not be formally confirmed until Breckland's Local Plan is formally adopted, later this year, this is a huge result for Yaxham. Thank you to everyone who has worked with NP4Yaxham and the Parish Council to keep up the pressure on Breckland and then the representations to the Local Plan Examiner - since January 2016. What a battle - with Breckland Cllr Paul Claussen valiantly working with us - in the teeth of Breckland & Parish Cllr Dimoglou's vociferous opposition. We do as always need to stay vigilant to make sure that nothing changes between now and the adoption of the Local Plan. The next step is when Breckland will be coming out for consultation on the proposed changes to the Plan towards the end of February – we'll let you know when.

Speed limits

NP4Yaxham consultation clearly showed the village wanted lower speed limits especially between Yaxham and Clint Green. We have had a meeting with Highways and this has been rejected. However, they have agreed to look at widening the Norwich Road footpath and "T" Junction signs on Norwich Road at the Mill Lane Junction. **We are also looking for Speedwatch volunteers, please email yaxhamparishclerk@gmail.com.**

Recent Planning News

Toftwood 290+ homes

This has now been approved at outline, including a new Westfield Lane railway bridge. The next time to comment will be when detailed ("reserved matters") planning permission is applied for.

Dumpling Green 255 homes

This is out for consultation. The Parish Council has put in robust comments as the current plans appear to suggest it will have no effect on local services or road access to Dereham!!

Yaxham Waters/Scoots

Yaxham Waters applied for a change of use of the old shop area to being used by Scoots Hire Ltd that hires out motor scooters. The Parish Council did not object provided it was used for office space and the actual scooter hire, storage and maintenance should continue in Dereham. Permission has been granted on this basis.

Elm Close 42 homes

This originally included 3 different applications – the main development one and two about planning conditions. In one of these Flagship Homes tried to have **removed** the need for a surface water flood management plan as part of the development application. **We wanted this included, and it has been in the new revised conditions permission.**

Meetings with Breckland

Upset with Breckland planning decisions in the past 18 months led to the Parish Council demanding a meeting with Breckland Planning. Peter Lowings, Ian Martin and Maggie Oechsle have been at these meetings, and progress seems to be being made. **We will report back when we have news.**

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Yaxham's Elected Representatives: Who Are They?

Parish Council Members – until elections on 2nd May 2019

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| • Peter Bennett | White House Farm, Clint Green | 01362 692820 |
| • George Crummett | Church Cottage, Church Lane, Yaxham | 01362 692845 |
| • Pablo Dimoglou | 8 Hudson Avenue, Trowse, Norwich | 07500 823027 |
| • Steve Goldsmith | 25 St Peters Close, Yaxham | 07904 469668 |
| • John Harvey | Hill Farm, Well Hill, Clint Green | 01362 696240 |
| • Peter Lowings (Chairman) | Pinebanks, Station Road, Yaxham | 01362 690290 |
| • Ian Martin (Vice-Chairman) | Yaxham House, Norwich Road, Yaxham | 01362 854248 |

*For more information please see www.yaxham.com/parish-council/,
or www.yaxham.com/parish-council/parish-charity/ or www.np4yaxham.com*

Or contact the councillors or email yaxhamparishclerk@gmail.com

Breckland Councillors for the Mattishall Ward (includes Yaxham) – until elections on 2nd May 2019

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| • Paul Claussen | Heath Cottage, 24 Heath Road, Hockering NR20 3JB |
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| • Pablo Dimoglou | 8 Hudson Avenue, Trowse, Norwich NR14 8GB |
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Norfolk County Councillor for the Yare & All Saints Division (includes Yaxham)

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| Tel: 01953 600617, | Email: george.freeman.mp@parliament.co.uk |
| | Website: www.georgefreeman.co.uk |

Parish Council and District Council Elections take place on 2nd May 2019. If you are interested in standing for one of the seven places on the Parish Council and would like more information then please contact the Chairman, Peter Lowings, or Vice-Chairman, Ian Martin – or come and see them at the two “drop in” sessions at the Village Hall in the Community Room:

- ***Community Cafe, Thursday 14th February from 10am to 12noon***
- ***Community Room Bar, Saturday 16th February, from 7pm-9pm.***

Other Dates for your Diary

Parish Council Meetings:

- Wednesday 27th February, 7.30pm
- Wednesday 27th March, 7.30pm
- Thursday 25th April, 7.30pm

In the David Myhill Room, Village Hall

“Second Thursday Community Café”:

- Thurs. 14th Feb, Valentine’s Day 10am-12noon
- Thursday 14th March, 10am-12noon
- Thursday 11th April, 10am-12noon.

In the Community Room, Yaxham Village Hall