



## YAXHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Reports Pack

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### Report by Breckland Council, Mattishall Ward, Councillors – Paul Claussen & Ian Martin

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*Highlights since 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019 meeting...*

#### Planning Matters

**Local Plan** – The Independent Examiner informed Breckland that he was not going to be able to provide his report by end August, but hoped to be end September. This means that the earliest likely adoption of the Local Plan is the Full Council meeting scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019. It is anticipated that on adoption the Council will have a 5 Year Land Supply, and all the policies in the Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plans would then be deemed to be up to date

**5 Year Land Supply Statement** for the position as at 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 is still to be completed. As previously reported the Government has changed the rules and therefore officers are working to make sure that the statement on 5 year land supply, if we have one, is robust. It is unclear when the new 5 Year Land Supply Statement will now be made. Questions are being actively asked by your Councillors or your behalf.

#### Planning Applications

**3PL/2018/0021/D Development Site**, Land Off Elm Close Yaxham – Refused. This was thanks to much preparation by all concerned, Paul Claussen spoke in Ian’s absence, with Yaxham ably represented by Maggie Oechsle, supported by Anthony Cheetham, Bob Gust and Paul Philips.

#### **3PL/2010/1361/F Land East of Yaxham Road, South of Dumping Green**

This application has again been deferred – because Dereham Town Council has challenged the Transport Study supporting this.

#### Planning Committee “Chairman’s Panel” & Other Changes

Elected members have always had the facility to request a planning application be called-in to be considered by the Planning Committee. It was the Chairman in liaison with officers who then decided whether to permit this. This has now been expanded to the Chairman and a number of Committee members. At the same time the automatic referral to Committee of large applications has ceased, and other changes have been made intended to help streamline the planning process. If the Parish Council does strongly support or oppose an application it is always worth considering asking Paul and Ian to request that it be called-in. We cannot guarantee it will go to Committee or if it does that we will get the desired result. This is especially the case now. The time-limit for a “call-in” request is “within 23 days of the publication of that application on the weekly list”. That List is normally published on Wednesday each week, for applications up to the Tuesday before, and the email alert/link is sent out on the Wednesday. Most of the time this should fit with your meeting cycle, but on occasion it might not. If you do wish to comment and the deadline is before your next meeting then you will need to call an extraordinary meeting to consider that item. That would be rare, but we will monitor this across the ward.

#### **Forthcoming Breckland Meetings – (at Elizabeth House, Dereham, unless otherwise stated)**

26 <sup>th</sup> September – Overview & Scrutiny	10.00am
30 <sup>th</sup> September – Planning Committee	9.30am
3 <sup>rd</sup> October – Governance & Audit Committee	10.00am
14 <sup>th</sup> October – Cabinet	9.30am, Connaught Hall, Attleborough NR17 2AS

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# Clerk's Report

## Yaxham Parish Council



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### Last Meeting's Minutes—Matter's Arising not Covered Elsewhere

#### 7.0 Planning

All matters raised for the Clerk's action under this item on 18<sup>th</sup> July and for the two extraordinary meetings in August, have been undertaken and Councillors will elucidate where appropriate during the meeting.

#### 8.0 Yaxham Parish Council Plan

To note the amendment to the title of this item on the Minutes of 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019 – to avoid confusion with Yaxham Neighbourhood Plan, this should read 'Yaxham Parish Council's Plan'.

**9.1 Agreed cheques** have been paid.

**10.1 To note any Highways matters needing attention** – Pot hole outside 'Tregon' has been reported to Highways; they do not deem action necessary at present but will be carrying out reviews of the situation.

**Reflective Strips for planters** – these have been ordered by Cllr Oechsle and will be applied shortly.

**Faded 30 mph sign - Norwich Road** - has been reported to Highways in response to a complaint by a parishioner; this has been inspected and is scheduled for repair within the six-week parameter.

**Scaffolding - The Old Post Office, Norwich Road** – Parishioner's concerns about the safety and legality of the erected scaffold were brought to the attention of Breckland District Council and Norfolk County Council; inspection by Highways is resultant of no action being required.

**17.0 Village Literature Review** – this has been deferred to the next meeting to enable Cllrs to undertake a full and comprehensive edit.

**Operation London Bridge** – Parish protocols in the event of the death of a Monarch or immediate member of the Royal Family were discussed at the last meeting and tabled for further debate. Since the last meeting, liaison with St Peter's Church has established that the Diocese has a working plan for such an eventuality and the Parish Council will work

alongside, and under the auspice of the Church to execute appropriate mourning and condolence processes.

**Ragwort** – Some concerns raised by members of the public about the growth of this weed have been received over the summer recess. Advice sought from Norfolk NALC is that if specific issues arise with what is officially termed an 'injurious weed', these are best addressed directly through DEFRA who have an online complaint form which can be downloaded at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/weeds-act-1959-complaint-form-and-leaflet>

This facilitates for the appropriate body of DEFRA to adjudicate on any matters of concern.

