

## YAXHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Norfolk County Council Yare and All Saints By-Election Hustings
The only hustings in this By-Election
This was held on Tuesday 10th July, Yaxham
7.30-9pm at the Village Hall, Norwich Road, Yaxham, Dereham NR19 1RJ

Nearly 60 residents attended a packed public hustings for the by-election on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018 – so almost 10% of the voters in Yaxham took the time to listen to the candidates – so much so that the meeting had to re-locate from the David Myhill Meeting Room to the main Hall.

Parish Council Chairman, Peter Lowings, welcomed to everyone saying "It was parishioners at the last Parish Council meeting who called for this opportunity to meet, hear and question the County Council By-Election Candidates. Our thanks to all the candidates for agreeing to attend and to Graham Tuttle for agreeing to Chair the Hustings. Until recently Graham lived in Yaxham, so he knows the issues. He is currently Chief Executive of the Priscilla Bacon Trust, and was previously Chief Executive of the Norfolk Community Foundation."

The candidates attending were: Harry Clarke - Labour, Ed Connolly - Conservative, and Andrew Thorpe - Liberal Democrat. There were opening statements by each candidate, the questions and answer session and rounding off with the candidates' closing statements. All participated and were applauded by the public attending.

Questions included: stopping large development; support for the elderly and vulnerable; county councillor allowances; traffic and particularly getting in and out of Dereham; and also what the candidates would do about our rogue district councillor.

Graham Tuttle thanked the candidates and particularly the public for attending, asking questions and being able to decided who they would be voting for on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

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