

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH
HELD IN THE JUBILEE PARK MEETING ROOM
AT 6.30 pm ON 18 MAY 2017**

Present: Cllrs Lowings (Chairman), Bennett, Crummett,
Dimoglou, Goldsmith and Myhill and 40 members of
the public.
In attendance Mrs K Wilson (Clerk).

1. Welcome by the Chairman

The Chairman welcomed all those present to the Meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Harvey

3. To confirm and approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 19th May 2016

The minutes were approved and signed.

4. To receive the following reports:

(a) Chairman of Yaxham Parish Council.

The Chairman stated that nothing had been achieved by the Parish Council during the past year, although there had been the Neighbourhood Plan, of which he was a member, and ongoing issues with a particular councillor. The Chairman said he was very proud to have been a member of the Working Group and all that has been achieved. The turnout of voters in the Neighbourhood Plan referendum was exceptional with a 58% turnout and support from 92.03% who voted for the Neighbourhood Plan. This was the first in Breckland and only the 300th in the whole of the country – quite an achievement by all involved. The Chairman went on to say that the Neighbourhood Plan must now be used as the basis for determining any future planning applications and councillors have a duty to make themselves fully aware of the plan.

(b) Yaxham Village Amenities Association

A copy of the report is available from the clerk

(c) Yaxham C.E V A Primary School

The New school governor gave a report to say that the school continued to thrive with 100 children. Several school trips and plays had been organised with Y5/6 spending a week in Derbyshire experiencing outward bound activities such as caving and canoeing. An OFSTED inspection had required improvements in a few areas and an action plan had been generated accordingly. There was an interim head teacher until the end of the summer term when a new head teacher would take up the role. A copy of the end of year financial report will be available from the Parish Clerk in due course.

(d) Yaxham Parochial Charities

Full figures were not available as the Clerk had been unwell and a new clerk was being sought in view of the ongoing health issues.

(e) Yaxham Community Led Plan Steering Group including the Community Car Scheme

Jenny Smith gave a report to say that he YVAA continued to support the Community Car Scheme by covering them on their insurance. There were now 15 registered passengers, 5 of which had registered in the past few months. 200 journeys had been undertaken by the scheme in the last year. There were currently 15 volunteer drivers but more are still required.

(f) Yaxham Woodland Group.

No report was available.

(g) Yaxham Parish Charity

Accounts were unavailable – it is hoped the RFO will be able to finalise these within the next three weeks.

5. To receive a Summary of Receipts and Payments for 2015/2016 for the Parish Council.

The summary was distributed to councillors for inspection.

6. To receive and discuss matters raised by the public from the floor.

The following issues were discussed:-

A number of dead calves had been dumped at Pinns Corner during the week. A member of the public gave an update to say that the police, DEFRA, RSPCA and Environment Agency were all involved in trying to ascertain where the calves had come from and who had dumped them.

A member of the public thanked the Woodland Group for how well they maintained Pinns Corner and how lovely all the daffodils had looked in the Spring.

The Charity accounts were unavailable from the RFO and it was agreed that this should be an item of agenda at the next meeting.

The meeting was closed at 7.35pm.