

# YAXHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

July 2019

### *Village Consultations – Next Steps*

#### *News from around Yaxham*

#### ***Update: Speeding Sign, Bus-shelters, Village Gates***

- **Two new bus-shelters.** One bus shelter is proposed for the bus-stop in the Norwich direction 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 – ***both being ordered.***
- **Three pairs of village gateways:** on Dereham Road, on the Whinburgh Road, and on Norwich Road at the east end of Clint Green – ***we are awaiting Highways confirmation when these will be fitted.***
- **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 grant is agreed, Highways approved and now ordered.***  
P.S. If you are interested in starting a Speedwatch Group please contact us.

#### ***Clint Green Bus Stop & Bus Shelter at Well Hill***

The Parish Council has received the payment for the insurance claim on the old Bus Shelter. We are now in discussions with Highways and Konnectbus about potentially relocating the bus stop and bus shelter east to the layby, away from the Well Hill Junction. Once we know whether this is feasible we will consult Clint Green residents on the proposal – ***so watch this space.***

#### ***The Parish Council Plan What do you think?***

**The newly elected Parish Council**, with five new members, this Parish Council, is determined to do things better and differently. A strong feeling from the new intake was that we should be seeking to make things happen, rather than waiting and reacting – that is why we have come up with the draft Parish Council Plan for the next 12 months. This is in 3 parts:

- **Aims & Objectives** for the Parish;
- **Getting Things Done** for Cllrs to undertake, and
- **More Contact** with the Community

The draft Plan is set out on the back page for you to read and comment on, and will be considered at the next Parish Council meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> July, 7pm, in the David Myhill Room of the Village Hall. Come and make your points.

You will also see the new table layout for the monthly parish council meetings in a “V” shape, so you can see the councillors and they can see you – this is the parish's council after all.

We now have name plates so you know who is talking, and are keeping meetings less formal by using first names.

**And** the Community Bar will be open after the meeting at 9pm, so that you can meet and chat informally with your newly elected councillors.

***Come and do your bit for your community!!***

**Your Yaxham's New Parish Council**



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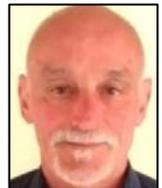
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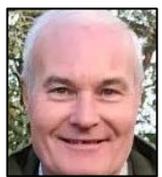
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***Please remember that your Councillors are all volunteers – most still work, all have families. The Council meeting is where we report and agree actions – which we then do between meetings. So, be patient if sometimes things are not done as quickly as we all would like.***

**Your Yaxham Community Events!**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday Community Café**

The "2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday Community Café" goes from strength to strength. Come along to the next ones in the Community Room at the Village Hall from 10am – 12 noon on:

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August, Summertime (we hope)**  
**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September, items for Macmillan**  
**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October, Helping Handbags**  
Come and try it out, and/or contact  
[yaxhamcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:yaxhamcommunity@gmail.com).

**Next Village Hall Working Party!**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July 10:00 to 1:00pm.**

The morning will include: weeding the Memorial Garden; clearing around the Hall; painting the Portakabin and giving the Playspace a clean and tidy. The Café and Bar will be open and a BBQ will end the morning.

For further details contact [yaxhamvh@gmail.com](mailto:yaxhamvh@gmail.com).

**Go Batty in St Peter's Church!**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 7:15pm Bat Evening at**

**St Peters Church.** There will be children's craft activities (with prizes) plus the opportunity to watch the bats emerge from the church using state of the art infra-red cameras. There may even be some captive bats to see at close quarters! Free Admission. Light refreshments available. For further details contact  
[sally.thurgill@matvchurch.uk](mailto:sally.thurgill@matvchurch.uk).

**Macmillan Coffee Morning**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September is the Yaxham**

**Macmillan Coffee Morning.** This year the team are aiming to match last year's stellar performance of £2,400. If you would like to help or make donations please contact  
[yaxhammacmillan@gmail.com](mailto:yaxhammacmillan@gmail.com) or call Sue on 01362 696805 or bring them to any of the "Second Thursday" Community Café Mornings



# Neighbourhood Plan 4 Yaxham Newsletter

Issue 18

**Yaxham – One Community – One Village – One Plan**

## **Planning Applications!** **22<sup>nd</sup> July Planning Committee Meeting**

Breckland Planning Committee Meeting is at 9.30am on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at Breckland Offices. Yaxham Parish Council will be there – come to the **Parish Council meeting 18<sup>th</sup> July** to hear more, and join us for the likely consideration of these planning applications affecting Yaxham:

- **Elm Close, Surface Water Drainage for 42 homes 3PL/2019/0634/F**

It is critical that this is done properly, so as to ensure that the existing surface water flooding issues in and around the B1135 Whinburgh Road/Norwich Road junction and Willow Farm are not any made worse. The Parish Council/NP4Yaxham are in discussions with Breckland to try to make sure that what is agreed, does not make matters worse.

- **Elm Close, application for 42 new homes, combined with the surface water drainage proposal 3PL/2018/0021/D**

Flagship Homes have revamped their plans, bringing all the proposed houses and bungalows up to the national minimum standard. Flagship has, however, refused to reduce the density. This is higher than the current Elm Close numbers and higher than required in the Neighbourhood Plan. However, with Breckland's lack of a 5 year land supply this is unlikely to be changed. **What Yaxham does need as a minimum is that the Surface Water Drainage proposals are put in first, before the main development goes ahead.**

- **Yaxham Waters – Lodges on Priors Field following the connection to the main sewer (now made – hence the extensive road works) 3PL/2018/0077/VAR**

Great news – at long last – Yaxham Waters has been connected to the mains sewer. This has been a major exercise, as anyone caught up in the road works last month will appreciate. Dealing with the sewage has been an issue since 2008 – but better late than never. The Pumping station went live on 5<sup>th</sup> July. Anglian Water have a 30 day test period – and provided that's ok then the system is signed-off. This will enable the lodges on Priors Field to be completed.

- **Dumpling Green – Hopkins Homes application for 255 new homes, deferred from the last Planning Committee**

This has been running since 2010. The big issues are traffic, groundwater flood risk and risk to the Tud River and Badley Moor SSSI/SAC. The last Committee Meeting demanded to hear from Highways on how Dereham will cope, especially as the proposed roundabout at the Tavern Lane Junction by Roys will not now happen.

# YAXHAM PARISH COUNCIL - *Draft Parish Council Plan*

## **AIMS**

- Engage in open dialogue with the community to understand their needs, & in turn explain how we will address these needs within the resources & powers available to the Parish Council.
- To help provide cost effective amenities of a high standard to help meet the requirements of the community.
- Assist & encourage other bodies to provide such amenities.
- Protect & enhance the local environment in which the community of the Parish live and work.
- At all times promote the best interest of the Parish

## **OBJECTIVES**

- To help create a socially inclusive and caring community that embraces all residents.
- To enable the community to enjoy high quality social, recreational & sporting facilities within the parish, & to seek the continuing improvements & development of these facilities in accordance with the desires expressed by the community.
- To protect and improve the character of the Parish and promote sustainable organic growth for the Parish to meet the needs of present residents and future generations.
- Help protect our parishes green spaces for the whole community.

## **2019/20 Priorities**

### **Getting things done...**

- The 2 New Bus Shelters on Dereham Road and Norwich Road, Yaxham
- The 3 pairs of Village Gateways on Dereham & Whinburgh Roads Yaxham and Norwich Road at the eastern entrance to Clint Green, by the 30mph and Yaxham village signs
- SAM2 – new sign for Yaxham’s sole use with downloadable data
- Highways matters incl. Pot Holes, Road Signs, Road Name Signs, Pavements
- Footpaths incl. keeping them open, sign posts, registering Low Lane as a Footpath (if required).

### **More contact with the community...**

- Formal/informal Surgeries, Parish Council Facebook page, Paper & Electronic Newsletters
- Regular Working Parties with the Village Hall (YVAA) & other village groups e.g. painting, cleaning village assets such as the Recreation Field’s play equipment, the Portakabin etc.
- Litter picks, weeding, bulb-planting, managing the grass-cutting contract.

### **If you have planning, highways or other parish issues...**

#### **“Who ya gonna call?” (No, not “Ghostbusters”), then contact**

- West of Spring Lane: Chris Couves, Peter Lowings, Ian Martin, Maggie Oechsle
- East of Spring Lane & Spring Lane: Anthony Cheetham, Bob Gust, Richard Whadcoat
- South of Yaxham & Clint Green, and including Brakefield Green: Ian Martin

***Your views matter – tell us what you think about this Plan, what you want the council to be doing?***

***What else should be included? What should be deleted? Email [yaxhamparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:yaxhamparishclerk@gmail.com) or write to Yaxham Parish Council, C/O Yaxham House, Norwich Road, Yaxham NR19 1RH***

**Yaxham Parish Council Meetings – ALL Welcome – *Come and see your new council at work***

***Thursdays, 7pm, David Myhill Room, Village Hall - 18<sup>th</sup> July, 26<sup>th</sup> September, 24<sup>th</sup> October,***

***And the Community Bar opens afterwards – come and meet your Cllrs in a more informal setting.***