



YAXHAM PARISH COUNCIL

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

September 2019

Village Consultations – Next Steps *News from around Yaxham*

Bus-shelters & Speeding Sign ***Are Here!***

You will have seen the village's two brand new bus-shelters put in place in August.



Norwich Road This bus-shelter is in front of St Peter's Close, Norwich direction – with bus-stop sign now on the shelter and the old crooked pole removed.

Dereham Road

This bus-shelter is on the west side of Dereham Road, Dereham direction – also with the sign on the shelter and the bus-stop removed.



The new speed awareness sign is now up and working.



Currently it's on the pole on the Norwich Road at the eastern approach to Yaxham. The parish council has the ability to download traffic speed data. It will interesting to see what this reveals!

The Village Gateways on Dereham Road, on the Whinburgh Road, and on Norwich Road at the east end of Clint Green - ***we are still awaiting Highways confirmation when these will be fitted to complete this project.***

- P.S. If you are interested in starting a Speedwatch Group please contact us.



WORLD'S BIGGEST
COFFEE
MORNING
MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT

THURSDAY
26TH SEPTEMBER
YAXHAM VILLAGE HALL
9.30AM - 12.30PM

Amazing Tombola & Raffle prizes

Fantastic Cakes & preserves

Kids-Zone play area

Produce & plants, Books, puzzles & toys,

Bric-a-brac... and lots, lots more!!

For further information, or to arrange donations call:
Susan 01362 646805 or yaxhammacmillan@gmail.com

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Your Yaxham Planning Matters

**Elm Close Application for 42 homes
– refused**

At the 2nd September Planning Committee meeting at Breckland, your Yaxham Team of Maggie Oecshle, Anthony Cheetham, Bob Gust, Paul Phillips combined with our Breckland councillor Paul Claussen, represented the village's concerns about this application – too big for Yaxham, density too high and all the unresolved worries about suitable sewerage and drainage – and persuaded the Planning Committee to reject this application. Well done team Yaxham – we now need to watch to see what happens next – your Council is on the case.

**Dumpling Green Application for 255 homes
– deferred**

Ian Martin and others got this deferred in June and July because the application was in such a mess that it was unclear how the Planning Committee could decide whether to agree or refuse. It then was due at the 10th September Planning Meeting – Paul Claussen, Maggie Oechsle and others were all geared up to attend to try and finally get this refused – only for it to be pulled from the meeting at the last minute, as Dereham Town Council had raised more concerns about the Traffic Assessment – your Council stands ready to make its case when this does come to Committee.

Yaxham Parish Council Meetings

Come and see your council in action, make your points, hear the arguments put and learn more about what is happening in and around Yaxham

Thursday 26th September – Charity Meeting 7.00pm, Full Council 7.30pm

Thursday 24th October – Full Council 7.00pm

Thursday 28th November – Charity Meeting 7.00pm, Full Council 7.30pm – Budget & Council Tax Setting

For more information see www.yaxham.com/parish-council or email yaxhamparishclerk@gmail.com.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thursday 26th September 10:00 to 12.30

Brave the Shave

This year's Volunteer is Mr James Sapey from Mattishall, he kindly volunteered last year and has been as good as his word! James will be shaved at 11.30am. You can sponsor him on the day or by following the link

<https://bravetheshave.macmillan.org.uk/shave/rs/james-sapey>

Second Thursday Community Café

After last year's fantastic Macmillan the extremely successful "Second Thursday Community Cafe" idea evolved, raising £1,018.40 to date for the YVAA refurbishment programme. The next Café will be held on **Thursday 14th October 10:00 to 12:00**, and will be a collection point for "Helping Handbags".

YAXHAM VILLAGE HALL NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY
DOORS OPEN 7:30- 1AM
DJ AND BAR
RAISING FUNDS FOR THE FRIENDS OF YAXHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL AND
YVAA REFRUBISHMENT PROGRAMME
ADVANCE TICKETS
ADULT £10.00 CHILD £4.00
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR
ADULT £20.00 CHILD £8.00
FREE GLASS OF PROSECCO ON ARRIVAL
SOFT DRINK FOR CHILDREN
FOR TICKETS PLEASE EMAIL
yaxhamnyeparty@gmail.com or contact Carlie 07368 603 494

HOW TO REPORT THINGS: TO BRECKLAND COUNCIL

If you see or experience any of the matters listed below they can all be reported direct to Breckland Council. You will need to have the details to hand, a photograph and a clear description of the location (ideally a post code if you know it). For many of the matters there will be a map on the screen where you can indicate its location as well as provide other details and you can attach a photo or any other files.

This can be done by going online to www.breckland.gov.uk and choose the "Report" button on the front page – or go direct by www.breckland.gov.uk/reportit.

If you prefer you can phone Breckland on 01362 656870, listen to the options and choose the one that seems most appropriate. Do not worry if you are not sure, there will be an option to stay on the line for someone to speak to. Please be patient with them, they will be trying to make sure you speak to the right person to report to. Let us know how you get on yaxhamparishclerk@gmail.com.

Abandoned Vehicle	Anti Social Behaviour	Benefit Fraud-report it
Bin Problems	Car Parks-report a problem	Change of Circumstances
Compliments, Complaints, Comments	Dead Animal on the Highway	Empty Dwelling
Environmental Health Problem	Fly-posting	Fly-tipping
Food Complaint	Food Poisoning-report suspected	Graffiti
Grounds Maintenance reporting	Health and Safety Incident	Highway Problems
Land Management Issue	Litter and Dog Fouling	Noise or Nuisance
Recycling Bank-report if full	Road Sweeping	Roads and Footpaths
Street Lighting-report a fault	Street Name Plate problem	Tell us you're moving

If you prefer, you can report these issues to the Parish Council by email yaxhamparishclerk@gmail.com, Telephone; Parish Clerk, Vicky Turner Tel: 01362 821037, or to Correspondence Address:
Yaxham Parish Council c/o Yaxham House, Norwich Road, Yaxham, NR19 1RH

Ian Martin - New Breckland Cllr's first 5 months! (*where did that time go?*)

Phew – the election campaign was intense! Since being elected as Breckland Cllr for the Mattishall Ward, alongside Cllr Paul Claussen, the intensity and the workload has not eased up. Paul, who is now Deputy Leader of the Council, and I work as a team. The following is a potted summary of my experience so far.

The learning curve has been steep, despite my long experience with planning and neighbourhood plans. The first thing a new Councillor is faced with is a barrage of training courses on how the Council and the Committee structure works. I attended a dozen such sessions, some useful and some definitely not! The formal full Council meetings have been on 16th May, 18th July and 19th September 2019. I am a member of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, which has met on 30th May and 11th July – and there have been planning committee meetings, representing residents, on 28th May and 24th June. As you can imagine, none of these meetings are the sort you can just turn up to. There is a lot of preparation in advance, often including pre-meetings, and then there is usually work that flows from each meeting to follow-up.

And then there is the work in and for the parishes and residents that make up the Mattishall Ward, which covers 6 parish councils: East Tuddenham; Garvestone, Reymerston, & Thuxton; Hardingham; Whinburgh & Westfield; and Yaxham. This involves attending many parish council meetings, and responding to residents who support or oppose planning applications, as well as involving other issues such as housing matters. It is also interesting to see how other Parish Councils work by comparison with Yaxham

In Yaxham, itself and also as Parish Council Chairman, I have run Parish Council meetings on the 16th May, 20th June, 18th July and Extraordinary Meetings on 1st and 8th August, and next Full Meeting on 26th September. I have been working as Breckland Cllr to seek to ensure that the Elm Close planning application had it gone ahead would have the systems in place to mitigate the risk to the village of surface water and sewerage issues. In the event, whilst I was on holiday, Paul Claussen working with Yaxham Parish Councillors and residents succeeded in getting this application rejected.

There is another big planning application that cuts across a number of parishes, including Yaxham, and that is the long running Dumpling Green Hopkins Homes 255 homes application. Whilst this is in Toftwood, it is on the boundary and Mattishall Ward parishes are worried about the traffic issues of getting into Dereham, and about surface-water flooding and sewerage issues. We have therefore been working with Dereham Town Council to oppose this application. Paul Claussen was ready to appear before the Planning Committee on 10th September, and together he and I have been challenging the Planning Officers' handling of the application. As a result this application has been deferred three times by the Planning Committee.

All of these applications/enforcement actions, currently around 10 active, have involved numerous meetings with Planning Officers. There is also the continuing issue of when Breckland will have a five year land supply and when will the new Local Plan be adopted. The whole role of your councillors is to constructively challenge and hold to account the Breckland Council, the Cabinet, and Officers on many issues, and in turn to represent as far as practical all the residents in the parishes in the ward.

Here's to the next 5 months – there is much to do and much will happen.

Lots of hard work still to do,

Ian

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