

NP4Yaxham  
Yaxham Neighbourhood Plan Report  
to Annual Parish Meeting 2022

The Working Group remains in place to present another village response to planning applications if appropriate and two members attended a recent meeting at Breckland to discuss the implications of the (district wide) Local Plan Review and the possible effect on the NP4Yaxham.

With constant changes to government legislation including the imposition of set numbers for new housing, all such Plans need updating almost as soon as they are in place.

Yaxham's Plan took two years of preparation including consulting with the residents of the parish, drawing up policies and finally being examined before being the first Neighbourhood Plan in Breckland to be "made" in 2017. Is it now time for a Review to ensure that our Plan is still current and up to date with the current legislation?

The Working Group was set up in 2015 as a sub committee of the Parish Council and only Cllr Peter Lowings was a WG member. The other members were drawn from volunteers in the parish who had certain skill sets that would be useful. Even so, it was a long hard slog with the help of a consultant as a government grant was available to ensure the Plan adhered to national policy as well as representing the overwhelming view of residents that Yaxham should remain small and rural.

If the feeling in the village is that a Review should be made, then new volunteers will need to come forward to be the enablers. The Parish Council would welcome anyone who expresses an interest and for further information please contact me or any other councillor.

Maggie Oechsle

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