

NP4Yaxham Working Group Community Benefit Projects 2018-2023

Report to Yaxham Parish Charity & Yaxham Parish Council

January 2018

Yaxham Neighbourhood Plan was “Made” by Breckland Council on 22nd June 2017 and is in place until 2036, potentially for review at five year intervals. This followed extensive village consultation since September 2015 culminating in the referendum on 4th May 2017, when 58% of the electors of the parish voted with 92% voting “Yes” i.e. over half of all the parish electors – 53% - voted “Yes” and indeed on 31 voted against:

Electors	671		
Voters	389	58%	
“Yes”	358	92% who voted,	53% of electors
“No”	31	8% who voted,	5% of electors

The Plan comprises Planning Policies and Parish Action Points covering areas and issues of concern raised in the village consultation events in 2015 and 2016.

One area where the Parish can help to make a reality is the projects set out in Planning Policy Com 2 Community Benefit (Attachment 1). These are part of the Plan already voted on and approved in the Referendum last May. To re-confirm that these projects continue to be supported by the community, the Working Group undertook a Village Consultation Event on 25th November 2017 at the Village Hall from 10.30am – 3pm. Various projects were exhibited (Attachment 2) and attendees invited to vote to indicate whether any or all of the projects continued to have significant support in the community. Some 150+ people attended the event and all six projects exhibited received significant support.

The estimated costs of these projects are £10,000 to £200,000, and are at varying stages of readiness to be brought forward by their sponsors. Some may require for instance planning permission, or land to be identified. Ideally these were to be funded by developers, but it is clear this is unlikely to happen in the near future. There are however various funds available, but critically many require part funding from within the parish to unlock them.

The Parish Charity currently has funds available currently for grants and projects projected to be around £36,329 for 31st March 2018. Annual income is running at around £10,000 a year, and there are therefore now significant funds available for new grants and projects. Over the next 5 years it could be some £80,000-£90,000. The Parish Council identified up to £15,000 for projects and grants. So, together £100,000 could be available (Attachment 2) for village projects. With grant funding from other sources then Yaxham’s £100,000 could buy £200,000-£300,000 of projects in the next five years. This would not fund everything, but could make a major difference to the village.

Recommendation: That Yaxham Parish Charity and Yaxham Parish Council in principle

- 1) recognise that there are a number of significant projects that could be brought forward over the next five years; and
- 2) that there are potentially significant Parish funds available that could help enable a number of projects to be undertaken; and
- 3) will therefore manage their funds accordingly to help to maximise the number/value of projects that can be achieved for the benefit of the community; and
- 4) will draw up grant-making policies to reflect this, whilst continuing to provide the facility for other smaller grants as they arise.

NP4Yaxham Working Group, 16th January 2018

Attachment 1

COMMUNITY BENEFIT POLICY COM2 – DEVELOPER FUNDING PRIORITIES

Where, as a result of a new development there is the facility for funds to be provided by the developer for the local community, whether through s.106, Community Infrastructure Levy or other arrangements the following would apply:

Commutation of play areas/open-space planning conditions;

1. For developments in or close to the settlement boundary of Yaxham (see Map 5) that these should be commuted into off-site equivalent financial contributions to the upgrading of the children's play area on the Recreation Field.
2. For developments in or close to the settlement boundary of Clint Green (see Map 6) then the provision of a new children's play area on site of any new development, or off-site, if deemed appropriate.

To provide:

Community Facilities

- Funding towards the Regeneration of the Church Room – current estimated costing £200,000
- Outdoor Learning Space at Yaxham Primary School
- Pre-school provision – to be assessed during the life of the Plan

Open Space Projects

- Improved Safe Play Space at Yaxham Village Hall – current estimated costing £35,000
- Provision of "Trim Trail" at Jubilee Field, Yaxham – current costing estimated £65,000
- A new Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) The new "MUGA" would provide an area for a number of sports such as tennis, mini-tennis and netball – current cost estimated at around £100,000
- Provision of Safe Play Space in Clint Green – current estimated cost £65,000 - £100,000

Transport Projects

- Provision of footpath, cycle-way along Dereham Road from Yaxham to Dereham
- Provision of footpath along Station Road, Yaxham

Attachment 2

EXAMPLE COMMUNITY BENEFIT PROJECTS (in order of estimated cost)

Site	Location	Description	Sponsor	Estimate Cost
Recreation Field,	Yaxham	Gym Trail	YVAA	£10k
Primary School,	Clint Green	Outdoor Classroom	School	£25-30k
Recreation Field,	Yaxham	Play Area Enhancement	YVAA	£35-40k
Play Area	Clint Green	Play Area (land to be identified)	Residents	£45k+ land
Recreation Field,	Yaxham	MUGA (Multi-use games area)	YVAA	£60-100k
Church Room	Yaxham	Church Room Refurbishment	YVAA/ Residents	Up to £200k

POTENTIALLY AVAILABLE FUNDS (less any grants):

- Parish Charity

<u>Date</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Total Available</u>
31.03.2018		£36k
31.03.2019	£10k income	£46k
31.03.2020	£10k income	£56k
31.03.2021	£10k income	£66k
31.03.2022	£10k income	£76k
31.03.2023	£10k income	£86k

- Parish Council

<u>Date</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Total Available</u>
31.03.2018		£13k
31.03.2019	£2k income	£15k

GRAND TOTAL POTENTIALLY AVAILABLE

From £50k now, to £100k over 5 years