



# Neighbourhood Plan 4 Yaxham Newsletter

Issue 7

**NP4Yaxham consultations showed residents want Yaxham to remain small and rural – one village – one community.**

## **LATEST– Neighbourhood Plan 4 Yaxham “NP4Yaxham” Referendum, Your Chance to VOTE “YES” to NP4Yaxham on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017!!**

Breckland Council Cabinet is recommended to give the go-ahead for this REFERENDUM at its meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017. Everyone in Yaxham Parish (registered to vote) will have the opportunity to vote on the NP4Yaxham to become part of local Planning Policy – and this is the first Referendum in Breckland.

The Independent Examiner’s Report says the Plan is legally valid to be voted on. All 50+ residents who came to the Public Hearing on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017 at 10am at the Village Hall - for over 3 hours - showed how important the flagship Strategic Gaps policy is to our Parish and its residents. This plus positive Policies on the environment, housing design, community benefit; and Parish Action Points for the Parish Council to pursue.

Thank you to everyone who have supported NP4Yaxham and the Working Group, led by Maggie Oechsle, NP4Yaxham Chairman and Peter Lowings, Parish Chairman – **NP4Yaxham would not have got this far without your support. THANKYOU!**

Neighbourhood Plan  
for Yaxham  
“NP4Yaxham”  
2016-2036



**THE REFERENDUM PLAN**

*This is your Plan – You said what you wanted – Your chance to vote “YES” for Your Plan*

**Be part of history when Breckland’s Cabinet considers Yaxham’s Referendum**

**ALL WELCOME at the Cabinet Meeting 9.30am 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017 at Breckland’s Offices**

### **See the Referendum Plan from 22<sup>nd</sup> March-4<sup>th</sup> May**

See Plan, Examiner’s Report & other papers at:

- ❖ *Yaxham Primary School entrance, Clint Green*
- ❖ *St Peter’s Church, Church Lane, Yaxham*
- ❖ *Dereham Library*
- ❖ *Breckland Council Offices*

and on-line at

<http://www.breckland.gov.uk/article/4284/Neighbourhood-Plans>

<http://www.np4yaxham.com>

### **The NP4Yaxham – What has happened so far...**

**2015 September:** Public Meeting; Parish Council agree; Application to Breckland; Working Group formed.

**2015 Oct-Dec:** Village Consultation Event; Breckland agrees; Surveys, displays and events.

**2016 Jan-Mar:** Policy development, surveys, meetings, reject Local Service Centre status in Local Plan.

**2016 Apr-June:** Draft Plan Consultation, meetings, surveys, displays & review consultation responses.

**2016 Jul-Aug:** Include consultation responses, finalise the Plan and submit Plan to Breckland.

**2016 Sep-Oct:** Breckland consults on Plan

**2016 Nov-2017 Feb:** Independent Examination of Plan

**2017 March:** Include Independent Examiner’s comments for the Referendum Plan – Breckland agrees

**AND NOW - 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017 – REFERENDUM!**

**Planning Matters! Have your say! Come to the Yaxham Parish Council Meeting**

**7.30pm 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at the Village Hall Meeting Room**

### **Planning Update**

**REFUSED! Lanpro/Glavenhill 25 homes north of Norwich Road, between Yaxham & Pinns.**

**Thanks to Peter Lowings, Parish Chairman, Ian Martin, NP4Yaxham Vice-Chairman, our Breckland Councillor Paul Claussen and all the Yaxham residents who came to the Planning Committee meeting at 9.30am Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017, this application was refused. There is already permission for up to 45 homes behind Elm Close. You told us Yaxham does not need more large estate-type developments – so between us all the Norwich Road application was defeated. *Congratulations to everyone involved.***

**WITHDRAWN – Application for 6 Properties north of “Homefield”, Dereham Road, Yaxham**

**DEFERRED – Lanpro /Glavenhill 291+ homes in Toftwood off Westfield Road**

### **So who are your NP4Yaxham Working Group anyway?**

At the public meeting in September 2015, the 80-90 people involved said “Yes” to doing a Neighbourhood Plan, which the Parish Council agreed. Volunteers came forward to form the Working Group (a sub-committee of the Parish Council), electing Maggie Oechsle, Frogs Hall Farm, Chairman, and Ian Martin, Yaxham House, as Vice-Chairman. The Parish Council Chairman, Peter Lowings, is a founder member and we have worked closely with the Parish Council and reported progress to every Parish Council meeting.

There were thirteen of us at the start – four from around Clint Green and nine from around Yaxham. However, due to work and family commitments three had to step down. We include a wide age-range from parents of young children through to grandparents.

Two of us are retired, four run their own businesses in Yaxham, and others work in Norfolk, Cambridge, East Anglia and wider afield.

Many are involved with Yaxham Primary School – as parents with children at the school, a current School Governor, former Governors (including a former Chairman), volunteer helpers and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee of the Friends of Yaxham Primary School.

Local involvement within the Group also includes: an organiser of the Yaxham Community Car Scheme; and members involved in St Peter’s Church, the proposed renovation of the Church Rooms, the Big Lunch, the Woodlands Group and working closely with the YVAA. Importantly for village continuity, three of us were also involved in the “Your Yaxham” Community Led Plan that concluded in 2013, and provided such a great basis for the Neighbourhood Plan process.

Find out more about the Working Group and the NP4Yaxham Plan – visit [www.np4yaxham.com](http://www.np4yaxham.com), come to Parish Council Meetings when we report or ask any of us about it all – we are all part of this community, working for one parish, one community, one village – (and as volunteers!).

**You said what you wanted – Your chance to vote “YES”**

**For Your Village, Your Plan – 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017**