



YAXHAM PARISH COUNCIL

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

June 2021

CALLING ALL PROSPECTIVE COUNCILLORS!

Parish Council Vacancy, Your village needs you!

**There is now a vacancy for a new
councillor - which could be you!**

This sadly follows the resignation of Anthony Cheetham. We published the notice of this vacancy on 6th May on the website and notice boards inviting residents who wished to have a by-election to notify Breckland. None did and therefore the Parish Council can now proceed to co-option. The application form, and the rules that govern the process can be found at <http://yaxham.com/parish-council/elections/>. They can also be provided by the Clerk to the Council – yaxhamparishclerk@gmail.com.

We meet in the evening 10-12 times a year - and whilst there are more things going on, each councillor puts in as much or as little time as they choose or are able to. If you would like to discuss what this all means, then please email/call:

- Ian Martin, Chairman,
e: ian4yaxham@gmail.com, tel 01362 854248,
- Richard Whadcoat, Vice-Chairman,
e: Richard@rwclintgreen.com, tel 07780 972206,
- or any other parish councillors - see
<http://yaxham.com/parish-council/members/>.

**We look forward to hearing from you - closing
date is 18th July 2021, by email to
yaxhamparishclerk@gmail.com or in writing to
the address below. Co-option will be considered
at our next meeting on Thursday 22nd July 2021
at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

YAXHAM PLAY SPACE – A New Start!

**Great news progress is being made with
refurbishment of the Play Area.**

The Parish Council has set up a Working Group of Councillors and volunteers, led by Cllrs Chris Couves and Bob Gust. The first success was to secure £17,000 of funding from the Yaxham Parish Charity – which was approved and transferred last month. They have now applied for a further £5,000 of funding from Breckland Council, under Breckland's Inspiring Communities Funding scheme. And we await Breckland's decision on this – fingers-crossed. With the full funding of £22,000 available the intention is to, if at all possible, to have the Play Area open during the forthcoming school summer holidays – subject to any delivery or other hiccups.

Following a tender process inviting leading play equipment suppliers to bid, Wicksteed Leisure Ltd has been selected as the preferred partner in this project. This first phase is within the Play Area will include: refurbishing the existing infant and junior swings with newly painted frames, new chains and seats and resurfaced safety matting. The old climbing frame and slide are to be replaced with a new climbing frame with slide plus the safety matting will be resurfaced.

Two new multi-coloured picnic tables are to be placed in the Play Area so that both parents and children can enjoy the space together.

***For more information, to give your ideas and/or
to volunteer to help with this project, please
email yaxhamparishclerk@gmail.com.***

YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS

	Ian Martin (Chairman) Also on: Staffing Committee, NP4Yaxham, Yaxham Cares; and is Breckland Ward Cllr Yaxham House, Norwich Road, Yaxham 01362 854248 ian4yaxham@gmail.com
	Richard Whadcoat (Vice-Chairman) Also Financial Monitoring Officer; Also on: Staffing Committee, NP4Yaxham & Yaxham Cares; PC Rep to A47/NW Link Alliance Mukinge, Well Hill, Clint Green, 07780 972206 Richard@RWClintGreen.com
	Chris Couves On Staffing Committee, Play Area Working Group, NP4Yaxham & Woodland Group; responsible for footpaths; PC rep to YVAA 12 Priors Grove, Yaxham 01362 422515 chris.couves@hotmail.co.uk
	Bob Gust On Staffing Committee, Vice-Chairman Play Area Working Group, NP4Yaxham; responsible for SAM2 Signs & grass cutting contract; PC Rep to the Primary School The Cottage, Cutthroat Lane, Clint Green, 01362 691659 borgust@gmail.com
	Maggie Oechsle On: Chairman of NP4Yaxham, on Yaxham Cares and Yaxham Woodland Group, and Flood supremo. Frogs Hall Farm, Cutthroat Lane, Yaxham 01362 693646 maggie01362@gmail.com
	Peter Lowings On NP4Yaxham Working Group; PC Rep to SNAP Pinebanks, Station Road, Yaxham 01362 90290/690001 peter.lowings@btconnect.com

LORD DANNATT'S COUNTY-WIDE FLOOD GROUP

Yaxham is one of the first 16 parishes to be targeted!

We are working with George Freeman MP to get the attention Yaxham needs to deal with these issues. Yaxham currently has 240 connections to the foul sewer – and the sewage pumping stations are overwhelmed by rainwater in periods of prolonged heavy rain. And 103 permitted new connections will be made in the near future.

We are therefore talking to: Anglian Water, the County Council (Flooding & Highways), and developer, Flagship Homes. Anglian Water are taking the lead on this project and have to report back to Lord Dannatt – so hopefully that should focus minds. They have already surveyed the catchment area, have come up with a programme of works. This is being led by Cllrs Maggie Oechsle and Richard Whadcoat, supported by Cllr Ian Martin. The key task is turning this into effective action before the winter rains start and not let this slide into a “talking shop”.

Make a note – there is now one number to call if you are suffering flooding and or sewage issues:

Call: 0344 800 8013

Flagship & Elm Close – Help Please!

The current Flagship application is for the sewage and surface water drainage from the permitted 42 new homes. Flagship, Anglian Water and the Parish Council are in discussions on this.

HOWEVER, whilst progress has been made the current application does not yet provide long term sustainable answers to either issue. The Parish Council has therefore objected to the application, until long-term secure solutions are provided.

Please email fiona.hunter@breckland.gov.uk at Breckland also objecting until long term sustainable solutions for sewage and surface water drainage solutions are in place – to protect the community from more sewage and water flooding, use reference **3PL/2021/0629/F**. Please copy to yaxhamparishclerk@gmail.com.

GIGABIT* BROADBAND

Installation Case Study

In the autumn we consulted residents on whether they would be interested in a scheme to bring ultrafast broadband to the parish. BT Openreach beat us to it and it had been installed across the parish – as some residents reported at the time.

Ultrafast broadband is available now across the whole parish as far as we are aware. You can check whether you can get the connection:

for domestic users

<https://www.bt.com/products/broadband/deals/>

for business users

<https://business.bt.com/products/broadband-and-internet/broadband-deals/>

There are other suppliers as well.

If you have a very long distance from one of the connected telephone poles – over around 50m we think, it is still worth asking. A resident who has signed up for 300 mbps (10 x superfast broadband previously enjoyed) reports lightening fast internet responses from most websites, but some take a little longer. The upload speed is also 10 x faster at 45 mbps. This is particularly important for anyone working from home needing to upload large files.

So, inadvertently, Yaxham is ahead of the curve for this ground-breaking technology, making ultrafast broadband available for anyone who wants it.

Let us know your experience.

**Gigabit = 1,000 x Mega Bits per Second (mbps)*

YAXHAM CARES IS HERE FOR RESIDENTS!

Set up over a year ago to support vulnerable residents in the parish during the Covid-19 restrictions – it has been a great success. It is now a “Good Neighbour Scheme” to help the elderly and vulnerable in our community. Huge thanks to Louise Dye as the volunteer coordinator, and to the volunteers that make this work. If you need help – or if you know of a neighbour that needs help, please call 07765 263389 or email yaxhamcares@gmail.com

Yaxham Cares



FIRST PHYSICAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

This will be the first “face to face” meeting since February 2020. It is at 7.30pm in the Hall at Yaxham Village Hall on Thursday 22nd July 2021.

The agenda will be on the website and parish council noticeboards as usual, and in any event by Sunday before-hand. Previous minutes and agendas can be seen at <http://yaxham.com/parish-council/minutes/>.

The meeting is in the Main Hall so as to ensure that we are compliant with any Covid restrictions. As always there will be a public session on the agenda when any residents of the parish can raise any parish concerns they have. We look forward to actually seeing you all again. Further information from yaxhamparishclerk@gmail.com.

Village Hall Is Open!

The Yaxham Village Amenities Association (YVAA) Trustees is taking bookings over its online booking system – see <https://www.yaxhamvillagehall.co.uk> or email yaxhamvh@gmail.com

The Community Bar is open for each England Euro 2020 games so Friday 18th, Tuesday 22nd & either 28th or 29th June – and on to the final?

Yaxham Community Café is open on 24th June 2021 and the Craft Fair is on 3rd July. Contact yaxhamcommunity@gmail.com, 07990 725728.

All events of course subject to Covid-19 restrictions.

Report It – Please

- Potholes, Highway & Footpath issues – we continue to report these to Highways and many are being dealt with.
You can also report these yourself at: <https://apps.norfolk.gov.uk/HighwaysDefect/default.aspx>.
- Fly-tipping – please report this via Breckland website <https://www.breckland.gov.uk/flytip>
- For other “Breckland” issues via Breckland website at <https://www.breckland.gov.uk/reportit>

YOUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations to Ed Connolly on being re-elected in May as our County Councillor at Norfolk County Council

The Parish of Yaxham comes within:
Breckland Council's Mattishall Ward;
Norfolk County Council Yare & All Saints
Division; and
Mid-Norfolk Parliamentary Seat
Yaxham's elected representatives and
contact details are set out below.

	Member of Parliament – George Freeman MP for Mid-Norfolk
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Write to: 8 Damgate Street,
Wymondham, NR18 0BQ
Phone: 01953 600617,
george.freeman.mp@parliament.co.uk,
www.georgefreeman.co.uk

	Norfolk County Councillor – Ed Connolly – Yare & All Saints Division
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Mobile: 07786 028055,
ed.connolly.cllr@norfolk.gov.uk

	Breckland District Councillor – Paul Claussen – Mattishall Ward
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	Breckland District Councillor – Ian Martin – Mattishall Ward
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YAXHAM COMMUNITY CAFÉ

4th THURSDAY 24TH JUNE

10AM – 2PM

**COFFEE, SCONES AND CAKES
PLUS LIGHT SNACKS!!!**

2nd THURSDAY 8th JULY

10AM – 2PM

**COFFEE, SCONES AND CAKES
FREE COFFEE**

WITH THIS LEAFLET

yaxhamcommunity@gmail.com



**Summer
Craft Fair**
Saturday 3rd July
10am - 4pm
Yaxham Village Hall

Café open for Lunch & Refreshments

**Crafts, Gift ideas,
Cakes, Sweets & more!**
Yaxham Village Hall, Norwich Road, Yaxham.