



**Framlingham Neighbourhood Plan Review (NPR)
Initial Working Group Meeting
7pm Tuesday 25th June**

Meeting Notes

1. Welcome and Introductions- Penny Wraight, the Chair of Framlingham Town Council's Strategy & Development Committee, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their interest in joining the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group.

Present:

Phil Alford	Kevin Coe
Nick Corke	Chris East
Clive Eastwood	Mags Evans
Simon Garrett	David Greenacre
Lydia Kindred (note taker)	Gill Knights
Steve Lovatt	Mike Salmon
James Tanner	Penny Wraight
Guy Wood	

- **Appoint a Chairperson:** Nick Corke proposed Penny Wraight to stand as Chair of the working group. This was seconded by Clive Eastwood and carried.
- **Introductions:** Each member was invited to introduce themselves and share any areas of expertise and their reasons for being interested in the project.

2. Purpose of the Neighbourhood Plan Review

- PW explained the reasons for the review and some of the possible objectives.
- Draft Terms of Reference for the working group were considered and were accepted, noting that these can be reviewed and revised at future meetings.

3. Review of the Current Neighbourhood Plan

- Framlingham's last Neighbourhood Plan was adopted in 2017. A review was intended in 2021 but this was put on hold due to Covid-19 and the Victoria Mill Road Leaperland appeal. With changes to the National Planning Policy Framework, a review is now more urgent. East Suffolk Council's local plan runs from 2020 but a review of this could be carried out at any point.
- The Neighbour Plan Review is our chance to protect the town, say what facilities we want and help to give the town more control over its future.
- PW explained the stages of reviewing the plan and explained why it is such a lengthy process. DG explained that if it is a significant review, it will need a referendum, but that minor revisions would not. He also explained the different implications with calling for sites and allocating sites. PW reiterated that if we do not allocate sites within the review, East Suffolk Council will. She suggested that site allocation and improving infrastructure for the town are likely to be top priorities for the review.
- **Achievements:** PW gave a precis on what has been achieved since the plan was implemented. Copies of policies FRAM 1 to 28 were shared with the group. SG explained that these policies are the most important part of the plan as they hold some

statutory weight. Some of these objectives have been completed such as Fram 20, Fram 23 and Fram 26 (ANY OTHERS??). Others are in progress or have not been achieved.

- Community and District CIL funds have been used to facilitate several projects within the town. These include: expanding the medical practice, building the Castle Community Rooms, increase walking routes in the town, providing the pavilion on the Pageant Field, installing CCTV cameras throughout the town and upgrading the Town Council's street lamps to being run on LEDs.
- Grants have also been given to FAYAP to support young people in the town and Hour Community to help support their services and the Men's Shed project. The planning application for the proposed new Scout and Guides' Headquarters is currently being considered and CIL funds have been reserved for this project.
- PW ran through the objectives of the previous Neighbourhood Plan. These will be shared with the group to consider further at the next meeting. The 2017 Vision Statements will also be considered at the next meeting to ascertain which of these have been completed and which are still in progress.

4. Key Areas for Review

- **Identifying Priorities:** Key areas that need to be considered in the review include housing, infrastructure, environment (including flood prevention and preparedness), economy, tourism, education, health, community facilities, culture and heritage.
- PW read some of the key housing and planning changes from the updated National Planning Policy Framework.
- It was agreed that a Housing Needs Survey would help to identify the types of housing that Framlingham needs. Questions in the survey can be tailored to suit our needs.
- **Community Feedback:** Feedback from the Citizens Advice Bureau suggests that requests for housing for older family members is one of their most common requests locally. Estate agents could also be asked for feedback on accommodation is most sought after in the town. This led to a discussion on other key stakeholders in the Town such as Framlingham College and the Technology Centre who should be involved.

5. Professional Support: Chris Bowden, from Navigus Planning, helped the Town Council with its previous plan. He has had an initial meeting with Councillors to discuss reviewing the plan and has confirmed that he would be happy to work with the Council on a Review. The group agreed the merit in continuing with the same consultant and it was agreed to invite him to the next working group meeting.

6. Any other items and next actions

It was agreed to publish all meeting notes on the Town Council's website for transparency. Where possible, paperwork will be sent out prior to meetings in the future.

Before the next meeting, members are encouraged to:

- familiarise themselves with the current plan.
- consider the objectives of the previous plan and suggest amendments to these.
- consider the previous Vision Statement and assess how far these statements have been achieved.
- Help identify key stakeholders in the town who should be consulted on the NPR.

7. The group will next meet on Monday 29th of July at 7pm in the pavilion at the Pageant Field.