

Lavenham Neighbourhood Plan Revision Group

Steering group meeting 9th Jun 2026

Attending: Michael Sherman, Alison Bourne, Savanna Bourne, Danielle Twitchen, Tracey Brinkley, Jack Norman, David Theobald, Charles Posner and Carroll Reeve.

Apologies: None

Minutes of previous meeting: Agreed

Matters arising: Treasury report update report provided by Danielle. To date we have spent £6,820.82. In line with budget.

Parish Council feedback: Survey feedback full report and Newsletter agreed by PC.

Confirmation sought from all attending that no potential conflicts or pecuniary interests appertain to this agenda: confirmed.

Socio-economic demographic reports, as below, now all circulated,

Area Profile	Danielle
Demography	Carroll
Housing	Tracey
Economic Activity	Alison
Deprivation	Savanna and David

Survey.

Full report and residential Newsletter circulated to PC for their meeting on 4th June. Both circulated.

620 responses received, 128 respondents commented or 20.6 %. Freeform comments ranged across many topics, including; the need or otherwise for further housing, availability of infrastructure, scope and content of the survey and criticism of the Parish Council. All comments are included in the feedback report now on the PC website and would be noted and where relevant incorporated into NP process.

Residents can follow-up by attending a drop-in event at the Guildhall on Wednesday the 8th July between 4:30 and 7 o'clock.

Lavenham Society.

Paper and correspondence circulated.

The Society's committee considered that; heritage be placed at the centre of any future planning for Lavenham, housing to be kept to a minimum and then small scale and of high quality, supported by adequate infrastructure. Other questions and issues were raised as to the construction of any plan.

In general terms the Society' concerns need not be in conflict with the NP revision. However, much of the information and explanations called for can be found on the Parish Council website, such as published Newsletters, minutes, third-party reports, et al. The bottom-up and robust evidence base approach to preparing the NP revision remains. As is the need to conform with the Locality Act, central and local government guidance and directives.

AoB

It was reported that should any group (new or existing) consider running a village event such as a Carnival, then they should seek to do so under the auspices of the Lavenham Community Council.

Next meeting; 14th July at 6 o'clock.