

Lavenham Neighbourhood Plan Revision Group

Steering group meeting 8th September 2026

Agenda and minutes

Attending: Michael Sherman (Chair), Alison Bourne, Savannah Bourne, Danielle Twitchen (Treasurer), Tracey Brinkley, Jack Norman.

Apologies: David Theobald, Charles Posner and Carroll Reeve.

Minutes of previous meeting: Held on 11th August were agreed as correct.

Matters arising:

- It was noted that minutes for the July meeting had been amended.
- MS advised that there had been a query as to whether MS had authority to approve the £150 expenditure for the Tourism Report – this has now been resolved and formal approval given by the PC.

Parish Council feedback:

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

MS advised that at the last PC meeting on the 3rd September 2026, the minutes of the LNP Group meetings for July and August were noted, there were no specific comments or questions.

Position paper: Tourism Report although circulated to members was received too late to review this paper.

Joint Local Plan and National Planning Policy Framework:

NPPF – recent changes to this were introduced in August 2026. Central Government had also announcement that the proposal for Local Government reorganization – which for our area was to create 3 unitary authorities – has been suspended. The full implications of these developments have yet to be digested. BMSDC are yet to comment on the impact on their JLP process and/or to any LNP process. This will be considered at the next meeting.

Care Homes Report: A draft will be considered fully at the next meeting.

Business Survey: SB had prepared a draft survey questionnaire which had been circulated. Some refinements will be required to the wording and provision of sufficient spaces in text boxes for answers, but it was agreed this was a good basis to proceed. This would be discussed further at the next meeting when all members had had time to review it, and would consider how to determine the sample to interview, and timescales for completion.

AOB: The suspension of LGR as noted in item 4 was discussed.

Date of Next meeting: 13th October 2026 at 6pm in The Jubilee Room, Tenterpiece.