WORKING GROUP MEETING NOTES – 28th May 2026

The meeting was held on Thursday 28th May at Cantley Village Hall at 7.00pm.

Present: Tony Johnson (Chair)
Dot Machin (Chair, Parish Council)
Lucy Wood (British Sugar)
Steve Smith
Joe Aldous
Tim Drew
Scott McClymont
Carole Grimes (Secretary)

Apologies received from Nicola Peck (Deputy Chair), Jan Davis (District & Parish Councillor), Jonathan Winterton and Sarah Drury.
Terms of Reference for the working group were finalised. It was felt that we currently do not require monthly meetings.
To date, three applications were received for Planning Consultant, all of whom are relatively local to the area. One was immediately dismissed due to not being available until February/March 2027. One provided a fixed price. A decision on appointment has been postponed to allow the Parish Clerk to obtain further information, ie a fixed price, from the other applicant hopefully by the next Parish Council meeting.

The Parish Profile was shared with those present. Carole will email the document to the entire group as soon as possible in case some have not received it.

- It was agreed that the age group 16-64 category needs to be broken down further. The general demographic seems to include older or settled families.
- It was felt there is a need to investigate special needs feasibility in the area and encourage the provision of a local community shop.
- The Greater Norwich Plan proposes 50 to 60 new builds per year, which seemed to the group to be a bit high. Local knowledge suggested there has been on average just one new build per year in the last 25 years.
- It was suggested potential business opportunities could include Air BNBs.
- It was considered our plan should emphasise a strong sense of place, low wooded horizons, lack of street lighting vs safety.
- The considerable current footpath network requires further research with consideration given to whether they are suitable as cycleways as well as accessible.

The Toolkit provided was considered a useful document for reference but the consultant will probably guide the process anyway.

We will convene a separate meeting to concentrate on the questionnaire. Apart from breaking down the age groups, we may need help from the consultant to finalise this before engaging with residents.

The next meeting is at 7.00pm on Thursday 23rd July at Limpenhoe Village Hall.