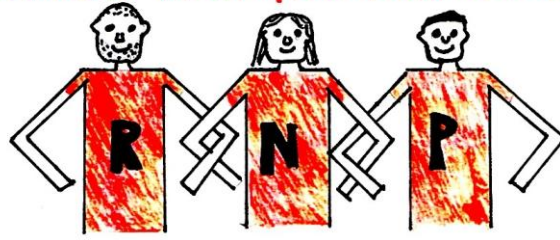


Redgrave's Neighbourhood Plan



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Redgrave Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Minutes of Meeting

Date: Monday 9 April 2026

Time: 17:00 hrs

Venue: All Saints Church, Redgrave

1. Welcome and Introduction. The following Steering group Members were in attendance:

- Elaine Brown
- Charley Denmark
- Deborah Warnes
- Andy Warnes

In addition, the following Locality Representatives were in attendance:

- Carol Atkinson
- Mike Hall
- Zilla Gooderham
- Jon Hanna
- Becky Bartle
- Martin Neville-Smith

The meeting was opened and attendees welcomed. The purpose was confirmed as progressing the review and update of the Redgrave Neighbourhood Plan (RNP) on behalf of the Parish Council..

2. Apologies for Absence. Apologies were received from Jon Huckle and John Milan.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting. The minutes of 5 February 2026 were agreed as a true record.

4. Matters Arising / Actions from Previous Meeting. The action log (Enclosure 1) was reviewed.

- **Action 15 (5 Feb 2026):** Andy Warnes to contact Fressingfield SG – deferred pending input from Andrea Long.

Action:

(15) Andrea Long to provide Andy with the appropriate Fressingfield contact.

5. Neighbourhood Plan Review and Update Process – Review. Andy Warnes outlined:

- Current SG and Locality membership
- Terms of Reference
- Outline plan and roadmap for the RNP update

Relevant documents are available on the RNP website at

<https://redgraveneighbourhoodplan.com/documents-2/> and OneDrive.

6. Progress to Date – Review. Step 1 completed; report endorsed by the Parish Council and published. Step 2 closed: Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Council (BMSDC) advised they could not confirm at this stage whether the update would be “light touch” or a “material change”.

7. Key Policy Areas / Topic Updates. Andy Warnes provided a summary of Step 1 findings:

- Most of the RNP remains robust and requires only minor updates.
- Chapter 7 (Housing) and Chapter 8 (Environment) require more substantial revision.
- The Parish Council, with SG and BMSDC guidance, will determine whether the update constitutes a light-touch or material change (particularly in relation to Chapter 7).

8. Housing Update.

Purpose of Chapter 7 review:

To ensure alignment with current national and local policy, reflect changes since 2022, and confirm policies remain robust and locally appropriate, with proportionate updates.

Current position:

- Emerging Local Plan: ~11 dwellings for Redgrave to 2037
- Community consultation: support for ~11–15 homes

Core RNP principles:

- Small-scale, proportionate development
- Reflect village character
- Located within or adjacent to the settlement
- Preference for infill and well-integrated sites

Community facilities to be protected:

- Village / amenities hall
- Community shop
- Community-owned public house
- Sports and recreation facilities

Loss of such facilities to be resisted unless clearly justified.

Strategic approach:

- Accept limited growth in line with policy
- Prioritise appropriate scale and housing mix (especially smaller homes)
- Protect community infrastructure
- Maintain a vibrant rural community

Existing allocation:

- One site (Churchway, Recreation Ground) for ~8 dwellings
- Settlement Boundary adjusted accordingly, subject to mitigations specified in the RNP

New considerations:

- Indicative allocation of ~70 dwellings (to 2044) in BMSDC March 2025 Briefing Note
 - Note this figure amounts to 56 new dwellings as 14 are shown as being already agreed
- Ongoing Joint Local Plan and Call for Sites process

Call for Sites:

- 7 sites submitted (8 references; 2 overlapping)
- All outside current Settlement Boundary (not determinative)

Agreed:

- No separate RNP Call for Sites required
- No separate AECOM assessment required; BMSDC SHELAA and associated evidence (Spring 2026) will be used
- Andrea Long to assist with site assessment

The SG noted that the RNP must be in general conformity with the Local Plan and support delivery of strategic housing requirements.

The SG agreed to recommend future housing allocations to the Parish Council.

9. Evidence Base - Consideration of existing and future needed. A strong evidence base already exists and will be supplemented by:

- BMSDC Call for Sites / SHELAA outputs
- Redgrave Housing Needs Survey (2024)

10. Community Engagement.

- Strategy previously agreed and published
- Ongoing engagement required
- Summer exhibition to be organised, including survey of housing options

11. Next Steps. Draft updates to all chapters (except Chapter 7) to be prepared.

Actions:

(16) Andy Warnes to circulate draft chapter updates (excluding Chapter 7) for review to SG members and Andrea Long.

12. Any Other Business. None

13. Date of Next Meeting. Meetings to be held as required rather than on a fixed monthly cycle.

Enclosures:

1. RNP Update SG Action Tracker

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Redgrave Neighbourhood Plan Update – Steering Group Action Tracker

Ref	Task	Responsible	Timeline / Trigger	Comment on Progress	RAG Status
15	Get in touch with the Fressingfield SG lead.	Andy Warnes	Before next SG meeting	Action Pending	Ongoing
16	Andrea Long to provide Andy with the appropriate Fressingfield contact.	Andrea Long	Before end Apr 25	Action Pending	Ongoing
17	Andy Warnes to circulate draft chapter updates (excluding Chapter 7) for review.	Andy Warnes	Before end Apr 26	Action Pending	Ongoing