

Lakenheath Pride in Place

Minutes of meeting held on Friday 12 June 2026 9.30am to 3.45pm

Venue: Lakenheath Football Club, Wings Road, Lakenheath

Invitees

Neighbourhood board members	Board observers and support officers
Mike Malina (MM) – Chair Dawn Bluett (DB) – Vice Chair Nick Timothy (NT) – MP Cllr Gerald Kelly (GK) – West Suffolk Council (WSC) Sally Batchelder (SB) Andrew Blenkiron (AB) Christophe Duggan (CD) Charlie-Rose Kiddy (CRK) Amanda King (AK) Charles Lever (CL) Natalie Anne Murphy (NAM) Lindsey Scott (LS) Garth Tolmie (GT)	Victoria Quamina (VQ) -RAF Lakenheath Mike Pursehouse (MP) - WSC Lesley-Ann Keogh (LAK) - WSC

Attendance

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Agenda and discussion items

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1	Welcome and apologies MM welcomed all to the workshop event and the purpose of today was to hear from a number of speakers and an overview of agency involvement in Lakenheath or potential support for Lakenheath. Apologies noted from: - Nick Timothy MP - Charlie Rose Kiddy	
2.	Overview presentations MM introduced each presenter and advised that timings were strict so short discussions at the end of each presentation but questions from the board to be sent through to LAK for further follow up. MM confirmed that each presentation would be shared with board members. 1. Eastern Education Group: points raised after the presentation reflected the local statistics and individuals without qualifications having opportunities in the area. How new facilities can be delivered and sustained.	

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	CD requested a skills matrix be shared with the board. Apprenticeships within the United States Air Force (USAF) bases was discussed and the opportunities to take this forward. Potential to take forward.	
	Action: Laraine Moody to send through to LAK matrix of skills for dissemination.	LM and LAK
	2. Strategic Housing: points raised after the presentation reflected USAF personnel and effect on rents within the area and affordable housing. Concerns around affordable housing for local families. Discussion around shared ownership and shared equity as well as taking forward community led housing. SB requested a breakdown in relation to social housing and local residents for Lakenheath	
	Action: Sue Bolan to provide a breakdown in relation to social housing, local residents requiring a property in Lakenheath.	LAK and SB
	3. Strategic Planning: points raised after the presentation reflected local plan and call for sites, restriction on sites, noise contour and decisions being based on old data 4. Active Travel: points raised after the presentation reflected some of the ideas that were presented by Active Travel colleagues, interest in terms of 20mph and ideas on structure of the High Street, as well as safe travel routes. 5. Active Lakenheath: points raised after the presentation further information on the thematic areas and links with Lakenheath Pride in Place (LPiP) CD requested further information on the thematic areas, the projects and overview to date of the project.	
	Action: Laura Spooner to share an overview of Active Lakenheath including thematic areas what the projects and the bid detail is.	
	6. Norfolk and Suffolk Integrated Care Board: points raised after the presentation, the possibility of dentistry and the concerns of residents. Discussion on conditions and links to local groups with the GP surgery and staff being aware of what is in the area. 7. Public Health Suffolk County Council: points raised after the presentation unaware of the detail of the Crisis Resilience Fund and board requested further details. 8. Environmental Health: points raised after the presentation included is there a breakdown of electric	

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	and oil households (not available), loft insulation and empty homes. 9. Sustainable Suffolk: points raised after the presentation included different options available through schemes, links with the LPiP thematic groups. 10. Suffolk Police: points raised after the presentation included discussion on powers of PCSO if LPiP wanted to look at support for a dedicated resource, also discussed CCTV, possibility of ANPR cameras and Suffolk Connected	
3.	Minutes of the previous meeting MM welcomed the board to the second meeting and gave an overview of the afternoon session. Actions from the previous meeting: • Action: LAK to share final terms of reference with board members. Completed. • Action: LAK to send out the database in terms of assets of Lakenheath. Completed.. • Action: All members to consider consultation ideas and how to engage and send through to LAK or bring to the 12 June 2026. Completed. • Action: MM to arrange and set up email addresses for board members. Completed. • Action: All members to send through biographies to LAK. LAK advised some still outstanding and LAK would be chasing. Minutes and decision log of the last meeting were agreed and the following updates in relation to decision logged on decision sheet.	
4.	Breakout sessions: The board split into two working groups and discussed the following: • What did we learn from this morning? • What do we need further information on and what happens next? • Consultation Plan – what is good consultation and who are we going to consult with? What are we going to consult on	

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	Group one feedback: Lots taken from this morning but main proposals that were taken from the presentations were: • Cycling hub – well received • Linking safe routes together – Lakenheath to Eriswell, Lakenheath to RSPB, Lakenheath to Station • Community safety – PCSO for Lakenheath • Training and employment opportunities • Area transport plan • Old school site – coming through strong from community discussions • Facilities and infrastructure to support the new houses and future developments • Sustainability – energy strategies • Earlsfield and Lords Walk green spaces Further information required on: • What would 20mph zones look like • Is the car parking adequate – in the wrong place • Asset planning and consultation • Baseline survey for items and assess the need • Community Safety – DOCO report What happens next?: • Group agreed going forward need a mixture of long term and quick wins • Implementation teams – need a mixture of statutory partners and community members • Communication strategy – how do we get the message out • Start consultation What is good consultation?: • Community meetings – invite residents • Historical consultation – must fit with MHCLG but provides good baseline to start the work • Static consultation in different areas • Different methods of engagement • Getting out and talking to groups. Group two feedback: Lots taken from this morning but main proposals that were taken from the presentations were: • Crime: Agreed DOCO report is vital to identify what the options are. What are the dangers and risks and what do the village think. • Health: links to Active Lakenheath (accepting challenges this brings), engagement and local champions, explore	

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	the barriers and what is concerning the residents (bring it to the people). • Transport: Links with train station, access to footpaths and cycle paths. Transport key to young people and job opportunities, safe roadways, crossings and links with active travel plans. • Lakenheath: All linked Neighbourhood Plan, Pride in Place and Active Lakenheath – common themes. • Fuel: Poverty and need for more information around support for income and oil. EMBRACE solar – links to community interest companies. • Skills: what are the local skills farming, heritage, green skills – Environment and sustainability. Future proof for the local needs. • Housing: Social value contracts – employ local people. Community Land Trust – investigate, tired properties. • Plane spotters: EMBRACE them – what could be the benefits: help them not destroy the environment, hospitality, local benefits. • Consultation: Board need to engage and present PiP to understand the community need.	
5.	Any other business MM opened up to the board to raise any other business: the following was raised Task and finish (TandF) groups: MM gave an overview of the task and finish groups, and these had been agreed at the previous meeting, now required the board commitment to identify community individuals that could take the work forward. Each board member was requested to be part of one (minimum). MM to circulate the overview document and asked for names to come back to him. General discussion of the format of the TandF groups, structure, terms of reference to be agreed prior to the commencement of the groups. LAK to draft terms of reference and circulated to the chair for comment.	
	Action: All board members to notify MM what TandF group they wished to sit on.	All
	Action: LAK to draft terms of reference for task and finish groups for agreement.	LAK

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	MM raised the first engagement event to take place on 20 June 2026 at Lakenheath Primary School. Questions raised by the board in terms of what the expectation of the consultation and the event in respect of their role was. Overview given and MM agreed to draft a short consultation document and overview of LPiP to assist with the event.	
	Action: MM to draft documentation for the consultation event (completed)	MM
	Discussion on next steps in terms of the presentations raised today and to send any questions through to LAK. Board would like to progress potential community safety work (including a design out crime report) and WSC agreed to progress this and report back.	
	Action: LAK to consult with Suffolk Police on further options available to LPiP in relation to community safety measures.	LAK

Date of next meeting

Friday 17 July 2026 – time and venue to be confirmed (virtual option will be available)