

Fressingfield Parish Council Village Improvement Plan Jan 2021 DRAFT

This Village Improvement Plan (VIP) was first devised in May 2019. It sits alongside the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) to promote the on-going improvements being sought by Fressingfield residents.

The plan was reviewed by the Parish Council in December 2020. Areas for development were rag-rated as Red : Little headway and on-going ; Amber: underway and on-going and Green : completed. New projects have and will emerge as well as refinements to existing developments.

The plan forms an active part of the Parish Council's programme of meetings and working groups. It is in no way definitive and is very much 'evergreen' in nature, dynamically changing and growing to allow the chosen developments to take place. Inputs from residents are crucial at all levels. Some of the new projects have emerged from local people's ideas.

Each area under consideration has been identified but within each more work, detailing objectives, costs, benefits and those engaged in the improvements will need to be carried out. Some of the projects have a working group comprising Councillors and Residents. Others require a strategic overview from the council where residents lead on projects.

As a Plan it can be expected to develop to meet new visions. Funding streams will be an important aspect and Parish Councillors will keep careful prudent track of any funding commitments made.

There is £5000 available in the Parish Budget to support projects. Timescale Jan 2021-March 2022

Area for Development	2019-20 outcomes	Target improvements	Actions	Participants	Cost	Other
On-going Areas for Development						
1. Drainage issues across the village	Working group. Meeting AW MSDC Highways Progress negligible RED	Reduce flooding Cratfield Road and Jubilee Corner Clarify Capacity and potential for improvement	AW update meeting Consider mitigations	PC Residents Anglian Water BMSDC		

2. Allotment provision	Independent group established Victoria Crescent. RED	Establish need Determine potential land source	Carry out review of need	Garden Club PC		
3. Road Safety & Speeding	SIDs purchased Potholes identified and repaired Working group Action plan in place AMBER	Reduce speeding Review of pavements Consider 20mph Review signage	Implementation of action plan	PC Residents SCC inc Cllr		
4. Trees	Tree warden appointed TPOs monitored Planting begun at Cemetery AMBER	Extend tree planting Maintenance	Establish working group Plan for new tree planting, identify local and national schemes to tap into Sustain Maintenance	Tree warden PC Residents		
5. Sports & Cultural life	Has been on hold because of Covid SPSC affected RED	Re-establish events Identify new activities and ways to support	SPSC management committee revived Develop a programme of events for the year Post Covid celebration	PC SPSC Residents Clubs, societies and other groups		
6. Security & Safety	Emergency Plan in Place PCSO abandoned AMBER	Continued implementation of Emergency Plan as required. Support Neighbourhood Watch as required	Volunteers continuing SCC support used as appropriate Hold funding for NW. Support communication	PC Residents Volunteers NW		

7. Good Neighbours	Strategic Group Constitution written Suffolk Support Volunteers being recruited AMBER	Complete recruitment of volunteers Merge working mechanisms with emergency plan	Follow action plan Establish working practices Carry out support	PC Residents SCC		
8. Business & Employment Support	On Hold RED	Identify needs including home working Local businesses and tourism	Establish Working group Produce an action plan and implement	PC Residents Local interest groups		
9. Play Facilities	Improvements On HOLD RED	Subsume into Health and Well Being Encourage SPSC and lead resident to research funding opportunities	Lead resident and SPSC taking responsibility PC possibly some funding	PC overview SPSC		
10. Street Lighting	LED improvements Turn off times in place and working GREEN	COMPLETED				
New Areas for Development						
11. Environmental Issues		Establish a project for improving natural environment within the village and boundaries .	Establish a working group to develop a project for environmental renewal Encourage involvement of residents Seek additional funding	PC Lead local resident Residents		

12. Website renewal		Amalgamate Village and PC websites Identify process Establish costs Establish content and methodology	Establish group to carry out Provide training Merge sites and amend	Clerk and PC		
Strategic Oversight from Parish Council						
13. Supporting Village Groups	Grants and Donations made Rigorous financial probity in place Support for Village Community Fund AMBER	Continue to promote availability of grants and donations . Maintain systems for giving grants.	Finance committee to manage grant giving process approved by full PC			
14. Parish Assets. a. Playingfield b. Cemetery c. Bus shelter d. Benches and phone box e. War Memorial f. Village pond	a Costings for roadway to underway, b maintenance Spring c maintained d maintained and defib. e re-insured f cleaned AMBER	On-going maintenance and improvement of Assets	Working groups to support maintenance as well as professional assistance.	PC Fressingfield Fairies Others as required or volunteers		

15. Health and Wellbeing	COVID support and guidance in place Walking opportunities expanded Play Facilities under review AMBER	Maintain support and guidance for COVID Develop links with agencies where appropriate Encourage healthy lifestyles	Watching brief CPR training	PC External groups and clubs Residents		
16. Potential Affordable Housing Need	On hold RED	Clarification of affordable housing need Exploration of alternative housing options such as community land trust	PC working group to establish need Research Community Land Trust and other options	PC		