

NORTH FAMBRIDGE PARISH PLAN IGM POST-IT NOTE ACTIVITY RESULTS

28 villagers took part in this activity at the I.G.M. on Wednesday, 21st March, 2007 – 14 Men and 16 Women aged 31 to 61+ with a length of residency from 1 to 20+ years. Participants were asked three questions: What is special about North Fambridge? What are the problems in North Fambridge? How can things be improved in North Fambridge?

Comments included:

What is special?

- Fantastic pub.
- Good train service.
- It has no through road.
- The location.
- Lots of good walks around the village.
- No council houses.
- No mobile phone mast.
- No street lights.
- Peace and quiet, tranquillity after a busy day.
- Quiet, rural, green environment and atmosphere.
- Unspoilt character and fresh air. .
- The River and Wildlife.
- A designated Site of Special Scientific Interest.
- The community spirit.
- The village is not overcrowded with property.

What are the problems?

- A lack of village shop and post office which provided a "centre".
- Apathy/disinterest of many villagers to get involved in community issues.
- Damage to verges from lorries and Tesco home deliveries. Bring back grass verges.
- Development rumours.
- Entrance to the village dangerous, something must be done ASAP.
- Expanding marine activities.
- Having good ideas ignored at Maldon.
- High house prices.
- Increase in heavy traffic – this encroaches on verges and lawns and wears out road surfaces in the private roads.
- Lack of community spirit, the same few people on various committees.
- Lack of proper pull in for school buses.
- Location of the recreation ground.
- No regular village link bus.
- No surgery.
- Not enough bins for larger tins.
- Not much community spirit, too many people don't speak to you when they meet you.
- Parish/District Council seems slow to resolve issues.
- Pavements along Fambridge Road get rid of the grass verges.
- Property development in the village seems to be on the increase particularly in the most unsuitable places.
- Sewerage capacity.
- Speeding.
- Too much money not a lot of soul.
- Too many very large expensive houses being built or converted from small properties. This is going to exclude our young from buying houses and older people from downsizing within their own community.
- Young people are important, how about the very mature.
- Traffic.

How can things be improved?

- A community shop/post office that is supported by local residents..
- Bigger village hall.
- Get villagers interested in the future of the village.
- Getting more people involved within the village without creating a 'them and us' situation
- Increased size of playing field to enable more sport
- Maintain village ethos as far as possible whilst providing enhanced facilities such as visiting doctor and, if possible, a village shop.
- Need for smaller houses suitable for retirement.
- New road for Yacht Haven from the B1010.
- Provide an allotment facility.
- Provide stopping place for bus other than on bridge.
- Improve sewerage.
- The community need to get involved more.
- The younger members of the village appear to have a lot of representation on the committee – what about the older members who are probably a majority.

What is your view? Do you agree with any of these comments? Let us know what is important to you?

E-mail our website mail@nfambridgeparishplan.org.uk or write to The Chairman at The Lindens, Franklin Road, OR

**ATTEND ONE OF OUR WORKSHOPS IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON
SATURDAY, 19TH MAY AT 10 A.M. AND**

WEDNESDAY 16TH MAY AT 8 P.M.

Future Parish Plan Committee Meetings will be held on the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7.45 p.m. in the Village Hall.