

Lound with Ashby, Herringfleet and Somerleyton Neighbourhood Plan

Minutes of Steering Group meeting held on Wednesday 11th May, at Lound Village Hall.

Present: Jenni Livingstone, Gerda Gibbs, Maureen Gibbs, Chris Morris,
Paul Strowlger, Rta Flatt, Miles Thomas, Louis Smith

Apologies from: Mike Brackenbury, Richard Hartgrove

1. Chairman and Clerk.

It was agreed that Jenni Livingstone would be Chairman, and Louis Smith Clerk for the steering group.

2. Area Designation form.

The form has been completed and submitted to Waveney District Council. We await their response.

3. Waveney's Local Plan.

Waveney have started consultations on their new Local Plan. They have arranged a number of exhibitions locally. JL, CM, and MG arranged to attend one being held in Lowestoft on 12th May. It was agreed that Lound and Somerleyton would respond individually, and that the Parish Council in each village would encourage as many residents as possible to submit their views.

4. Vision for Lound and Somerleyton.

Members of the steering group felt that any development in the area should be organic growth within the character of the villages. New housing estates that would overwhelm and change the character of the villages would not be welcome. Additional local employment opportunities would be encouraged. Community consultation is needed to determine whether this vision is widely held.

5. Next Steps.

The next thing to do is to draw up a Project Plan. PS agreed to draw up a draft plan for discussion at the next meeting.

6. Housing Needs Survey.

Some information on local housing needs would be a useful input to our Neighbourhood Plan, and Waveney may have done a Housing Needs Survey. JL agreed to ask if any figures are available.

7. Next Meeting.

It was agreed that the steering group would meet at approximately monthly intervals, alternating between Somerleyton and Lound village halls. The next meeting was arranged for Wednesday 15th June at 7.30pm in Somerleyton Village Hall.

JL agreed to invite Tony Wright to this meeting. He was Chairman of the Oulton Neighbourhood Plan group, and may be able to offer us some guidance.