

Lound with Ashby, Herringfleet and Somerleyton Neighbourhood Plan

Minutes of Steering Group meeting held on Thursday 16th November 2017,
at Lound Village Hall.

Present: Jenni Livingstone, Rita Flatt, Justin Morris, Jason Wharton, David Cook,
Graham Nourse, Chris Morris, Maureen Gibbs, Paul Strowlger,
Miles Thomas, Louis Smith.

Apologies from: Mike Brackenbury.

Copies of the minutes to go to the following who have agreed to help without attending all
the meetings: Gerda Gibbs, David Pugh, Nicky Mathers, Richard Hartgrove.

1. Minutes from last meeting.

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 19th October were a fair record.

2. Sub-group reports on Questionnaire responses.

The reports from the three sub-groups were examined, and some detail changes were suggested:

In the Living in the Area section it was noted that the proposal to have a 40mph speed limit across the whole area was supported by Parish Councils, but had not been specifically included in our questionnaire.

It was felt that the Somerleyton Estate should not be mentioned in this section, but should be included in an earlier section when setting out the existing “Spatial Portrait”.

In the education section we should just state that additional houses will put more pressure on places at Somerleyton School without suggesting how this could be resolved.

In the housing section it was noted that the questionnaire responses supported small groups of new houses – less than 10 in a group. However this is not the policy included in the draft WDC Local Plan, which suggests 45 new dwellings on the Mill Farm field. It might be possible to sub-divide the 45 houses into smaller groups with green spaces between the groups to meet both aspirations.

Overall the summaries of the questionnaire responses were felt to be good starting points for our Neighbourhood Plan narrative.

3. Strumpshaw Neighbourhood Plan.

The Strumpshaw Neighbourhood Plan is simpler than the Kessingland Plan, and covers an area more similar to ours. It was felt that this would be a good template for our plan.

4. Next Tasks.

We need a “Spatial Portrait” of the plan area, which will form the first part of our Neighbourhood Plan. This should include a description of the area as it is now, with some historical details to show how it has evolved in the recent past. Jason and Jenni agreed to write a section for Somerleyton, Ashby, and Herringfleet, and Rita and Louis agreed to write a section for Lound.

We also need a meeting with WDC to confirm that they are happy with the proposed content and timetable of our Neighbourhood Plan. Graham agreed to arrange this.

5. Next Meeting.

The next Steering Group meeting will be on Thursday 14th December in Lound Village Hall, starting at 7.00pm.

Louis Smith