

Neighbourhood Planning

Meeting at Lound Village Hall, Wednesday 24th Feb 2016.

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The two Waveney District council officers explained that Neighbourhood Planning is a process which allows local communities to have an input into the planning process. They emphasised that obtaining and recording local residents' views is at the heart of the process, and that we must be able to show how we have obtained local residents' views.

They said that Waveney has started the process of updating the Local Plan for Waveney District, and any interim information we produce can be fed into this. Once completed the Neighbourhood Plan becomes a statutory document, and must be taken into account. They also said that some funding was available for Neighbourhood Planning. Other parishes have used this funding to hire a planning consultant to produce the final report.

Those present agreed to form a steering group to draw up a Neighbourhood Plan. We will start trying to produce a joint plan covering the parishes of Somerleyton and Lound, but if this proves too difficult we will consider producing two separate plans.

The next step is for members of the steering group to find out more about Neighbourhood Planning. locality.org.uk and the Waveney District Council website are two places to look. We will also look at completed neighbourhood plans. Broadland District Council has a number of completed plans including Strumpshaw and Great & Little Plumstead. A number of parishes in Waveney including Oulton and Kessingland have started but not yet completed neighbourhood plans. Draft plans can be found on their Parish Council websites.

Next Steering Group meeting – Wednesday 30th March, 7.30pm at Lound Village Hall.