

Lound with Ashby, Herringfleet and Somerleyton Neighbourhood Plan

Minutes of Steering Group meeting held on Wednesday 7th December 2016,
at Somerleyton Village Hall.

Present: Paul Strowlger, Miles Thomas, Maureen Gibbs,
Chris Morris, David Cook, Mike Brackenbury, Louis Smith.

Apologies from: Jenni Livingstone, Hugh Somerleyton, Rita Flatt.

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,
Jo McCallum.

1. Chairman.

As Jenni was absent, the meeting was chaired by Paul.

2. Minutes from last meeting.

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting on 2nd November were a true record.

3. Responses from Consultation Events on 13th November.

The consultation events went well, with over 330 comments being received from local residents. Some comments do not relate to Neighbourhood Planning, and have been marked as “other”. These will be passed to other organisations (Parish Councils, or the Estate) for their information. The remaining comments have been sorted by topic, and each topic has been allocated to one person in the steering group:

Community Facilities - Chris
Education - Maureen
Employment - Miles
Environment - Mike
Health and Healthy Lifestyles - Louis
Housing - Paul
Living in the Area - David

Within each topic the allocated person will group similar comments together, and identify any key issues. If a comment (or part of one) is in the wrong topic it can be transferred to the correct topic.

Louis to give each comment a serial number, and distribute by email. Replies to be returned by 6th January please.

4. Progress compared with schedule.

We are making good progress with consulting local residents and processing their comments. One planned activity we have not yet covered is investigating existing evidence. We need to ask WDC what existing evidence they hold, and also review Somerleyton’s recent village plan and Lound’s village survey.

5. Public Rights of Way.

Public Rights of Way are a valuable asset for residents and visitors. Most of the Public Rights of Way in this area are footpaths. This means they are open to members of the public on foot only. A few are Bridleways, which means they can be used by people riding horses or pedal cycles, but not by mechanically propelled vehicles. There is also a Byway Open to All Traffic which can be accessed by motorised traffic. Suffolk County Council is responsible for recording the Public Rights of Way, and maintaining them. All rights of way should be marked, and Suffolk County Council are also responsible for this. People (and their dogs) using public rights of way are only allowed to use the paths and must not stray onto surrounding land. The preservation and promotion of public rights of way should be included in our Neighbourhood Plan, but the day to day management of them is Suffolk County Council's responsibility.

6. Finances.

The steering group has not yet spent any money – hall hire fees etc have been paid by the Parish Councils. The Parish Councils have bank accounts in their names, so it was not thought necessary for the steering group to have an individual bank account.

7. Next Meeting.

The next steering group meeting will be on Wednesday 18th January at Lound Village Hall at 7.30pm.