

Lound with Ashby, Herringfleet and Somerleyton Neighbourhood Plan

Minutes of Steering Group meeting held on Thursday 8th February 2018,
at Lound Village Hall.

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

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 14th December were a fair record.

2. First draft text of Neighbourhood Plan.

Sections 1 and 2 generally OK.

Section 3 should be our vision for 2036 to align with WDC Local Plan.

Section 3 is too long - to be edited down to about 12 paragraphs.

Section 4 add objective to produce a design brief. Change business objectives to economic objectives.

In 4.9 add another economic objective “to support tourism and leisure businesses”

Section 5 Policy HI - size of new houses.

The steering group discussed whether it would be possible to restrict the size of new houses to 3 bedrooms or fewer, but decided that this would not be enforceable. This policy to be renamed Housing Mix, and to state that at least 35% of new dwellings must be 1 or 2 bedroom properties, which reflects Waveney’s policy WLP 8.1

Policy H2 - Affordable housing.

The steering group discussed whether to write a policy that was more restrictive than Waveney’s policy WLP 8.2, but decided to retain Waveney’s benchmarks which require 35% of all dwellings to be affordable on sites of 11 or more dwellings. These policies on housing mix and affordable housing to be strictly adhered to with no offsetting from other sites, or by payment of community grants.

Policy H3 – Housing Layout.

This policy to be rewritten to talk about clusters of houses with green spaces between the clusters, and to include enhancing the setting of Somerleyton’s conservation area.

Section 5.4 to be redrafted to set out more clearly the existing mix of housing styles.

Policy H5 to refer to existing traditionally designed houses.

Sections 6 Environment, and 7 Community Facilities were not reviewed in detail due to lack of time.

Sections 8 Employment and Business, and 9 Health have not yet been drafted.

3. Design Briefs.

Graham to check with WDC to confirm what they are expecting in our design briefs. If a design brief is required for the Lound site, Graham will ask the landowner what ideas he has for the site.

4. Next Meeting.

The next Steering Group meeting will be Wednesday 7th March at Somerleyton Village Hall, starting at 7.00pm.

Louis Smith