

Report for the Annual Parish Meeting – April 2024

Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

Three years ago we launched the project to develop an NDP for Walberswick. The NDP is the only way for the village to gain some legal standing in the planning application process with East Suffolk District Council (ESDC).

Having secured just under £10,000 in grant funding we have used most of this to employ specialists for some aspects of the data collection to help complete the 'chapters' of the NDP for which we had limited local resource.

Last year we received a large piece of this work from Place Services in the form of the Landscape and Built Area Assessment of Walberswick. This, together with the Housing Needs Survey results (feedback in Autumn 2022) and some existing works such as the Parish plan and Safe Spaces is now forming the basis of detailed narrative of our village and what it's residents want for it's future in terms of new development, protecting and conserving much loved buildings and views and our environment.

The NDP steering group have continued to meet and to research and make use of some much appreciated resident expertise to help to inform this narrative and the associated policies.

Once in draft form, the document will need more detailed consultation with key stakeholder groups such the Planning Advisory Group and Common Lands Charity and, most importantly, with you as it is important that the final document and it's policies reflects what Walberswick's residents want.