

Great Massingham Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Parish Character Statement Sub Group.

Update Thursday 21/4/2022

A meeting was held today at 63, Castle Acre Rd. to discuss the initial plan for obtaining data & writing a draft character statement.

Present: Peter James (Chair)
Fiona Cutts
Barry Bowen
Tim Baldwin
Lindsey Tibble

Apologies were received from: Ali Ward, Sarah & Jim Bourne, Ken Clarke, Mick Wingell.

Initial thoughts as to how to go about information gathering, based on recommended procedures & other groups experiences were briefed by the chair & discussed.

Peter James had composed a 1:5000 scale map of the area of the parish occupied by residential & local business buildings. The source for this was "Parish on line" mapping, a licence for use being held on behalf of the P.C. This was discussed in detail & the village divided up into areas of either common design, character or use, From this, Peter James will produce a series of larger scale maps, one for each area initially designated.

Once this has been achieved, details of these, plus some proposed dates for group surveys will be sent out to all who have expressed an interest in taking part.

The plan is for a group of 4-5 to visit an area & using the pre-prepared briefing notes plus a pre-printed question sheet & map, note down relevant points for each area.

Peter James will accompany each group to act as photographer, but not necessarily to lead in every case.

It is not necessary for all the visits to be carried out by the same group, so it is hoped that many will take part.

Positions & views appropriate to all photographs will be recorded along with the notes.

Should any of the already designated areas be deemed either not suitable or capable of being amalgamated / further divided, this can be done at the time of the site visit as the initial maps are intended as a starting guide.

It is planned that this process will be completed during May / June 2022. Some areas may well need a second visit in late autumn, depending upon vegetation etc.

Peter James will then collate the data & prepare a draft statement for further discussion.

Tim Baldwin will be liaising with local landowners to do the same process with the surrounding agricultural lands.

Peter James.

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